



Gary Bobrovitz, Ward 8 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?

I know there are many development projects that have demolished heritage buildings and I am opposed to that. Our heritage protection laws are not vigorous enough. I bought and lived in a house that was built in 1912, so I'm walking the talk.

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. We need to protect our heritage for generations to come so people can see and experience all of the many different historic cultural influences that have made and continue to make Calgary such a vibrant and great place to live.

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

Lougheed House. As a great place to visit, hold an event, or as something you can enjoy as you go for a walk in the Beltline. It's a great piece of architecture and design as well as a place steeped in Calgary and Alberta's living history.

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

I am a vigorous promoter of the great things Calgary has to offer and our history and heritage is part of that. I will continue to promote the importance of heritage protections and designations for sites that meet the clear evaluation criteria in place.

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 support policies that can improve heritage protections as well as bring more people and investment to the City. The proposed property tax incentive appears to be an innovative way to do both of those things at once. As Councillor, I will work hard to pass this policy and regularly review the incentive scheme to make sure it is accomplishing both goals.

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

I will bring forward a proposal to City Council to establish a heritage week to celebrate and inspire Calgarians about the heritage sites and history of our communities. I believe that City Council needs to work more with the Provincial and Federal governments to increase supports for heritage sites and streamline the process for protecting heritage sites. We need to collaborate with all levels of government for the common goal of protecting the shared heritage of our city.

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

Heritage is not just physical buildings and places, it's people and customs and more. We must protect it, learn from it, and use that knowledge going forward to make Calgary the best city to live and work in.