

2022

**HERITAGE
CALGARY**



From the CEO and Chair

Heritage Calgary is driven by our vision of a city that understands and values its diverse heritage. As the cultural and economic vibrancy of our city moves to the forefront of our attention, heritage has a significant role to play. From Calgary’s booming film industry to the growing efforts towards environmental sustainability, heritage conservation is an important piece of revenue generation and city-building. At Heritage Calgary we continue to find, promote, and create opportunities to connect Calgarians to our shared heritage.

INVENTORY + DESIGNATIONS

In January 2022, Heritage Calgary and The City of Calgary successfully launched a major update to the online Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources. The Inventory is a digital repository of research and images of Calgary’s 900+ historic resources. The online Inventory is an important tool that brings the history of our city to life, and with this upgrade we ensure historians, researchers, and the curious public can continue to access important information about Calgary’s historic resources.

In 2022, Heritage Calgary updated 56 re-evaluated sites and added 20 new sites to the Inventory, with 7 sites receiving legal Municipal Historic Resource (MHR) designation.

NRCR HANDBOOK

In May of 2022 we delivered the Naming, Renaming, Commemoration, and Removal (NRCR) Handbook to City Council. The handbook provides a resource and discussion guide for anyone thinking of undertaking an NRCR project in their community. More information on the NRCR Handbook can be found in this report and on our website.

Over 500 Calgarians participated in the Naming, Renaming, and Commemoration Project that led to the development of the Handbook. Heritage Calgary expresses a sincere thank you to all those who offered their time and thoughtful insights, guidance, and experiences to the project. We extend special gratitude to the members of the Indigenous Sharing Circle and to The City of Calgary Council Innovation Fund for funding this important work.

PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We added 6 new tours to our roster of self-guided walking tours in 2022, making a total of 12 tours available on our website. Thank you to Mayor Jyoti Gondek for joining us in October for a walking tour of Haunted Inglewood!

Heritage Calgary continues to partner with community organizations to raise awareness of our shared heritage. We continue to collaborate with heritage advocacy groups and to work with community associations to participate in local area planning processes.

Shelly McElroy was the 2022 Historian in Residence in partnership with the Calgary Public Library. She was the curator of Pioneer Acres Museum in Irricana, Alberta. Pioneer Acres Museum is one of the largest agricultural and industrial history museums in Alberta with a collection of thousands of artifacts. Shelly has a background in education, agriculture, counselling, and museums.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

To assist in managing future growth, Heritage Calgary received a grant from the Calgary Foundation in 2022 to implement a Client Relationship Management system – often referred to as a CRM. The system is called CiviCRM and is open source. Heritage Calgary has been able to customize the system to handle donations through the website, and handle intake requests for individuals who want to nominate sites to be listed on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources.

Thank you to Janet McCready for her years of service and contributions to Heritage Calgary. Janet has served on the board for five years; she first joined the Board of Directors in 2017, served as Vice Chair from 2019-2021, and as Chair from 2021-2022. In addition, she also served on several committees, including the Governance & HR committee. Janet will continue in the role as Past Chair.

We also congratulate our new Chair, Christine Leppard. Christine has served as a board member of Heritage Calgary since 2017 and at the end of 2022 was elected as Board Chair. Congratulations Christine!

We are grateful to our community, our partners, our staff and Board of Directors, and to The City of Calgary for their ongoing support and funding of Heritage Calgary as a Civic Partner.



Josh Traptow
Chief Executive Officer



Janet McCready
Board Chair 2021-2022



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. 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 VISION:

A city that understands and values its diverse heritage.

OUR MISSION:

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

OUR MANDATE:

- 1 Advise Council on all matters relating to Calgary's heritage resources.
- 2 Evaluate potential historic sites.
- 3 Maintain Calgary's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources.
- 4 Promote public awareness of our shared heritage.

Inventory & Designations

BRINGING HERITAGE TO CALGARIANS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE DATABASE OF CALGARY'S HISTORIC RESOURCES.

The Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources ("the Inventory") is the cornerstone of our mission to embrace and keep space for the stories of this place. The Inventory is a database that lists historic resources in Calgary. It is maintained by Heritage Calgary on behalf of The City of Calgary. Evaluations are based on a rigorous framework and a set of predetermined criteria approved by City Council.

