

Notice of Intention to Designate the Canada Packers Smoke Stack as a Municipal Historic Resource

Recommendation:

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That a Notice of Intention to Designate a Municipal Historic Resource, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the March 24, 2015, Sustainable Development report CR_2064, be served on the owners of the property occupied by the Canada Packers Chimney Stack, located at 12403 Mount Lawn Road NW in accordance with Section 26 of the *Alberta Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000.
2. That funding of up to \$265,000 for rehabilitation of the Canada Packers Smoke Stack Reserve Fund, be approved.
3. That the City Manager be appointed to implement matters arising from the issuance of the Notice of Intention to Designate a Municipal Historic Resource.

Report Summary

This report initiates the process of designating the Canada Packers Smoke Stack as a Municipal Historic Resource at the owner's request, in accordance with the *Alberta Historical Resources Act*.

Report

The Canada Packers Chimney Stack is on the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton and merits designation under City Policy C450B – Policy to Encourage the Designation of Municipal Historic Resources in Edmonton. The property is owned by the City of Edmonton.

On January 14, 2015, the owner completed the application requirements to have the Canada Packers Chimney Stack, located at 12403 Mount Lawn Road NW, designated as a Municipal Historic Resource under the provision of City Policy C450B.

If designated, any future renovation will be required to meet the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.

The designation of this property will support its proper restoration and continued protection in the future. The Chimney Stack and a small associated interpretative area will be incorporated into the larger development site of the future Northeast Transit Garage complex on this parcel.

Policy

City Policy C450B – Policy to Encourage the Designation and Rehabilitation of Municipal Historic Resources in Edmonton

Corporate Outcomes

This report contributes to the corporate outcomes "the City of Edmonton is attractive and compact" as it initiates the process to legally protect and restore the Canada Packers Chimney Stack. This represents an investment in a high quality urban space within an existing neighbourhood, which plays a role in continually improving Edmonton. This report also contributes to the corporate outcome "the City of Edmonton has sustainable and accessible infrastructure" as the protection of the Canada Packers Chimney Stack, located on City-owned land, will optimize public infrastructure and ensure that this publicly-owned resource is accessible to all Edmontonians. Designation sustains Edmonton's attractive built heritage, connecting Edmontonians with their past.

Budget/Financial Implications

Upon completion of the project phases, as outlined in Attachment 5, the owner will be paid up to \$265,000 for rehabilitation from the Heritage Reserve Fund. The current Reserve balance is sufficient to cover committed funding, including the Canada Packers Chimney Stack. Should the owner receive funding from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation for restoration already funded by the City, the allocated funding from the City's Historic Resources Management Program will be adjusted accordingly.

The total estimated cost of the restoration and interpretation portion of the project is over \$530,000. Other non-heritage work is estimated at another \$37,300. The funding beyond the \$265,000 grant from the Heritage Reserve Fund will be sourced from the Westwood Garage Replacement Capital Profile.

Justification of Recommendation

1. Issuance of a Notice of Intention to Designate and subsequent approval of the designation bylaw will provide Administration authority to ensure that the structure is restored and maintained in accordance with sound principles of conservation.
2. Rehabilitation Funds are available through the Heritage Reserve Fund.
3. This complies with the *Alberta Historical Resources Act*.

Attachments

1. Notice of Intention to Designate the Canada Packers Chimney Stack
2. Location Map of the Canada Packers Chimney Stack
3. Photographs of the Canada Packers Chimney Stack
4. Heritage Planners Statement of Significance
5. Description of the City Funded Work for the Canada Packers Chimney Stack

Others Reviewing this Report

- K. Rozmahel, General Manager, Corporate Services
- T. Burge, Acting Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer