

# Edmonton Historical Board

## 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports and 2021 Work Plan

### Recommendation

That the April 14, 2021, Office of the City Manager report CR\_8081, be received for information.

### Executive Summary

This report provides updates on the 2019 and 2020 Edmonton Historical Board (EHB) and Edmonton Historian Laureate activities. Also, this report outlines the EHB's 2020 and 2021 goals and plans as well as the distribution of the budget allotment for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. This work is undertaken in support of Council's Vision 2050, Council's Strategic Plan 2019-2028.

### Report

The Edmonton Historical Board advises City Council on matters relating to historical issues and civic heritage policies. The EHB's goal is to encourage, promote, and advocate for the preservation and safeguarding of historical properties, resources, communities, and documentary heritage.

In 2019, the Edmonton Historical Board:

- Provided mentorship to two University of Alberta Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research PhD students
- Released two issues of the e-newsletter
- Reached 2000 followers on Facebook
- Averaged 11,000 visitors on the Architectural Heritage website
- Partnered with Fort Edmonton Park to create Wheritage, an interactive board game
- Partnered with Nerd Nite to host a cemetery tour community event
- Recognized three individuals for their significant contributions to Edmonton's heritage
- Presented ten historical plaques
- Recognized eight new sites as historically significant
- Attended and participated at Council and Council Committee meetings on city-owned heritage management program, the designation of Brighton Block and Strathcona Hotel, and River Crossing Heritage Interpretive Plan
- Gave approximately six media interviews

- Continued with strategic planning exercises

In 2020, the Edmonton Historical Board:

- Provided three recommendations to amend the inventory
- Provided comment and recommendations to Council and Administration on over a dozen policy and planning proposals, including: Garneau and Highlands Neighbourhood Redevelopment, 106/107 street streetscape redesign, Touch the Water Promenade, new Indigenous Ward Naming, Hangar 11, and the Baron proposal, among others
- Supported Edmonton's successful bid to host the (virtual) 2020 National Trust for Canada and Association for Preservation Technologists joint national conference
- Completed the recruitment of a Edmonton's 6th Historian Laureate.
- The work and recommendations of the EHB was featured in 10 print and news media stories on heritage conservation
- Officially joined the Climate Heritage Network
- Continued to advocate for the renewal of the Historic Resource Management Plan

### Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

<b>Corporate Outcome(s):</b> Edmontonians are connected to the city in which they live, work and play			
<b>Outcome(s)</b>	<b>Measure(s)</b>	<b>Result(s)</b>	<b>Target(s)</b>
Edmontonians are connected to what matters to them: We serve those here today and those who come after	Target for Facebook followers: 2500 by end of 2021	Current Facebook followers: 2000; likes:	Increase direct and indirect engagement with the heritage community
We work together to create livability for all, where everyone has what they need to succeed	Increase Board participation and collaboration with heritage organizations or projects	Collaboration with Fort Edmonton Park, Historian Laureate, more engagement with EHC, Province and National Trust	Raise public awareness of heritage and heritage issues within the City
We are inspired by and grateful for our collective ancestors who continue to guide our way. They inspire us to learn, steward this shared place and build the meaning of our lives	Host at least one public event to discuss heritage topics, issues and items of concern with the City	Events held: 1 Discussion with other heritage organizations (EDHS and EHC) to discuss areas in common	Actively seek new ways to work with other community organizations-especially those representing diverse cultural backgrounds
	EHB to develop approach to respectfully and meaningfully recognize Indigenous heritage	2020-work began to review, update and add Indigenous heritage content to Architectural Heritage website	Encourage the understanding of multiple perspectives and origins as part of the whole story of Edmonton
	Increase engagement with council	2020- Chair had approx. 4 presentations to Council	

	Increase public awareness of heritage policy and programs	2020-approximately 12 media stories	Increase understanding, profile of, and connections to Indigenous heritage (built, lost, and intangible) throughout the City.
	Increase engagement in city policy and	2020- please refer to list of engagement listed above	
	Increased alignment of EHB work with CoE initiatives	2020-EHB signed up to Climate Heritage Network	

### Attachments

1. Edmonton Historical Board - 2019 Annual Report
2. Edmonton Historical Board - 2019 Annual Report
3. Edmonton Historian Laureate - 2019-2020 Annual Report
4. Edmonton Historian Laureate - 2019-2020 Annual Report Appendix 1
5. Edmonton Historical Board - 2020 Annual Report
6. Edmonton Historical Board - 2020 Annual Report
7. 2020 Annual Report: Historian Laureate, Amber Paquette