



HERITAGE CALGARY



MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE PRIMER

2021



Who We Are

Heritage Calgary is a charitable Civic Partner of the City of Calgary focused on the research, education, and preservation of our shared heritage in Calgary. We believe heritage is a dynamic process by which identity is experienced, interpreted, and represented and we take pride in working with Calgarians to honour the fabric that we are all a part of.

OUR MISSION

To embrace and keep space for the stories of this place.

OUR VISION

A city that understands and values its diverse heritage.

OUR VALUES

Responsibility:

- We are pragmatic stewards and trusted advisors. We find creative and practical ways to appreciate, protect and promote.

Collaboration:

- We work together with community to honour and share our heritage resources. We build lasting relationships for long-term impact.

Inclusion:

- Our heritage is a richly woven fabric of the sites, structures, landscapes, and stories of all people who call Calgary home. We work for the good of all Calgarians: past, present, and future

Pride of Place:

- We believe our heritage resources connect us to rich history and improve our quality of life. Our heritage creates a sense of belonging to a place with deep community roots.

Priorities

1. PROGRAMS WITH IMPACT

Deliver relevant heritage-related “sense of place” programs and services that engage and inspire Calgarians.

- Advise City of Calgary and other levels of government on heritage-related policy matters.
- Align programs and services with City of Calgary’s strategic pillars.
- Deliver programs that explore a sense of place.
- Engage audiences through the power of storytelling.

2. COMMUNITY CONNECTION

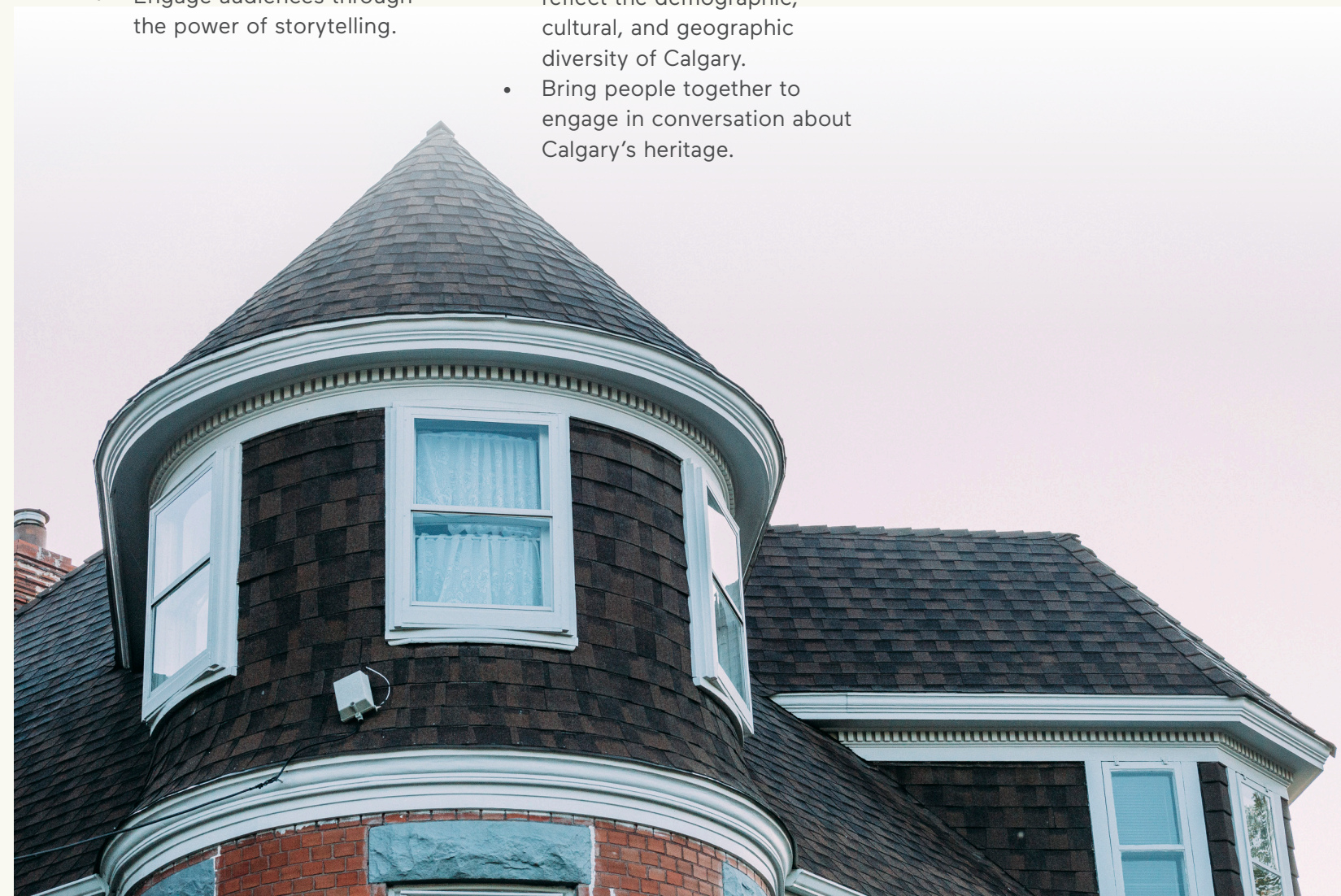
Maintain and grow relationships to nurture an appreciation of Calgary’s heritage.

