

# Bylaw 19425 - To Designate the Abram Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource

## Purpose

To designate the Abram Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource pursuant to the provisions of the *Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000, c H-9.

## Readings

Bylaw 19425 is ready for three readings.

This Bylaw is authorized under the *Historical Resources Act*. To obtain passage of the bylaw, Council is required to achieve a majority vote on all 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 19425 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.

## Previous Council/Committee Action

At the September 29, 2020, Urban Planning Committee meeting, Bylaw 19425 was forwarded to City Council for the appropriate readings.

On November 26, 2019, City Council passed amendments to the City Administration Bylaw, delegating approval of Notices of Intention to Designate under the *Historical Resources Act* to the City Manager, where the owner consents to the designation of their property. Following this new process, a memorandum regarding the application to designate the Abram Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource was provided by the City Planning Branch to City Council for their information on June 9, 2020. The required Notice of Intention to Designate was subsequently issued to the owners of the

building by the City (pursuant to the City Manager's delegated authority) via registered mail on June 24, 2020.

### **Report Summary**

This Bylaw is to designate the Abram Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource and to allocate financial incentives for its restoration.

### **Report**

Upon passage of the Bylaw, the Rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Agreement (Schedule "C" of Attachment 1) will be approved and come into effect.

The City will pay the owner up to \$74,790.93, pursuant to the terms of the Rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Agreement (Schedule "C" of Attachment 1), to encourage the designation and rehabilitation of the Abram Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource, in accordance with City Policy C450B - A Policy to Encourage the Designation and Rehabilitation of Municipal Historic Resources in Edmonton.

The Abram Residence 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. The Abram Residence is valued for its association with the early development of the northern part of the Strathcona neighbourhood and as an early example of the Foursquare architectural style.

The owner has completed the application requirements to have the Abram Residence designated as a Municipal Historic Resource under the provisions of City Policy C450B.

The regulated portions of the structure, 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*.

### **Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management**

Corporate Outcome(s): Edmonton is attractive and compact.			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)

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Unique character and history of the neighborhood is preserved	Number of designated Municipal Historic Resources	160 (August 31, 2020)	There is no target for the designation of historical resources
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### Risk Assessment

Risk Element	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Score (with current mitigations)	Current Mitigations	Potential Future Mitigations
Financial	Grant provided used for costs that are not related to heritage resource conservation/rehabilitation	1- Rare	2- Moderate	2 - Low	- Administration reviews detailed work estimated from third party contractors for qualifying rehabilitation work - Funds are not disbursed until rehabilitation work is complete	

### Public Engagement

Public engagement is not required for this process under the Historical Resources Act. Administration has engaged with the owners of the property throughout the designation process.

### Budget/Financial Implications

Upon completion of the project phases, the City will pay the owner up to \$74,790.93 for rehabilitation from the Heritage Resources Reserve. The current Reserve balance is sufficient to cover committed funding, including the Abram Residence.

The total estimated cost of the restoration portion of the project is \$149,581.85. Beyond the \$74,790.93 grant from the Heritage Resources Reserve, the owner is responsible for all costs associated with the restoration portion of the project.

The projections for the Reserve (using current commitments) anticipate a Reserve balance of \$1,382,115.86 at the end of 2020. Administration is considering a number of potential heritage designations for use of these funds, which will be brought forward for Council approval as required. Based on the current commitments, the Reserve

balance is anticipated to be \$453,840.68 at the end of 2021. The Reserve is funded by the tax levy on an annual basis (\$2.3 million in 2020, including \$417,550 specifically for the Edmonton Brewing and Malting Company Ltd. Building).

### Legal Implications

In consideration of the incentive payable for the rehabilitation of the Historic Resource (as described in Schedule “C” of Attachment 1), the Owner has waived the right to compensation under the *Historical Resources Act*.

### Attachments

1. Bylaw 19425 - To Designate the Abram Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource
2. Location Map of the Abram Residence
3. Photographs of the Abram Residence
4. Heritage Officer's Statement of Significance
5. Description of City-Funded Work for the Abram Residence
6. June 9, 2020, Memorandum to City Council re: Notice of Intention to Designate the Abram Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource

### Others Reviewing this Report

- M. Persson, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor