



2021

HERITAGE
CALGARY

From the CEO and Chair

2021 continued to be a year of challenges for us all, but we still saw the good shine through. As issues of cultural and economic vitality and environmental sustainability move to the forefront of our attention, heritage has a significant role to play. Heritage conservation is a critical piece of sustainable city building, and at Heritage Calgary we continue to find, promote, and create opportunities to connect Calgarians to our shared heritage.

INVENTORY AND DESIGNATIONS

This year 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 nearly 900 historic resources. Though we promote Calgary's heritage, this doesn't need to extend to old database software! This was a collaborative year-long project between Heritage Calgary and The City of Calgary.

The online Inventory is an important tool that brings the history of our city to life. This successful upgrade will ensure historians, researchers, and the curious public can continue to access important information about Calgary's historic resources.

In 2021, Heritage Calgary added 12 new sites and 36 re-evaluated sites to the Inventory, with 14 sites receiving legal Municipal Historic Resource (MHR) designation. We continue to support The City in their goal of having the Inventory cleaned-up and ready in advance of the potential residential tax credit that is anticipated to be in place starting 2023.

THE NRC PROJECT

Throughout the year, we continued work on the development of a framework for naming, renaming, and commemoration across Calgary. In collaboration with a team of heritage professionals, Heritage Calgary engaged with stakeholders and community members and is on track to deliver a comprehensive framework to City Council in the spring of 2022.

PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

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This year we added two new tours to our roster of self-guided walking tours, making a total of six available on our website: Cliff Bungalow-Mission, Chinatown, Inglewood, Warehouse District, Kensington, and Bridgeland-Riverside.

We celebrated the 2021 Heritage Calgary Awards, recognizing winners in the categories of Resource Conservation, Advocacy & Volunteerism, Cultural Landscapes, Heritage Storytelling, and Heritage Trades & Craftspeople. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to our community jury members! You can learn more about each winner in this report and on our website.

Heritage Calgary continued to partner with community organizations through 2021 to educate, advocate for heritage preservation, and to raise curiosity and awareness of our city's heritage. Heritage Calgary continues to work with community associations to participate in local area planning processes and collaborate with heritage advocacy groups.

HISTORIAN IN RESIDENCE

C.W. (Cory) Gross was our 2021 Historian in Residence in partnership with the Calgary Public Library. Cory is a professional educator with over 20 years of experience in museums and heritage. His primary field is the geology of Western Canada and its intersection with Indigenous, settler, and immigrant histories.

During his residency, Cory curated a final exhibit for the Central Library titled Calgary's

prehiStory. The exhibit outlined major periods of Calgary's ancient past and how they have shaped our culture, economy, and even architecture today. The exhibit incorporated a life-size diorama of Alberta's 375-million-year-old coral reefs.

NEW STAFF AND BOARD

Near the end of 2021, we welcomed Cynthia Klaassen as Heritage Resources Program Manager. Cynthia is covering a maternity leave for Asia Walker.

We also welcomed three new directors to the board of directors in 2021. Paula Overguard joined as Treasurer; Angela Chung and Doris Hall joined as directors. We extend our gratitude and recognition to Nikolas Marsall-Moritz for serving as the Chair of Heritage Calgary from 2019-2021. Nik has served as a board member of Heritage Calgary since 2013 and is now serving as the Past Chair.

We also congratulate our new Chair, Janet McCready. Janet has served as a board member of Heritage Calgary since 2017 and at the end of 2021 was elected as Board Chair. Congratulations Janet!

2021 continued to be a year of growth for Heritage Calgary, as we continue to tell the stories of those who make their home here. 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



Nikolas Marsall-Moritz
Chair



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 in Calgary. 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:

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- 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. Independent researchers conduct the evaluations and provide expert research and analysis of historic properties.

