

BYLAW 21436

To Designate the Barker/Myren Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource

Recommendation

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 21436 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To designate the Barker/Myren Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource pursuant to the provisions of the *Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000, c H-9.

Readings

Bylaw 21436 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 21436 be considered for third reading.”

REPORT

Upon passage of Bylaw 21436, the Barker/Myren Residence will be designated a Municipal Historic resource and the Rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Agreement (Schedule “B” to Bylaw 21436) will be approved and come into effect. The City will pay the owner up to \$15,394 to assist with the costs for the rehabilitation of the historic elements of the structure.

The Barker/Myren Residence 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 house was built in 1925 and is a good example of early residential development in the Spruce Avenue neighbourhood.

The owner has completed the application requirements to have the Barker/Myren Residence 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 Barker/Myren Residence will be required to meet the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada. A memorandum

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regarding the Notice of Intention to Designate the Barker/Myren Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource was sent to City Council on November 26, 2025, and the formal notice letter was mailed to the owner on January 15, 2026. The Notice of Intention is dated January 6, 2026 and is valid for 120 days (Attachment 2).

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.” Administration has engaged with the owner of the property throughout the designation process. Additional engagement with the public for this process is not a requirement under the *Historical Resources Act*.

Budget/Financial Implications

Upon completion of the project phases, the Heritage Resources Reserve will pay the owner up to \$15,394 for rehabilitation of the historic elements of the structure. The current Reserve balance is sufficient to cover the committed funding, including the Barker/Myren Residence. The total estimated cost of the eligible heritage restoration work for the project is \$30,787.

Beyond the \$15,394 grant from the Heritage Resources Reserve, the owner is responsible for all costs for the restoration work of the project.

Administration is considering a number of potential heritage designations and projects for the reserve funds, which will be brought forward for Council approval as required. Based on the current commitments, including the Barker/Myren Residence, the Reserve balance is anticipated to be \$4.4 million at the end of 2026. The Reserve is funded by the tax levy on an annual basis (\$2.0 million per annum in 2026).

Legal Implications

In consideration of the incentive payable for the rehabilitation of the Historic Resource (as described in Schedule “B” of Attachment 1), the owner has waived any right to compensation under the *Historical Resources Act*.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 21436 - Bylaw to Designate the Barker/Myren Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource
2. November 26, 2025, Memorandum to City Council re: Notice of Intention to Designate the Barker/Myren Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource

Others Reviewing the Report

- M. Gunther, Acting City Solicitor