

December 8, 2020, Memorandum to City Council

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate the Strathcona Garage as a Municipal Historic Resource**

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Reference No.: 659624-003

To: City Council

From: Rhonda Toohey, Acting Branch Manager

Subject: **Notice of Intention to Designate the Strathcona Garage as a Municipal Historic Resource**

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## **SUMMARY**

This memo initiates the process to designate a historic resource, the Strathcona Garage, at the owner's request, as a Municipal Historic Resource in accordance with the *Historical Resources Act*.

## **CURRENT ACTIONS**

*(Immediate)*

1. That a Notice of Intention to Designate a Municipal Historic Resource, as set out in Attachment 1, be served on the owners of the property located at 10505 - 81 Avenue NW in accordance with Section 26 of the Alberta *Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000, c H-9.<sup>1</sup>
2. That the City Manager be appointed to implement matters arising from the issuance of the Notice of Intention to Designate the Strathcona Garage as a Municipal Historic Resource, as set out in Attachment 1.

## **FUTURE ACTIONS**

*(At least 60 days after the Notice of Intention to Designate is served)*

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<sup>1</sup> On November 26, 2019, City Council passed amendments to the City Administration Bylaw, delegating approval of Notices of Intention to Designate (NOI) under the *Historical Resources Act* (HRA) to the City Manager, where the owner consents to the designation of their property. The NOI initiates the designation process under the *Historical Resources Act*; the final decision on designation remains with City Council by way of a bylaw.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Alberta *Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000, c H-9, a Bylaw to Designate the Strathcona Garage as Municipal Historic Resource (the "Bylaw") will be brought forward to Council for their consideration.
2. If approved, the Bylaw and corresponding Rehabilitation Incentive and Maintenance Agreement will contemplate funding of up to \$500,000 to be provided from the Heritage Resources Reserve to fund City-funded work on the Strathcona Garage, as described in Attachment 5.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Strathcona Garage is listed on the Inventory of Historic Resources in Edmonton, and merits designation under City Policy C450B - Policy to Encourage the Designation and Rehabilitation of Municipal Historic Resources in Edmonton.

On August 11, 2020, the property owner completed the application requirements to have the Strathcona Garage, located at 10505 - 81 Avenue NW, designated as a Municipal Historic Resource under the provisions of City Policy C450B.

If designated, any future renovation of the Strathcona Garage will be required to 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.

## **BUDGET/FINANCIAL**

If the Bylaw is approved, and upon completion of the project phases as outlined in Attachment 5, the Heritage Resources Reserve will pay the owner up to \$500,000 for rehabilitation. The current Reserve balance is sufficient to cover committed funding, including the Strathcona Garage.

The total estimated cost of the restoration work for the project is estimated at greater than \$1 million. Beyond the \$500,000 grant from the Heritage Resources Reserve, the property owner is responsible for all costs of the restoration work for the project.

The projections for the Reserve (using current commitments) anticipate a Reserve balance of \$3,157,011.14 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 decline to a balance of \$699,188.17 at the end of 2021. The Reserve is funded by the tax levy on an annual basis (\$2.3 million in 2020 including \$418,000 specifically for the Edmonton Brewing and Malting Company Ltd).

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

Public engagement was not undertaken as part of this process, as it is not required under the *Historical Resources Act*.

c: Executive Leadership Team  
Aileen Giesbrecht, City Clerk, Office of the City Clerk  
Bonnie Andriachuk, City Solicitor, Law

Attachments:

1. Notice of Intention to Designate the Strathcona Garage as a Municipal Historic Resource - *Historical Resources Act*
2. Location Map for the Strathcona Garage
3. Photographs of the Strathcona Garage
4. Heritage Planner's Statement of Significance for the Strathcona Garage
5. Description of City-Funded Work for the Strathcona Garage