

Polish Heritage Society of Edmonton

Presentation to Edmonton City Council



Who Are We?

- PHSE formed in 1993, and is a non-profit, charitable organization whose mission is to "unite the Polish Community in a common cause, by developing a centre for the enjoyment and benefit of present and future generations".
- The Board of Directors, is both <u>elected</u> (Executive: President, Vice-President, Treasurer) and <u>appointed</u> (representatives of affiliated organizations: the Canadian Polish Congress, Alberta Society, Polish Canadian Society, Polish Combatants' Association, No. 6, and the Polish Canadian Women's Federation).





Our Heritage

- Three waves of Polish Immigrants
 - 1885 to WWII
 - After WWII
 - After 1981 Martial Law in Poland
- Soldiers, artisans, skilled tradesmen, intellectuals, entrepreneurs, doctors, lawyers, public servants, farmers, musicians, artists, scientists contributing to building Edmonton
- Two Churches, two Saturday Polish Schools, one Bi-lingual Polish Immersion Program, Boy and Girl Scouts, over 20 different societies focusing on a variety of causes
- Over 72,000 with Polish Heritage in Edmonton

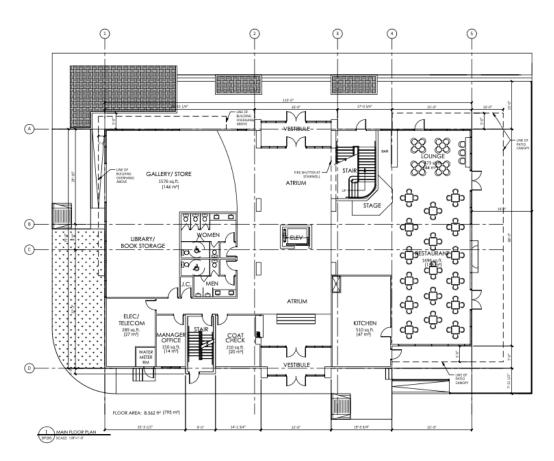


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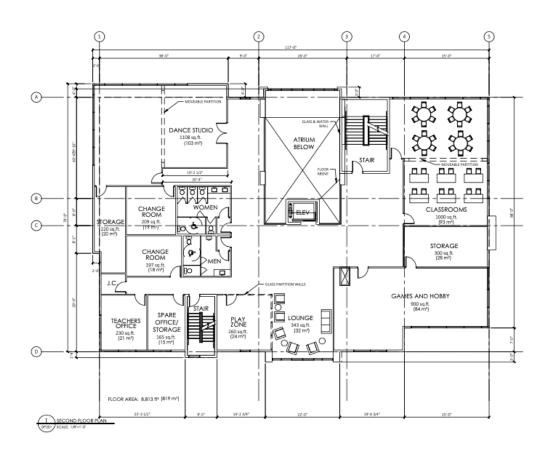
- Centre will increase the profile of the Polish Community and highlight its attributes and its contributions to building a safe, prosperous and strong Edmonton
- Will instill pride in the Polish culture, language and traditions
- Highlight accomplishments of Poles as honourable, hard working, principled citizens of this great city
- This beautiful building, located in the heart of Edmonton, will serve as a tourist attraction and a place to enjoy a meal or a coffee amongst friends



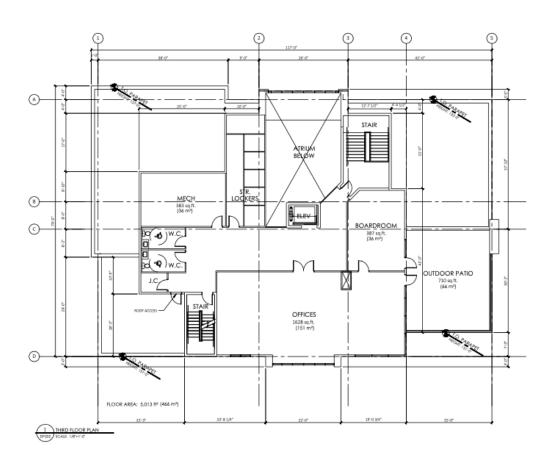
MAIN FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



THIRD FLOOR PLAN









Our Heritage

- We are not just building a structure of steel, concrete and glass
- We are creating community to enable a greater understanding between the generations, and to recognize and honour those who contributed to building Polonia, the most robust and effective of any Polish Community in Canada.
- Gathering place for all Edmontonians; a hub for our children and youth to learn, grow, meet new friends, and make new memories in a safe and stimulating environment
- True representation of the spirit of the Polish people: enterprising, intelligent, inclusive and community minded



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THANK YOU!