

BYLAW 21169 - To Designate the Westminster Apartments as a Municipal Historic Resource Amendment No. 1

Recommendation

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 21169 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend Bylaw 13216, Bylaw to Designate the Westminster Apartments as a Municipal Historic Resource.

Readings

Bylaw 21169 is ready for three readings.

Bylaw 21169 is authorized under the *Historical Resources Act*. A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving to third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 21169 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This Bylaw amends the original Bylaw designating the Westminster Apartments as a Municipal Historic Resource to update the legal description of the property, which has changed since the original designation in December 2002.

REPORT

Constructed in 1913 at 9955 - 114 Street NW in the Wìhkwêntôwin neighbourhood, the Westminster Apartments building was designated a Municipal Historic Resource in December 2002 via Bylaw 13216.

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In 2003, the legal description for the Westminster Apartments property changed from being part of Plan B, Block 13, Lots 42 and 43 to Condominium Plan No. 0321240. This change caused the original Bylaw to be incorrectly registered against the former legal parcel. The Bylaw requires an amendment to reflect the correct legal description for the Westminster Apartments property and to have the Bylaw registered on the proper land title. No other changes are required and there are no issues with the existing building.

Community Insight

Heritage preservation is a priority for many Edmontonians, as detailed in The City Plan. This bylaw will facilitate the proper registration of the existing Municipal Historic Resource designation on the correct legal parcel. Through the creation of The City Plan, Edmontonians advised that it was critical to retain and steward historic resources even as the city is redeveloped and modernized, recognized as The City Plan value of “Preserve.” Administration has engaged with the owners of the property throughout the process to date and the development of the Amending Bylaw. Additional engagement with the public for this process is not a requirement under the *Historical Resources Act*.

Legal Implications

This Amending Bylaw is required in order to update the correct legal description of the Westminster Apartments property.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 21169 - Bylaw to Designate the Westminster Apartments as a Municipal Historic Resource - Amendment No. 1
2. Location Map

Others Reviewing the Report

- M. Gunther, Acting City Solicitor