

Background Information for the Strathcona Hotel

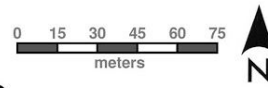
The Strathcona Hotel is a three-storey wood frame structure, built in 1891. Constructed as a railroad hotel at the terminus of the Calgary and Edmonton Railroad, the Strathcona Hotel served as a stopover for countless immigrants to northern Alberta. It is the oldest wood frame commercial building in the Edmonton region and one of the last remaining frontier hotels in Alberta.

The Strathcona Hotel was designated as a Provincial Historic Resource in 2001. On May 11, 2007, City Council approved Bylaw 14585 to designate the Strathcona Hotel as a Municipal Historic Resource. Following the designation, the exterior of the building was restored with the assistance of a rehabilitation grant of \$128,698 from the Heritage Resources Reserve.

In 2017, after 127 years of near continuous operation, the hotel closed. Following the closure, the building was purchased by Beljan Development (The Strathcona JV Inc.) who has initiated a program to repurpose the building as a commercial/community hub that includes retail and entertainment uses. The City and the Province's heritage management staff have worked closely with Beljan to ensure that their proposal for the Strathcona Hotel complies with all applicable heritage requirements.

The change of use from hotel has triggered new building code requirements and abatement of the interior has revealed a number of unanticipated deficiencies that must now be addressed.

On March 31, 2019 the Strathcona Hotel caught fire as a result of interior abatement work. The fire was contained to the third storey and attic crawl space of the north addition, which was added to the hotel in 1907. While damage to the exterior was minimal, it resulted in extensive damage to the roof structure of the north addition and smoke and water damage throughout. The associated insurance claim will assist with returning the building to the condition it was in pre-fire, however it will not address previously identified deficiencies or upgrades related to code requirements



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South and East Elevations (2010)