There are currently just over 900 (906) historic resources listed on the Inventory, and last year the 155th Municipal Historic Resource was designated.. Designations are generally applied to historic buildings, but also include many of Calgary's parks and boulevards.

Interest in Calgary's diverse heritage continues to grow, as demonstrated by Inventory and designation growth and increasing engagement with heritage programs and communications.

IN 2022, HERITAGE CALGARY:

- approved the re-evaluation of 56 historic resources;
 - added 20 new historic resources to the Inventory; and
 - 7 properties achieved Municipal Historic Resource (MHR) designation.
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Centre Street Bridge
Year of Construction: 1915
Address: 118 Riverfront AV SE

56

**HISTORIC RESOURCE
RE-EVALUATIONS APPROVED**

20

**NEW HISTORIC RESOURCES
ADDED TO THE INVENTORY**



Brady Residence
Year of Construction: 1911
Address: 74 New ST SE



Barron Building
Year of Construction: 1951
Address: 610 8 AV SW

7

**MUNICIPAL HISTORIC
RESOURCE DESIGNATIONS**

2022 INVENTORY ADDITIONS — RE-EVALUATIONS

BANKVIEW

Colborne Residence
1507 25 AV SW

Dalton Residence
2111 14A ST SW

Doberer Residence
1505 15 AV SW

Magarrell Residence
1501 25 AV SW

Neelands (Elliot) Residence
2413 15 ST SW

BELTLINE

Graves-Chittick Block
1205 14 AV SW

J.W.C. Block
1205 14 AV SW

Lorraine Apartments
620 12 AV SW

MacDonald Apartments
215 15 AV SE

Massey-Harris Co. Warehouse
318 11 AV SE

Neilson's Furniture Warehouse
438 11 AV SE

Rossmore Apartments
1413 2 ST SW

Sandringham Apartments
914 15 AV SW

Scott Fruit Co. & Lowney Wm. Co
215 10 AV SW

St. Stephen's Anglican Church

1117 14 AV SW

St. Stephen's Manse (Rectory)
1407 10 ST SW

St. Stephen's Memorial Hall
1121 14 AV SW

Wesley United Church
1315 7 ST SW

BOWNESS

Hamblin Residence
8820 48 AV NW

Hoare Residence
9016 48 AV NW

Phillips Residence
8539 48 AV NW

**BRIDGELAND/
RIVERSIDE**

Poffenroth Block
608 Meredith Rd NE

**Jehovah Lutheran Church/
Moravian Church**
70 6A ST NE

CHINATOWN

Centre Street Bridge
118 Riverfront Av SE

CLIFF BUNGALOW

Yale Apartments
2121 5 ST SW

CRESCENT HEIGHTS

Duckworth Residence
1403 1 ST NW

CURRIE BARRACKS

Athlone Building
3910 Quesnay Wood Dr SW

**DOWNTOWN
COMMERCIAL CORE**

Central Methodist (United) Church
131 7 AV SW

Doll Block/Chauncey Block
116 8 AV SE

Imperial Bank Building
100 8 AV SE

Jacques Jewellery Store
123 8 AV SW

Lineham Block
700 Centre St SE

Neilson Block
136 8 AV SE

EAU CLAIRE

**Trinity Lutheran Church/
Norwegian Lutheran Church**
202 8 ST SW/840 3 AV SW

GLENBROOK

Sparrow Residence
3303 37 ST SW

HIGHLAND PARK

St. Gabriel's Anglican Church (Original)
130 32 AV NW

INGLEWOOD

Spurway Residence
26 New ST SE

LOWER MOUNT ROYAL

Brydon Residence
1915 12 ST SW

MIDNAPORE

St. Paul's Anglican Church
14620 Macleod TR SE

MISSION

Sibley Apartments
316 16 AV SW

Wright Block/Aberdeen Block
2204 4 ST SW

OGDEN

St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Manse, and Parish Hall
7602 22A ST SE

