



Erin Waite, Ward 7 Candidate

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?

Enjoy participating in Century Homes events, history week and have always loved learning about Calgary's history.

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?

5 - Incredibly important. Our history does not go back very far, but if we don't preserve what we have, we'll never have any history. It's crucial to preserve as part of our city.

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

As a true urban creature, I love the historic elements in Kensington and Sunnyside. There are whole buildings as well as small details that tell the story of our City. I appreciate them each day as I walk through our neighbourhoods.

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

I am keen to participate in heritage events and love the idea of always incorporating historic context at every place and in every situation so that it is woven into the fabric of our lives.

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

3 - Somewhat 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?

Incentives programs are, unfortunately, are complicated and to judge their effectiveness, it is critical to see how the process works, whether it helps realize the desired outcomes, and if residents are finding it useful and valuable. The concept of a credit as a way to protect historic assets has merit.

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

I am interested in the process of renaming and how history is told in a fulsome way to be fully transparent. We can celebrate our history while acknowledging our shortcomings and failures. Since our history is relatively short, we have a special opportunity to adopt these practices and be known for telling a more complete story about our past.

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