There are currently nearly 900 (884) historic resources listed on the Inventory, and last year we designated our 119th Municipal Historic Resource. 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 2021, HERITAGE CALGARY:

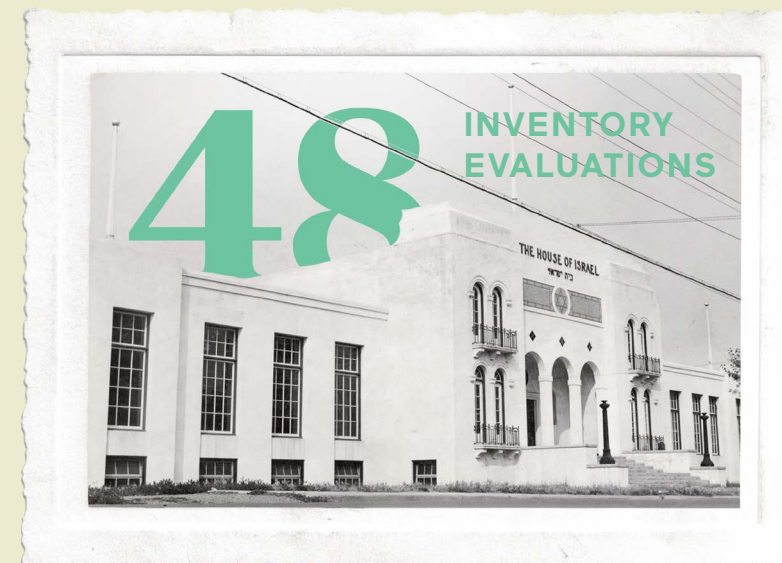
- approved the re-evaluation of 36 historic resources.
- added 12 new historic resources to the Inventory.
- 14 properties achieved Municipal Historic Resource (MHR) designation.



