

Notice of Intention to Designate as a Municipal Historic Resource - First Presbyterian 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_195, be served on the owner of the property occupied by First Presbyterian Church, located at 10025-105 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 initiates the process to designate a heritage building as a Municipal Historic Resource at the owner's request in accordance with the Alberta Historical Resources Act.

Report

The First Presbyterian 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 The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church.

On February 3, 2013, The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church completed the application requirements to have the First Presbyterian Church, located at 10025-105 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 - 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 Liveability

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

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50 percent of the eligible restoration costs.

• L. Rosen, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

The First Presbyterian Church is also designated as a Provincial Historic Resource. 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.

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 First Presbyterian Church
2. Location of the First Presbyterian Church
3. Photographs of the First Presbyterian Church
4. Heritage Planners Statement of Significance
5. Description of City Funded Work for First Presbyterian Church

Others Reviewing this Report

• D. H. General Manager, Corporate Services