

Notice of Intention to Designate as a Municipal Historic Resource - Knox Evangelical Free Church

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 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 Summary

The recommendation in this report initiates the process of designating a heritage building at the owner's request as a Municipal Historic Resource, in accordance with the Alberta Historical Resources Act.

Report

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 of Municipal Historic Resources in Edmonton.” The property is owned by Knox Evangelical Free Church of Edmonton.

On March 17, 2013, Knox Evangelical Free Church of Edmonton completed the application requirements to have the Knox Evangelical Free Church, located at 8403-104 Street NW, designated as a Municipal Historic Resource under the provision of City Policy C450B.

If designated, any future renovation 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 in the future.

Policy

City Policy C450B – A Policy to Encourage the Designation of Municipal 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, as outlined in Attachment 5, the owner will be paid up to \$500,000 as a rehabilitation incentive from the Heritage Reserve Fund. This funding is based on providing a matching grant of up to 50 percent of the eligible restoration

costs.

Should the owner receive funding from the Alberta Historic Resources Foundation for the same restoration work, the allocated funding from the Historic Resource Management Program may be adjusted accordingly.

Others Reviewing this Report

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

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 incentive funds are available through the Heritage Reserve Fund.
3. This complies with the *Alberta Historical Resources Act*.

Attachments

1. Notice of Intention to Designate the Knox Evangelical Free Church
2. Location of the Knox Evangelical Free Church of Edmonton
3. Photographs of the Knox Evangelical Free Church of Edmonton
4. Heritage Planners Statement of Significance
5. Description of the City Funded Work for the Knox Evangelical Free Church