

Bylaw 16512

Bylaw to Designate the Knox Evangelical Free Church as a Municipal Historic Resource

Purpose

To designate the Knox Evangelical Free Church as a Municipal Historic Resource.

Readings

Bylaw 16512 is ready for three readings.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree "That Bylaw 16512 be considered for third reading".

Advertising and Signing

This Bylaw is not required to be advertised and can be signed and thereby passed following third reading.

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw

Report Summary

This Bylaw is to designate the Knox Evangelical Free Church as a Municipal Historic Resource and to allocate financial incentives for its restoration.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the July 3, 2013, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

1. That a Notice of Intention to Designate a Municipal Historic Resource, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the June 24, 2013, Sustainable

Development report CR_193, be served on the owner of the property occupied by the Knox Evangelical Free Church, located at 8403-104 Street NW in accordance with Section 26 of the *Alberta Historical Resources Act* RSA 2000.

2. That funding of \$500,000 for this project be provided from the Heritage Reserve Fund.

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

The rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Agreement (Schedule "C") of Attachment 1 will be approved and come into effect upon third reading of the Bylaw.

The payment of up to \$500,000 will be made to the owner to encourage the designation of the Knox Evangelical Free Church as a Municipal Historic Resource in accordance with City Policy C450B.

The Knox Evangelical Free Church is on the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton and merits designation under City Policy C450B – "A Policy to Encourage the Designation and Rehabilitation of Municipal Historic Resources in Edmonton. It is valued for its Gothic Revival style architecture designed by Magoon, Hopkins and James of Edmonton. The Knox Church is the first brick Presbyterian Church built in South Edmonton and is similar to Edmonton's First Presbyterian Church.

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The owner, the Knox Evangelical Free Church of Edmonton has completed the application requirements to have the Knox Evangelical Free Church designated as a Municipal Historic Resource under the provisions of the City Policy C450B and has agreed to rezone the property to Direct Development Control Provision (DC1). This zoning is often applied to sites of special historical, cultural, or environmental interest or concern.

The regulated portions of the building, as outlined in Schedule "A" of Attachment 1, will be restored. Rehabilitation work will meet the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.

Policy

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

Corporate Outcomes

The Way Ahead, City of Edmonton Strategic Plan, 2009 – 2018:

- Improve Edmonton's Livability

Budget/Financial Implications

Upon completion of the project phases, the owner will be paid up to \$500,000 over three years for rehabilitation from the Heritage Reserve Fund.

Should the owner receive funding from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation for restoration already funded, the allocated funding from the City's Historic Resources Management Program will be adjusted accordingly.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,189,184.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 16512
2. Heritage Planner's Statement of Significance

Others Reviewing this Report

- D. H. Edey, General Manager, Corporate Services
- L. Rosen, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer