HERITAGE CALGARY

Heritage Calgary recently sent you a briefing package on heritage in the city, what we do and how we work with Council. If you didn't get it please let us know.

Please take our survey and let us know what heritage means to you and what you will do as a member of Calgary City Council for Calgary's history.

Thank you for you time and consideration. Heritage Calgary wishes you the best of luck on the campaign trail.

Heritage Calgary has put together a one stop resource for you to learn about everything you need to know about heritage in Calgary. This includes how sites are added to the Inventory, how municipal heritage designation works, existing incentives and grants and proposed conservation tools and incentives work including the residential tax credit.

What do you know about current heritage matters in the City and within your ward?

It is very important to work on the preservation of the more notable items in our heritage inventory. We may not be able to save and preserve them all, with time, but we need to try and look after some of the more prominent sites that contributed to the formation and historical importance of our City.

On a scale from 0-5, 0 being not at all and 5 being incredibly, how important is preserving Calgary's heritage to the Ward you hope to serve? Why?

4 - important.

What is your favourite heritage resource in the community you are hoping to represent and in the City of Calgary as a whole?

Probably The Bow Valley Ranch and the area surrounding it. It is great to see the partnership with the private enterprise that is taking place there.

Anton Ovtchinnikov, Ward 14 Candidate

How will you help raise awareness of Calgary's history and heritage?

I am sure that this is already happening, but we need to work closely with the Tourism Calgary, local community groups and some of the private entities to bring notoriety to some of the more forgotten Heritage Sites.

What importance does heritage have in attracting outside investment and business in Calgary?

5 - A great deal

How do you believe the new proposed property tax incentives will incentivize investment in our city? Will you support the proposed residential property tax credit?

I do not oppose the Tax Credit Incentive, but at the same time I want to make sure that with the ownership of the heritage landmark and the mentioned incentives - there will be an reinforced understanding that the site is to be maintained and the properties are kept in well preserved conditions.

What ideas would you bring forward in support of heritage in Calgary that are not included in our candidate package?

We need to take a look at further feasibility of creating more "stewarding" partnerships that will help us to preserve and use some of the historic landmarks. Similar to the Deane house and The Ranch, where the private enterprise is doing some of the work of preservation and maintaining the facilities.

Would you like to make any other closing comments pertaining to our city's heritage matters?

It is great to see organizations like Heritage Calgary bringing attention to some of the aspects of the municipal business that, kind of, been left in the dark, hiding and waiting, behind the events of the last few months; I do believe that all history is worth knowing and heritage sites that may have been witnesses to historic events are worth saving if we can.