

Key Terms of the Edmonton Heritage Council Agreement 2014-2018

Parties

- The parties to the Agreement are the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Heritage Council.

Term and Termination

- The term of the Agreement is effective January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2018.
- The Edmonton Heritage Council has the right to terminate the agreement on 30 days written notice.
- The City may terminate the agreement upon 60 days written notice if any of the following events occur:
 - a) no funding is approved by City Council during the annual budget process in any year of the Term;
 - b) the Heritage Council fails to perform its obligations under the agreement; or
 - c) the Heritage Council is dissolved, amalgamated or merged with another society or becomes bankrupt.

If the agreement is terminated for any reason the Heritage Council must return any unused City Funding and provide an audited financial statement of the funds provided to it pursuant to the agreement.

Services to be Provided by the Edmonton Heritage Council

The Edmonton Heritage Council will be generally responsible for providing leadership to the Municipal Council of the City and its agencies, coordinated with other heritage agencies such as the Edmonton Historical Board, on fostering the health and vitality of Edmonton's heritage sector, including:

1. Support and Consultation

- Raising Awareness and Support of Edmonton's Heritage – The Edmonton Heritage Council will promote and advocate for heritage with other orders of government, foundations, the general public and business.
- Advice – The Edmonton Heritage Council will provide informed and timely advice to the Municipal Council of the City regarding the City's annual investment in the heritage sector. This will include input into budget materials and participating in the preparation of the City's annual budget for investment in heritage organizations and in the larger community.
- Project Management – At the request of the City Manager or designate, the Heritage Council will assist or undertake the management of an identified project. The City will provide any additional funding or resources for such projects, if required.

- Consultation – At the request of the Municipal Council of the City, or the City Manager, the Edmonton Heritage Council will provide advice to the Municipal Council of the City and its agencies on heritage awareness and preservation related policies and issues that impact the health and vitality of the sector.
- Assistance and Support – The Edmonton Heritage Council will assist arts and festival organizations by advocating to other orders of government, foundations, the general public, and private businesses.

2. Heritage Climate and Development

- Recognition – The Edmonton Heritage Council will increase awareness in the City and beyond (provincial, national, international audiences) of the quality and innovative approach of heritage work in Edmonton and will create a greater awareness among residents of Edmonton of the value of heritage to the City and its citizens and communities.
- Dialogue with the Province – The Edmonton Heritage Council will help initiate and coordinate a structured dialogue with the Province, including involvement of the Edmonton Historical Board and City Heritage facilities (Archives and Artifact Centre).
- Related Public Events – The Edmonton Heritage Council will initiate and/or support public events (e.g. bi-annual symposium, speakers' series) to increase community profile, participation and interest in Edmonton's heritage.

Preservation

- Artifact Centre and Archives Storage – The Edmonton Heritage Council will provide support and leadership in the redevelopment of the City Artifacts Centre, including the connections of that facility with a prospective city museum and related Archives Storage facility.
- Support for City Heritage Preservation Organizations and Initiatives – The Edmonton Heritage Council will participate in supporting the City's archival, artifact and built heritage programs through promotion, collaborative initiatives and program support as identified and agreed upon with those City organizations.

3. Interpretation

- Historian Laureate – The Edmonton Heritage Council will provide program support and guidance for the City Historian Laureate program, coordinated with the Edmonton Historical Board.
- Interpretation Practices – The Edmonton Heritage Council, working with heritage organization partners, will develop consistent best-practices for heritage interpretation in Edmonton, in relation to signage, publications, audio-visual presentations, sites and way finding programs. The development and use of these practices will be connected to heritage investment programs (as below).

4. Museum and Heritage Organization Advancement

- Museum/Heritage Organization Strategy and Advancement – The Edmonton Heritage Council will assist the City by leading the planning, development and implementation of the Edmonton Museums Strategy and its related objectives and programs, including the development of a city museum and a collaborative heritage network bringing museums and other memory organizations into effective programming and administrative relationships.
- Investment – The Edmonton Heritage Council will make annual funding recommendations and administer funding provided by the City for Edmonton's heritage sector. The Edmonton Heritage Council will advise the Municipal Council of the City, at Council's request, on emergency funding requests received by the Municipal Council of the City.
- Other City Policies – The Edmonton Heritage Council will, in conjunction with the City, advise and assist the City in the development and effective implementation of City Policies and other matters that include a heritage component (e.g. Blatchford Development, Rossdale).

City Funding

City Funding shall be paid annually to the Edmonton Heritage Council to fund the coordination of activities and services over the term of the agreement. This funding will be adjusted annually by City Council approved operating budget guidelines. The Edmonton Heritage Council's operating budget may also be adjusted on a one time or ongoing basis as determined by City Council.

\$813,000 in funding was approved as part of the 2014 Operating Budget as follows:

- Grant to support the Operations of the Edmonton Heritage Council - \$282,000 ongoing
- Heritage Investment Grants Program - \$281,000 ongoing
- Edmonton Museums Network and City Museum Development - \$250,000 one time funding