



# 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 your 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?

Ward 8 is filled with several heritage matters. From Nimmons House to Lougheed House. But within the ward is a series of homes that are over one hundred years old with immense stories associated to them. In addition to that, within Ward 8 is Currie Barracks and Garrison which carries with it the military history of Calgary.

Heritage is about connecting moments in time together in a physical space. It's the stories we tell and how we tell them that matters.

## 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. There is a challenge in what we preserve vs what we allow to grow and change. It is important to maintain our heritage, but we also must balance it with allowing Calgary to transform as we develop and change.

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

For me, my favourite historical spaces in the city are Currie Barracks. For me it is personal, my father was in the military and trained here in Calgary. There is a connection to that space in my family.

The space at Fort Calgary is also a fascinating place. At the intersection of Elbow and Bow rivers, it is not only a place for Calgary, but also a spiritual place for Indigenous heritage, if we expand the heritage we honor in that space.

## Courtney Walcott, Ward 8 Candidate

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

Awareness, education, and partnerships with Heritage in planning our city. We always have an opportunity to see our city develop in collaboration with our history.

In addition to this, we should work to expand the Municipal naming program in Calgary to help expand how we recognize Calgary's heritage in a more equitable and inclusive manner.

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

4 - Important

### 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 believe that property tax incentives will be a large driver of investment in our city. It will support businesses coming into the city, but a serious investment in the quality of life in Calgary, maintaining and attracting our intellectual talent, and increasing resources to transition people between industries will be more significant in the long run than immediate property tax incentives.

The proposed residential property tax credit is one that I support. But I'd seek an equitable measure to offset the credit for buildings that are economically successful. The credit should be used on an as needed basis, rather than a general heritage based system. The immediate issue I see is that this might end up having a higher administrative cost to do. Worth exploring further.

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

Heritage Calgary should be a part of the Enough For All Strategy, in particular, in support of the Indigenous Gathering Place that is part of reconciliation in both Calgary and Canada as a whole. This would bring a dynamic to Heritage Calgary that would more directly support your reconciliation initiatives.

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

Please let me know if you have any further questions!