RENFREW

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church
704 6 ST NE

UPPER MOUNT ROYAL

Blow Residence
2104 8 ST SW

Coste Residence
2224 Amherst ST SW

Coste Estate - Dower House
2226 Amherst ST SW

Jamieson Residence
841 Royal AV SW

Patrick Residence
1228 Prospect AV SW

Skaken Residence
1131 Colborne CR SW

Stringer Residence
2003 8 ST SW

Strong Coach House
708 Durham AV SW

Young Residence
2101 8 ST SW

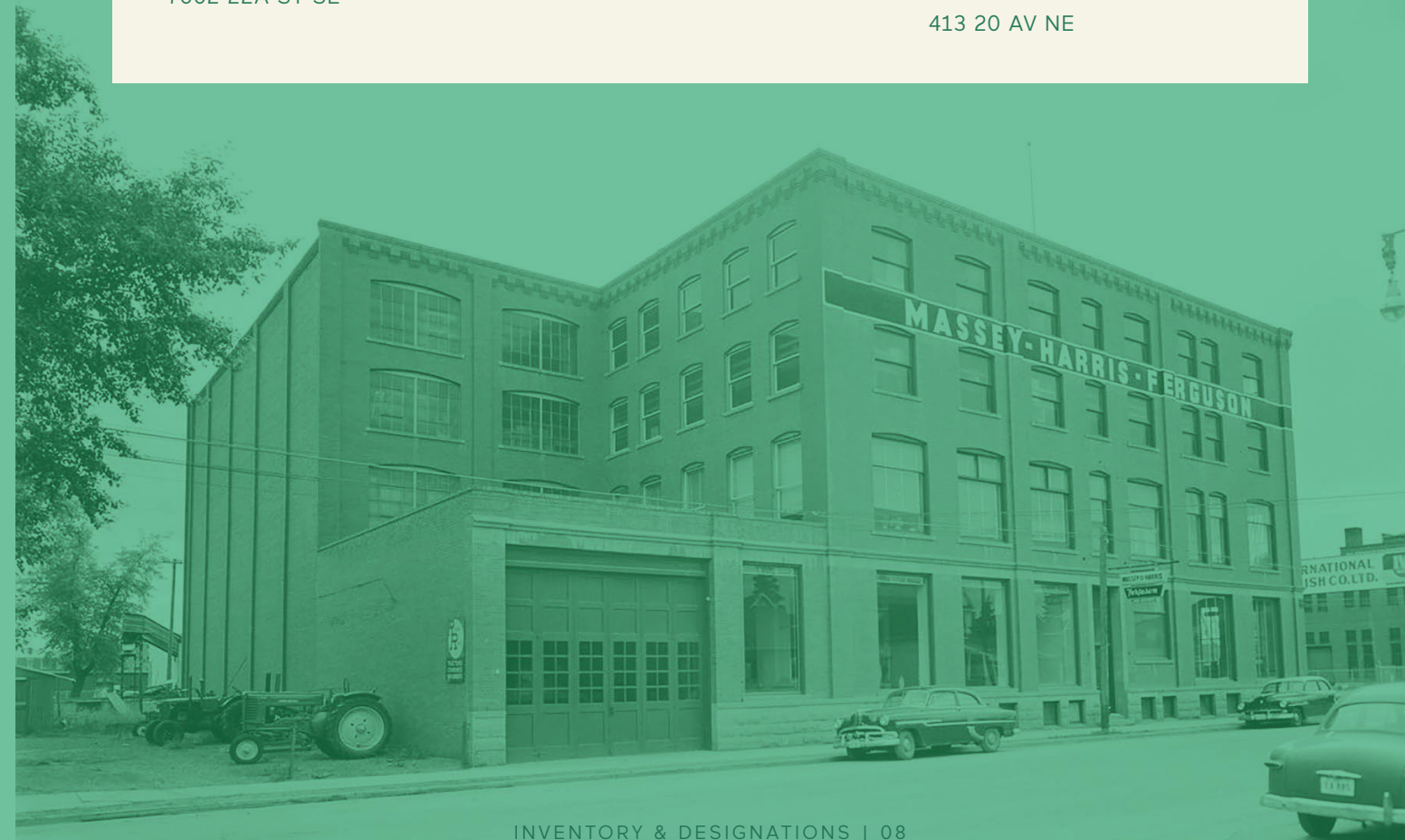
**WINSTON HEIGHTS/
MOUNTVIEW**

Albert Wright Residence
407 20 AV NE

Alexander Cran Residence
417 20 AV NE

Harold Wright Residence
419 20 AV NE

Louis Wade Residence
413 20 AV NE



2022 INVENTORY ADDITIONS — NEW EVALUATIONS

BELTLINE

Club Carousel
1207 1 ST SW

Engle Building
1312-20 1 ST SW

Heath Block
615 15 AV SW

**International Harvester
Co. of Canada**
221 10 AV SW

Low Residence
1229 13 AV SW

**Memorial Park Chapel/
Rose & Crown Pub**
1503 4 ST SW

BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE

Schriner Residence
234 7 ST NE

CRESCENT HEIGHTS

Tennant Residence
119 7 AV NE

ELBOW PARK

Hester Residence
329 38 AV SW

INGLEWOOD

**Arthur Anderson
Residence**
1517 8 AV SE

Brady Residence
74 New ST SE

Gray Residence
2222 16 ST SE

**Standard Church
of America**
1307 10 AV SE

KILLARNEY/GLENGARRY

Simonelli Residence
3036 34 ST SW

LOWER MOUNT ROYAL

McCutcheon Residence
1740 10 ST SW

RAMSAY

Zaluski Residence
1033 18 AV SE

RICHMOND

Raduloff Residence
2211 21 AV SW

SEATON

Ricardo Ranch
21909 72 ST SE

SOUTHWOOD

Hone Ranch House
1404 104 AV SW

SUNALTA

Kemish Residence
1713 13 AV SW

DESIGNATION PROCESS

In Alberta, municipal heritage designation is regulated by the provincial Alberta Historical Resources Act. It requires City Council to pass a designation Bylaw to formally adopt a historic home as a Municipal Historic Resource (MHR).

To qualify for MHR designation, a property must already be on the Inventory of Historic Resources. The designation process is a collaborative discussion between the property owner and the department of Heritage Planning at The City of Calgary.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
INVENTORY & DESIGNATION PROCESS](#)