- Expand the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources to include Indigenous cultural sites and landscapes.
- Maintain and nurture partnerships with others to promote and preserve cultural sites and landscapes.
- Expand Heritage Calgary’s community engagement to reflect the demographic, cultural, and geographic diversity of Calgary.
- Bring people together to engage in conversation about Calgary’s heritage.

3. STRONG INFRASTRUCTURE

Steward resources and invest in people and technology.

- Articulate and demonstrate value to the City of Calgary and its citizens.
- Leverage digital platforms for service delivery.
- Invite others to support our mission through meaningful volunteer opportunities.



THE INVENTORY OF EVALUATED HISTORIC RESOURCES

The Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources is a database that lists historic resources in Calgary. It is maintained by Heritage Calgary on behalf of the City of Calgary.



LEGEND

- INVENTORY OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
- RESOURCE ON THE INVENTORY
*no legal protections
eligible for formal designation
approximately 900 resources*
- Municipal Historic Resource (MHR)
*formally designated
demolition prohibited, heritage elements regulated
approximately 105 resources*

MANAGEMENT

- INVENTORY OF HISTORIC RESOURCES - HERITAGE CALGARY
- MHR DESIGNATION - CITY OF CALGARY

The Inventory includes only those historic resources that have been fully evaluated by Heritage Calgary – not every “aged” property has enough integrity to be considered a historic resource.

Evaluations are based on a rigorous framework and a set of predetermined criteria approved by City Council. We issue contracts to independent researchers who conduct the evaluations and provide expert research and analysis of historic properties.

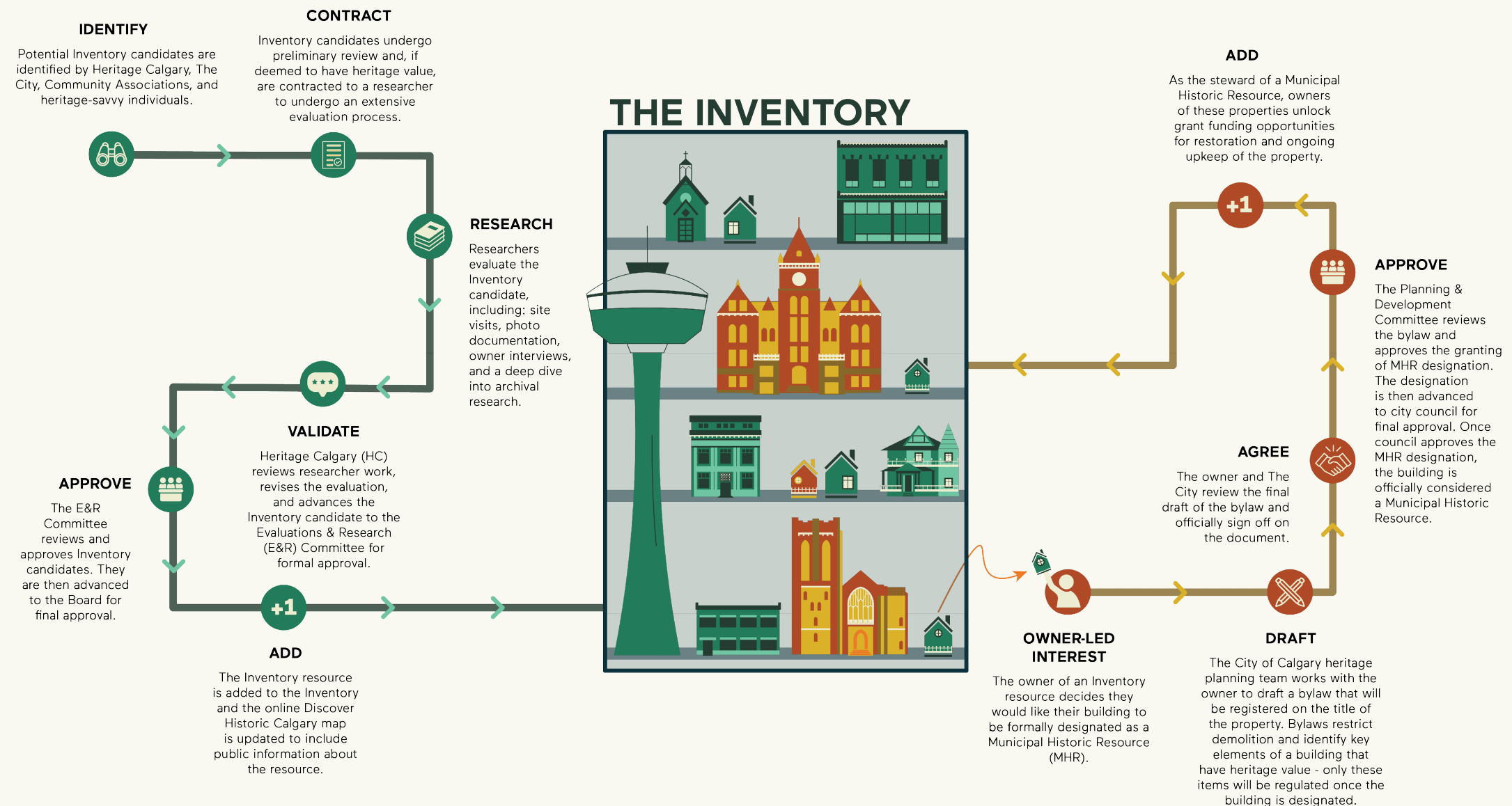
To be listed on the Inventory a resource must be at least 25 years old and meet one or more of the following values:

