



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?

My knowledge of the heritage of Calgary and my Ward is growing and I long to be part of capturing the best of the stories that shape us and ensuring they are honoured and passed on.

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?

3 - Somewhat important. The heritage of Ward 12 is being partially preserved through good community planning and investments in art and storytelling that developers have been encouraged to incorporate in new communities. I believe these efforts are helpful in giving people sense of place and helping them feel connected to where they live. I chose #3 on the scale as I believe these efforts are going well and don't currently feel The City needs to be directly involved in efforts in Ward 12 to expand this. I do hope to see The City encourage and nurture local heritage associations in the newer communities in Ward 12 to start capturing the history of these neighbourhoods and preserve the stories for future generations.

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

One of the most exciting heritage resources in Ward 12 are the physical heritage pieces that are being preserved that share the agricultural and ranching history of lands that these new communities are being built upon. One such example is the grain silos in Mahogany that are planned to be part of a new development. The plan is to incorporate the silos into a new build and share the story they represent with future generations.

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

As I am seeking elected office, I commit to learning more of the history of my Ward and the larger City so I

Evan Spencer, Ward 12 Candidate

may share the stories and the value the history imparts. I will never forget meeting one of the Ollerenshaw daughters — owners of Section 23, the current location of the Ollerenshaw Ranch, now located in the community of Mahogany — on a Jane's Walk in Mahogany and listening to her talk about taking the bus with the Cranston kids to school. We all need to recognize that we are part of an unfolding story and it is incumbent upon leaders to honouring the voices and examples of those who came before us and worked incredibly hard to make Calgary what it is today.

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 have met with many not-for-profit executives during the campaign, and I have the same message every time: my door will be open and I will listen to what you need, but I will not tell you how to do your jobs. You are the experts. I don't have to be the smartest guy in the room, but I will listen to the smart people who come to tell me how to support the good work they are doing. That's my best skill: I bring people together, talk about goals, talk about collaboration, talk about obstacles that the city could remove or ways the city could be more supportive, and we come up with a plan. You tell me what you need.

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

I would like to see The City highlighting the value of preserving the stories and history of our neighbourhoods and nurturing the creation of local historical associations in newer neighbourhoods while simultaneously drawing out the volunteer spirit of Calgarians.

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

Spending time in our major municipalities, that have preserved their heritage and celebrate history, has left an indelible impression on me. It is a major boon to tourism and gives you a sense of being part of something much bigger than yourself. This is valuable on many levels, particularly as this bridging of the past with the present helps people feel invested in their community's future.