INVENTORY OF EVALUATED HISTORIC RESOURCES MAP

In January of 2022, Heritage Calgary successfully completed a major upgrade of the online Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources, a digital repository of research and images of Calgary's 900+ historic resources. This was a collaborative year-long project between Heritage Calgary and The City of Calgary.

[CHECK OUT OUR
UPGRADED INVENTORY](#)



HERITAGE POLICY INITIATIVES

In 2022 Heritage Calgary continued to collaborate with The City on several major heritage policy projects. Heritage Calgary participated in the development of the North Hill Communities Heritage Guidelines and is currently consulting with The City on the Riley Communities Heritage Guideline Areas.

We also engaged with the Downtown Strategy team to better identify and preserve heritage resources during the re-imagining of the downtown core, particularly in the repurposing and retrofitting of vacant buildings.

Heritage Calgary also actively reviews and comments on Development Permits (DPs) and Land-Use Change Applications (LOCs) that will impact Inventory resources. We strive to achieve a balance of preservation of historic elements of buildings while making way for adaptive reuse of the building. We continue to work with The City on the development, piloting, and implementation of forthcoming Heritage Conservation Tools.



NRCR Handbook

A RESOURCE AND DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR ANYONE THINKING ABOUT A NAMING, RENAMING, COMMEMORATION, OR REMOVAL (NRCR) PROJECT.

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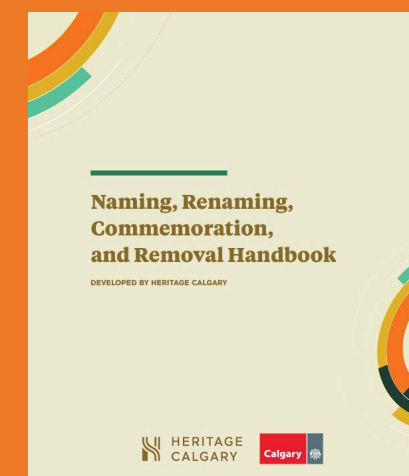
Calgary-based organizations and groups interested in pursuing plans for naming, renaming, commemoration, and removal, needed a guide and a process for engaging with stakeholders. At the end of 2020 Heritage Calgary submitted a proposal to The City's Council Innovation Fund to pursue the development of a framework for naming, renaming, and commemoration across Calgary. In collaboration with Hatlie Group, CIPR, and Dougherty Consulting, Heritage Calgary engaged stakeholders and community members and delivered a comprehensive framework to City Council in the spring of 2022.