1. Activity
2. Event
3. Institution
4. Person/people
5. Style
6. Design
7. Construction
8. Landmark
9. Symbolic

Our Inventory is the cornerstone of Heritage Calgary’s mission to identify, preserve, and promote. We work hard to maintain a comprehensive database that lists historic resources in Calgary, with extensive and individualized research identifying each resource’s significance.

The evaluation and recommendation of historic resources for placement on the Inventory is performed by Heritage Calgary’s Evaluation and Review Committee. Heritage Calgary evaluates and adds heritage resources to the Inventory based on expert research, analysis, and City staff input. Potential sites are brought forward by the community and then evaluated.

Evaluations are based on a rigorous framework and a set of predetermined criteria approved by City Council. In 2019, we added 23 sites.



OUR PROGRAMS

HISTORIAN-IN-RESIDENCE

The Historian in Residence program is a six-month community engagement residency that supports historians and researchers working in any genre related to Calgary's (Moh'kins'tsis') social, cultural and built history.

The 2021 Historian in Residence is C.W. (Cory) Gross. Cory is a professional educator with over 20 years of experience in museums and heritage. His primary field is the geology of Western Canada and its intersection with Indigenous, settler, and immigrant histories. In early 2020 he published his first book, *The Ice Age in Western Canada*.

The Historian in Residence is presented in partnership with the Calgary Public Library.



WALKING TOURS

Heritage Calgary has created a series of walking tours for those who want to get out and explore their communities.

The tours are self-directed and can be explored from any point on the map.

- Inglewood Walking Tour
- Cliff Bungalow-Mission Walking Tour
- Warehouse District Walking Tour
- Chinatown Walking Tour

Heritage Calgary has several walking tours available for public and private events. If you are interested and looking for more information click the link below to send us your inquiry.

PLAQUE PROGRAM

Since 1992, Heritage Calgary (formerly the CHA) and previous City heritage organizations have been placing plaques to recognize important heritage sites and allow Calgarians to learn about our heritage resources.

The plaque program is open to sites and properties that are listed on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources. To date, Heritage Calgary's plaque program has recognized over 100 inventory sites.



CONSERVATION TOOLS & INCENTIVES

PROPOSED INCENTIVES

- A two-year phased program to implement the heritage area policy tools
- Presentation of the proposed residential tax credit program to the Priorities and Finance Committee in 2022 for consideration in the 2023-2026 budget deliberations
- Heritage property owners would be eligible to a 75 per cent rebate on property taxes, up to \$50,000.

EXISTING INCENTIVES

- The City of Calgary Historic Resource Conservation Grant: \$1.5 million per year, with \$500,000 reserved for residential properties and \$1 million for non-residential. Applicants to the grant are eligible to receive up to 15% of the assessed value of the property, up to 50% of the approved project cost.

THREE-LAYERED PLANNING TOOLS

Layer 1: The Incentivization Tool

- Broadly incentivizes heritage conservation by offering additional development potential to developments that retain a heritage asset on site.
- Some proposed incentives include: removal of parking minimum standards; minor infill such as backyard suites; additional, context-appropriate live/work unit uses, such as gallery, café, instructional facility
- These incentives do not restrict or inhibit development
- Implemented through City-initiated amendment to Land Use Bylaw

Layer 2: Heritage Guideline Areas

- This layer works hand-in-hand with the Heritage Guideline Areas identified in Local Area Plans.
- Layer 2 builds on Layer 1 Incentive Areas. It makes all uses (other than those that are encouraged by the Layer 1 – Incentivization tool) discretionary.
- Uses will also be subject to locally-specific heritage design guidelines. This will allow design guidelines to address heritage form elements.
- Implemented through Local Area planning process

Layer 3: Direct Control Heritage Areas

- This tool incentivizes heritage conservation in areas with the highest concentration of Heritage Assets.
- Allows for the creation of a Direct Control bylaw, which allows for even more specific architectural controls and limited redevelopment potential.
- Currently being piloted across 3 communities in Calgary (Mission-Cliff Bungalow, Crescent Heights, and Bankview)
- Implemented through the adoption of a Direct Control (DC) bylaw

To learn more, visit the City of Calgary's [Heritage Conservation incentives and programs](#) page.



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Learn more at heritagecalgary.ca

