



**EDMONTON  
HISTORICAL  
BOARD**

## **Presentation to City Council**

**April 14, 2021**

**Dan Rose, Chair**



# About EHB

Established under Bylaw 13601

The Edmonton Historical Board (EHB) is an advisory board for the City Council providing information and recommendations relating to Edmonton's history, and specifically in reference to the city's built heritage.

Our mandate is to encourage, promote and advocate for the preservation and safeguarding of historical properties, resources, communities and documentary heritage.



# About EHB

## **2019 Board Members**

Daniel Rose (Chair)

Dominic Schamuhn (Vice Chair)

*Barbara Hilden*

*Erin McDonald*

Neil Cramer

*Hanna Choi*

David Ryning

*Christina Wilson*

Stephanie Bailey

Anna Gibson-Hollow

James McTague

## **2020 Board Members**

*Daniel Rose (Chair)*



# 2019 Highlights

- Initiated a review of EHB mandate, committee structure and activities
- Recommendations to Committee and Council regarding:
  - City-Owned Heritage Resources
  - River Crossing
  - Heritage Reserve Fund sustainability
  - 106/107 streetscape redesign
  - Neighbourhood renewal in Garneau and Highlands
- Piloted two sold-out historic e-scooter tours in partnership with Paths for People
- 8 new plaques produced
- 3 properties recommended for addition to the Inventory of Historic Resources
- Initiated a content audit of [EdmontonsArchitecturalHeritage.ca](https://edmontonsarchitecturalheritage.ca)
- Advocacy on Hangar 11



# 2019 Highlights cont'd

- Grew our community audience through digital engagement
- Partnered with U of A Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research's Board Internship Program
- Partnered with Nerd Nite for a sold-out graveyard tour
- Recruited 5 new community members
- 3 Historical Awards recognizing citizen contributions
- Supported the successful bid for Edmonton to host the NTC/APT 2020 Conference

# 2020 Highlights

- Completed a Board review and restructuring resulting in 2 new Board sub-committees
  - Advisory Committee
  - Policy & Planning Committee
- Joined the Climate Heritage Network
- Completed Phase 1 of an audit of [EdmontonsArchitecturalHeritage.ca](https://edmontonsarchitecturalheritage.ca)
- Recruited the 6<sup>th</sup> Historian Laureate
- 11 new historic plaques produced
- 2 Historical Awards recognizing citizen contributions to heritage
- 3 properties recommended for addition to the Inventory of Historic Resources
- Hangar 11 preservation and adaptive reuse



# 2020 Highlights cont'd

- Advised Council, Committee and Administration regarding
  - Archibald Block Redevelopment
  - Indigenous Ward Naming
  - Neighbourhood Renewal
  - Hangar 11
  - Minchau Blacksmith Shop
  - Shovel ready heritage investment
- Participated in 10+ media engagements to raise profile of built heritage in Edmonton
- Planning for anti-racism panel event with Centre for Race & Culture

# 2021 Board Priorities

- Board transition and onboarding
- Refocussing Board priorities on policy and advisory support to Council
- **Policy & Planning Committee** – finding our voice
- **Advisory Committee** – using our voice
- Council Liaison Program and Council transition post-municipal election
- Partnership opportunities and transitioning public-facing Board activities to partners
- Exploring opportunities to better recognize the full and diverse history of our city
- Engagement with Council, Committee and Administration.



# Heritage Priorities

1. **Update of the Historic Resource Management Plan aligned to City Plan**
2. Allocating resources for the completion of priority neighbourhood surveys
3. Proactive identification of City-owned, institutional and privately-owned assets eligible for inclusion on the Inventory of Historic Resources
4. Implementation of management Program for City-owned historic resources
5. Advancing new financial and tax tools to support conservation
6. Advocating for resourcing the Heritage Management Unit
7. Advancing heritage conservation as a tool for climate action
8. Supporting City advocacy to remove the compensation requirement for designation



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***Questions?***