The Naming, Renaming, Commemoration, and Removal Handbook outlines a series of Principles that community groups need to work through in the context of their project, an 8-step process to approach the work, and additional resources and learnings from people who have been there and have completed projects like this before.

The Handbook presents questions to be answered while moving through an NRCR project. How you answer the questions and design your project depends on your context and what your community needs.

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[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE THE NRCR HANDBOOK](#)



Programs & Community

ENGAGING PEOPLE THROUGH THE STORIES OF CALGARY'S DIVERSE HERITAGE.

PARTNER INITIATIVES

Heritage Calgary continues to work with community associations to participate in local area planning processes and collaborate with heritage advocacy groups.

In 2021-2022 this included a partnership with the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association to complete a historical context paper for the area. In 2022, a partnership with the Marda Loop BIA facilitated a historical context paper to be shared in 2023.

Throughout the year, we worked with our community partners at the Calgary Heritage Initiative (CHI), Chinook Country Historical Society, The Calgary Public Library, The City of Calgary, The Calgary Foundation Jane's Walks, The Glenbow, Southern Alberta Pioneers, The City of Calgary Archives, The National Trust, and The University of Calgary.

WALKING TOURS

This year we added six new tours to our series of self-guided walking tours, making a total of 12 [available on our website](#).

In the fall of 2022 we launched a new self-guided walking tour of [Haunted Inglewood](#), just in time for Halloween, and we visited a few of these spooky locations with Mayor Jyoti Gondek.



The Sunnyside home of Violet King with Josh Traptow, CEO of Heritage Calgary; Councillor Terry Wong; homeowner Dr. Angela Pucci and her two daughters; Dr. Malinda Smith, Vice Provost of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Calgary; Lorna Cordeiro with Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association; and Black Law Students' Association members Chyna Brown, Keshia Holloman-Dawson, David Isilebo, and Mirabelle Harris-Eze.

PLAQUE PROGRAM

The Heritage Calgary [plaque program](#) is available to historic sites listed on the Inventory. Four plaques were added in 2022: Cope House (demolished 2019), Hone Ranch House, Neelands Residence, and Shaarey Tzedec Synagogue (demolished in 2014).

In early 2022, in collaboration with the Black Law Students' Association at the University of Calgary and the homeowner, we presented a [plaque commemorating the King Residence](#). The King family, including siblings Violet King and Theodore King, are recognized for their work to advance racial equality in Alberta and are a significant part of Alberta's civil rights history.

On August 11, 2022 Heritage Calgary presented a plaque commemorating the Shaarey Tzedec Synagogue to FirstService Residential and the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta. The plaque was created to commemorate the location of the former synagogue. It will replace a previous bronze plaque which went missing and was presumably stolen last year.



Photo (l-r): Phoenix Giffuni, Senior Property Manager, FirstService Residential; Harry Sanders, Director, Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta; Josh Traptow, CEO, Heritage Calgary; Sandra Lipton, President, Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta; Kerri Robins, Marketing Manager, FirstService Residential.

HERITAGE MATTERS

In 2022, Heritage Calgary collaborated with community partners to host several events. With the Calgary Public Library and the communities of Chinatown, Hillhurst-Sunnyside, and Marda Loop, we hosted an event to learn about context papers at Memorial Park Library.

We partnered again with the Calgary Public Library, as well as the Calgary Heritage Initiative and Chinook Country Historical Society, on a roundtable discussion on the Stephen Avenue Historic District and the proposed redevelopment for the block. Speakers Cynthia Klaassen, Harry Sanders, and Aritha

van Herk discussed the public value of our frontier main street and why it was declared a National Historic District.

For Historic Calgary Week, hosted by Chinook Country Historical Society, we presented two events: the “Brutal Walking Tour” and “Naming, Renaming, Commemoration, and Removal in Calgary”. We made two presentations at the National Trust Conference on our online Inventory map and the NRCR project, and our CEO made presentations to the Canadian Club of Calgary and as a guest lecturer at the University of Calgary.



HISTORIAN IN RESIDENCE

The Historian in Residence is a six-month paid residency that supports individual researchers working in any genre related to the diverse social, cultural, and built history of Calgary, Treaty 7, and Metis Region 3. The residency is presented in partnership with the Calgary Public Library.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HISTORIAN

In 2022, I had the honour of being the Historian in Residence for Heritage Calgary and the Calgary Public Library. Although this happened only one short year ago, it is amazing to realize how much the times have changed. In March of 2022, we were unsure of what programming would look like as our weary world was taking tentative steps to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic.

