

Notice of Intention to Designate the Cameron Block 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 February 3, 2014, Sustainable Development report CR_1793, be served on the owners of the property occupied by the Cameron Block, located at 10543 - 97 Street NW in accordance with Section 26 of the *Alberta Historical Resources Act* RSA 2000.
2. That funding of up to \$170,681.28 for this project from the Heritage 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

The recommendation in this report initiates the process of designating a historic resource at the owners' request as a Municipal Historic Resource, in accordance with the *Alberta Historical Resources Act*.

Report

The Cameron Block 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 Michael Xu Ming Xie and Michelle Hui Ping Xie.

On December 5, 2014, the owners completed the application requirements to have the Cameron Block, located at 10543 - 97 Street NW, designated as a Municipal Historic Resource under the provision of City Policy C450B.

If designated, any future development of the Cameron Block will 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.

Policy

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

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Corporate Outcomes

This report to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate a Municipal Historic Resource contributes to the corporate outcomes "Edmonton is attractive and compact" and "the City of Edmonton has sustainable and accessible infrastructure" as it initiates the process to legally protect and restore the Cameron Block. Designation sustains Edmonton's attractive built heritage, connecting Edmontonian's with their past.

Budget/Financial Implications

Upon completion of the project phases, as outlined in Attachment 5, the owner will be paid up to \$170,681.28 for rehabilitation from the Heritage Reserve Fund. The current Reserve balance is sufficient to cover committed funding, including the Cameron Block. 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 portion of the project is over \$425,000. Other non-heritage work is estimated at an additional \$100,000.

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 building is restored and maintained in accordance with sound principles of conservation.
2. Rehabilitation Funds are available through the Heritage Reserve Fund.
3. Designation complies with the *Alberta Historical Resources Act*.

Attachments

1. Notice of Intention to Designate the Cameron Block as a Municipal Historic Resource
2. Location Map of the Cameron Block
3. Photographs of the Cameron Block
4. Heritage Planners Statement of Significance
5. Description of the City Funded Work on the Restoration of the Cameron Block

Others Reviewing this Report

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