

BYLAW 21368 - To Designate the Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre/Coronation Pool as a Municipal Historic Resource

Recommendation

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 21368 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To designate the Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre/Coronation Pool as a Municipal Historic Resource pursuant to the provisions of the *Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000, c H-9.

Readings

Bylaw 21368 is ready for three readings.

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 21368 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This Bylaw designates the Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre/Coronation Pool as a Municipal Historic Resource. The City of Edmonton is the owner of the structure.

REPORT

Upon passage of Bylaw 21368, the Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre/Coronation Pool will be designated a Municipal Historic Resource and the Maintenance Agreement (Schedule B of Attachment 1) will be approved and come into effect.

The Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre/Coronation Pool is listed on the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton and merits designation under City Policy C450B - Policy to Encourage the Designation and Rehabilitation of Municipal Historic Resources in Edmonton. The building was

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constructed in 1970 as a Canada Centennial project and features Expressionist Modern style influences. The building was designed by the celebrated Edmonton architect, Peter Hemingway, who was responsible for other notable buildings in Edmonton, including the Stanley Engineering Building on Kingsway Avenue and the Muttart Conservatory. Hemingway was awarded the Massey Medal in Architecture in 1970 for the design, the first Albertan to receive this national award. The building also received the *Le Prix du XXe siècle* award in 2012 from the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, which recognizes significant architectural excellence from the 20th century in Canada. In June 2005, Edmonton City Council recognized Hemingway by renaming the original Coronation Pool to the Peter Hemingway Fitness and Leisure Centre, which is now known as the Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre. Hemingway passed away in 1995.

The pool closed in November 2021 for a major renovation in conjunction with the construction of the new Coronation Park Sports and Recreation Centre. The renovation was designed and executed in alignment with heritage conservation standards. The pool is expected to reopen in early 2026.

The City of Edmonton, the owner, has completed the application requirements to have the Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre/Coronation Pool designated as a Municipal Historic Resource under the provisions of City Policy C450B.

The regulated portions of the structure, as outlined in Schedule "A" of Attachment 1, will be preserved and maintained. Any future renovation of the regulated portions of Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre/Coronation Pool will be required to meet the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*. The pool shell, the pool deck, locker rooms and other interior elements are not regulated portions of the building.

Community Insight

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." Engagement with the public for this process is not a requirement under the *Historical Resources Act*.

Budget/Financial Implications

No funding from the Heritage Resources Reserve is being provided for the costs of the rehabilitation of the structure. The rehabilitation work for the building, which is substantially complete, has been funded under Capital Profile 21-12-0310 (project number CP-008809).

Legal Implications

Once Bylaw 21368 - Bylaw to Designate the Main Pavilion as a Municipal Historic Resource is passed, the Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre/Coronation Pool will be designated a Municipal Historic Resource and the City, as owner, will be responsible to comply with the provisions of the *Historical Resources Act*.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw 21368 - Bylaw to Designate the Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre/Coronation Pool as a Municipal Historic Resource
2. October 30, 2025, Memorandum to City Council re: Notice of Intention to Designate the Peter Hemingway Aquatic Centre/Coronation Pool as a Municipal Historic Resource

Others Reviewing the Report

- M. Gunther, Acting City Solicitor