And as it happened, my programming was a blend of in person and virtual. There was a Jane’s Walk, a couple of podcast style interviews, articles for the Heritage Calgary blog, a children’s program for Canada Day at the library, a display of artifacts, a presentation during Historic Calgary Week, a cemetery tour, connections with another resident (the wonderful 2022 Storyteller in Residence Mary Hays).

My favourite part of my residency was the individual appointments, virtual and in person, that I had with Calgarians who were creating manuscripts, maps, walking tours, books, or programs of their own. I was able to point

them in the direction of accessible resources that could make their own historic projects and research come to life.

Small rural museums are isolated at the best of times. They can be understaffed and even when we aren’t in the grip of a global pandemic, resources can be in short supply. By choosing to invest in me, an entire community benefited. I completed research for new exhibits thanks to the resources at Calgary’s Story. Through the blogs I created for Heritage Calgary, I met new colleagues, such as the archivist at the United Farmer’s Historical Society. I also heard from voices in the agricultural community about how much they enjoyed and appreciated having their history highlighted in such a significant way.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be the 2022 Historian in Residence. It was an experience that I will never forget. I can’t wait to see how this program evolves in 2023 and beyond!

Shelly McElroy
2022 Historian in Residence

WEBSITE

In 2022, we launched a major upgrade of the online Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources, a digital repository of research and images of Calgary's over 900 historic resources. We published 23 blog posts, (including regular Inventory updates), exploring subjects such as Black history in Calgary, the Stephen Avenue Historic District, women who have served on City Council, a history of early Calgary newspapers, catalogue homes, and Calgary's agricultural history. The number of page views and visits to our website continue to increase year over year, with 41K website visits and 61K page views in 2022.

SOCIAL MEDIA

In 2022, our following grew across all platforms. Our most popular posts included the new Inventory launch, our self-guided walking tours, the history of early Calgary newspapers, the site of the week series, as well as a blog and social series covering the block of Stephen Avenue and 7th Avenue affected by a proposed redevelopment.

We partnered with Mayor Jyoti Gondek to deliver a Haunted Inglewood Walking Tour just in time for Halloween. We also shared the initiatives of partner organizations such as The City of Calgary, Calgary Public Library, Chinook Country Historical Society, Calgary Horticultural Society, the National Trust, the UCalgary Black Law Students' Association, Lougheed House, and the Alberta Museums Association.

THE NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter remains a popular source of information for our community, with over 1300 subscribers and an average 58% open rate, well above industry averages. Our monthly newsletter collects the most interesting and important updates in one convenient location.

THE MEDIA

Heritage Calgary's work in the community has been supported by our valued relationships with traditional news media. This year we did 28 media stories and interviews delving into our Naming, Renaming, Commemoration and Removal (NRCR) report, the proposed redevelopment on Stephen Avenue, the growing awareness and appreciation for heritage buildings in Calgary and how they are essential for environmental sustainability.





906

SITES ON THE INVENTORY



5

HISTORIANS-IN-RESIDENCE



1305

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

58%

AVERAGE OPEN RATE



23

BLOG POSTS



99

PLAQUES IN CALGARY



155

MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE DESIGNATIONS



12

WALKING TOURS



1559

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



\$115,846

IN PROJECT FUNDING



61K

PAGE VIEWS

41K

WEBSITE VISITS



\$27,246

IN GRANTS AND DONATIONS



28

MEDIA INTERVIEWS



3992

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

1975

TWITTER FOLLOWERS

Financials, Funders, and Donors

With this year's funding as a Civic Partner of The City of Calgary, we were able to continue investing in significant Inventory work, including updating/adding 76 sites to the Inventory. We delivered programs for the public and increased our online communications to promote awareness of Calgary's heritage.

We received project funding from the City of Calgary of \$115,846, which was used to complete the Naming, Renaming, Commemoration, and Removal Handbook as

well as additional evaluations to support the work being done on Mainstreets and downtown revitalization.

We are also grateful for the Calgary Foundation for their grant of \$20,000 to support the implementation of our new database and to the Young Canada Works Program, through the National Trust of Canada, for helping to fund our summer student.

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