Stampede Corral
 Year of Construction: 1950
 Address: 1410 Olympic Way SE



Dominion Bank
 Year of Construction: 1911
 Address: 200 8 Ave SE



House of Israel
 Year of Construction: 1930
 Address: 102 18 Ave SE

BOWNESS

Hextall Residence
8648 48 Ave NW

BRIDGELAND

Calgary Moravian Church
60 7 St NE

CRESCENT HEIGHTS

**Evangelical Lutheran
Immanuel Church**
43 4 St NE

ELBOW PARK

Campbell Residence
3025 Elbow Dr SW

Garden Residence
630 Elbow Dr SW

Christ Church
3602 8 St SW

Millican Residence
3015 Glencoe Rd SW

Quirk Residence
3018 Glencoe Rd SW

Woods Residence
322 Elbow Park Ln SW

INGLEWOOD

Hamilton Apartments
911 14 St SE

Spurway Residence
26 New St SE

Suitor Residence
1004 8 Ave SE

Van Wart Residence
1516 13 Ave SW

MISSION

St. Mary's Cathedral
219 18 Ave SW

Flexford House
304 21 Ave SW

**House of Israel
(Shaarey Tzedec)**
102 18 Ave SE

Lang Residence
228 26 Ave SW

Sacred Heart Convent
225 19 Ave SW

MOUNT PLEASANT

**St. Joseph's Roman
Catholic Church**
640 19 Ave NW

RAMSAY

**St. Anne's Roman
Catholic Church**
922 21 Ave SE

ROSEDALE

**Bishop's Palace
(Roman Catholic)**
910 7A St NW

SCARBORO

Carlyle House
117 Superior Ave SW

Graham Residence
220 Scarboro Ave SW

**Guichon (Mayhew)
Residence**
320 Scarboro Ave SW

Templeton Residence
206 Scarboro Ave SW

SUNALTA

**Sacred Heart Roman
Catholic Church**
1036 8 Ave SE

TUXEDO PARK

**Crescent Heights
Methodist Church**
204 16 Ave NW

UPPER MOUNT ROYAL

Welch Residence
2115 Hope St SW

Trainer Residence
1954 12 St SW

Connacher Residence
1111 Colborne Cr SW

Chapin Residence
1103 Colborne Cr SW

Hyde Residence
1301 14 St SW

Spencer Residence
743 5 St NW

**J.W. Davidson Residence
and Coach House**
801 Royal Ave SW

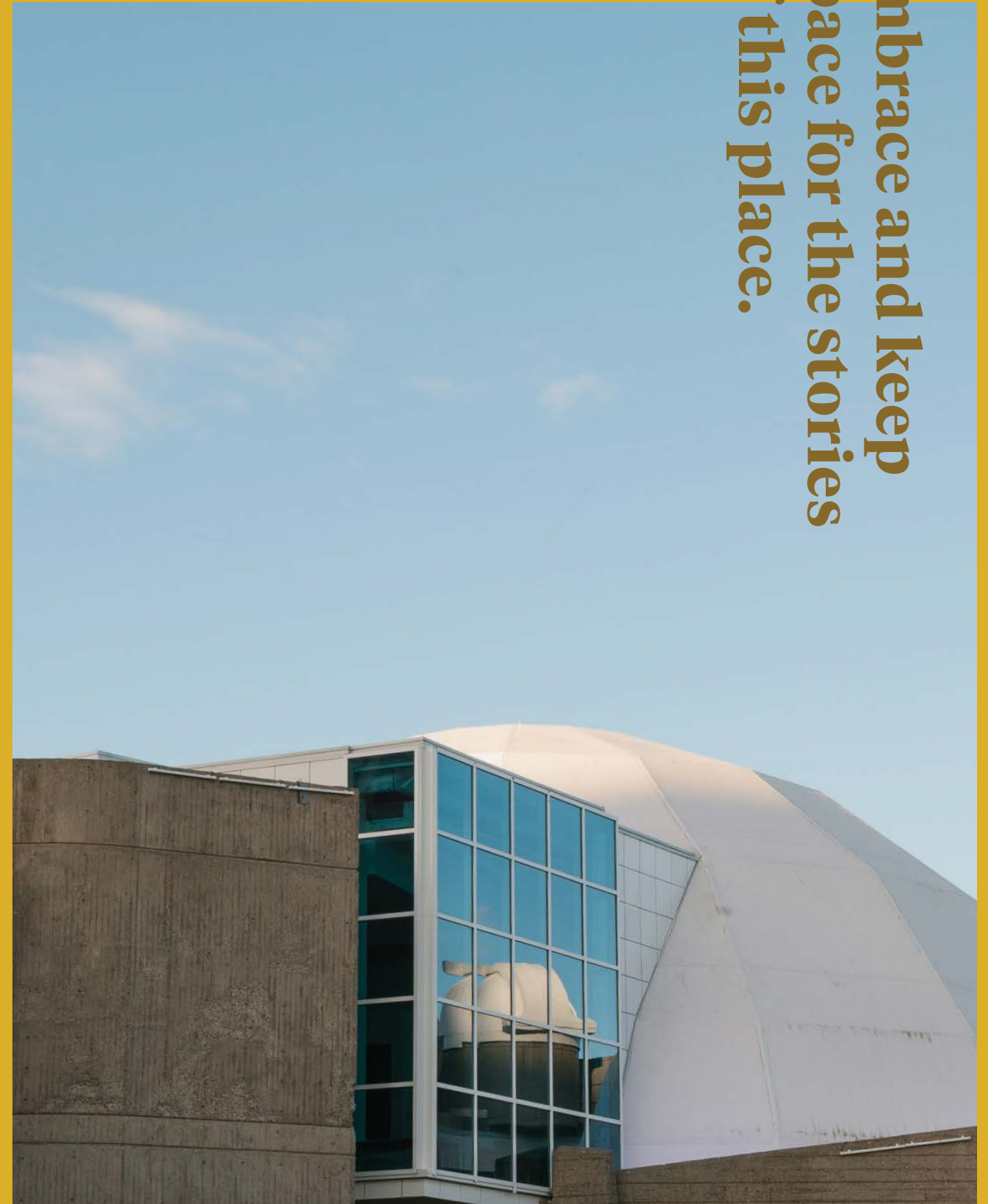
**DOWNTOWN
COMMERCIAL CORE**

Dominion Bank
200 8 Ave SE

WEST HILLHURST

Riley Lodge
843 27 ST NW

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space for the stories
of this place.**



DESIGNATION PROCESS

In Alberta, municipal heritage designation is regulated by the provincial Alberta Historical Resources Act and 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 UPGRADE

This year 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 almost 900 historic resources. This was a collaborative year-long project between Heritage Calgary and various City of Calgary departments and teams, as well as the participation of many beta testers from the heritage community.

The online Inventory is an important tool that brings the history of our city to life. This successful upgrade will ensure historians, researchers, and the curious public can continue to access important information about Calgary's historic resources.

[CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY UPGRADED INVENTORY](#)

2021 INVENTORY ADDITIONS AND NEW EVALUATIONS

CLIFF BUNGALOW

Roughton Residence
2126 Cliff St SW

CRESCENT HEIGHTS

Arthur Bishop Residence
1401 2 St NW

DOWNTOWN WEST END

Arthur M Webb Residence
1040 5 Ave SW

ELBOW PARK

Wright Residence
3212 6 St SW

HILLHURST

King Residence
518 7 Ave NW

Sanderson Residence
1302 Gladstone Rd NW

OGDEN

Ogden Block
7044 Ogden Rd SE

SCARBORO

McAdam Residence
105 Scarboro A SW

SUNALTA

Curtis Residence
1516 13 Ave SW

SUNNYSIDE

R.W. McDonald House
743 5 St NW

J.H. Jamieson House
745 5 St NW

UPPER MOUNT ROYAL

Rideout (Mitchell-Sproule) Residence
2209 Carleton St SW



HERITAGE POLICY INITIATIVES

In 2021 Heritage Calgary continued to collaborate with The City on several major heritage policy projects. Heritage Calgary participated in the development of the Guide for Local Area Planning (formerly the Guidebook for Great Communities) and the affiliated North Hill Communities Local Area Plan. We continue to be a stakeholder in the development of Heritage Guideline Area policies. 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) 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.

NAMING, RENAMING, AND COMMEMORATION PROJECT

At the end of 2020 Heritage Calgary submitted a proposal to The City's Civic Innovation Fund to pursue the development of a framework for naming, renaming, and commemoration across Calgary. In 2021, Heritage Calgary conducted an RFP process and selected a highly qualified team of heritage professionals to execute the NRC project plan. In collaboration with Hatlie Group, CIPR, and Dougherty Consulting, Heritage Calgary engaged stakeholders and community members and is on track to deliver a comprehensive framework to City Council in the spring of 2022.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
THE NRC PROJECT](#)

Our Awards

THE BIENNIAL HERITAGE CALGARY AWARDS HONOUR THE EFFORTS OF OUR COMMUNITIES TO CONSERVE AND PROMOTE HERITAGE. WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THE 2021 WINNERS.



ADVOCACY AND VOLUNTEERISM

Siksika Archaeology Field School

In August 2020, a unique field school collaboration between the University of Calgary and Old Sun Community College provided the opportunity for Old Sun students to learn about archaeology on their ancestral land. Together, they developed an archaeological field school for Siksika students on their traditional land, combining technical skills with traditional cultural language and storytelling.

[LEARN MORE](#)



HERITAGE STORYTELLING

Howdy, I'm John Ware (Red Barn Books)

Honourable Mention: GlobalFest OneWorld Spotlight Series

When an Alberta mother couldn't find suitable books for her cowboy-crazed son, she decided to flex her news reporter skills and write her own. Ayesha Clough wrote "Howdy, I'm John Ware", a children's book about the legendary Black cowboy who left behind a life of slavery and became one of Alberta's most loved and respected ranchers.

[LEARN MORE](#)



CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

Jesse Salus, CalgaryRingRoad.com

This year's Heritage Calgary Award-winning projects highlight the important histories of all who make their home on Treaty 7 land. Jesse Salus is a land research consultant at Tsuut'ina Nation and a former graphic designer. His in-depth research project, CalgaryRingRoad.com, delves into the long and complex history of the disputed territory along the SW Calgary Ring Road.

[LEARN MORE](#)



HERITAGE TRADES AND CRAFTSPEOPLE

Klaus Angermeyer

Klaus Angermeyer is a master carpenter who worked with the team at Chalmers Heritage Conservation to provide the highest quality of craftsmanship, while respecting the heritage and original character of each project.

[LEARN MORE](#)

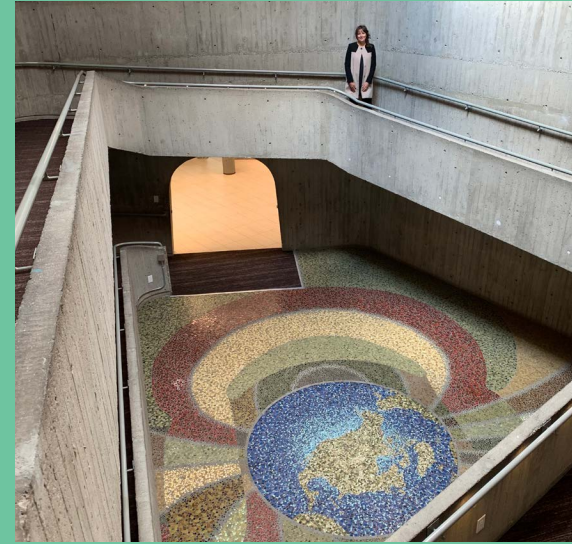


RESOURCE CONSERVATION, RESIDENTIAL

The Withrow, Studio North

Named after the original 1911 owner, The Withrow is a living memory of Calgary's beginnings and the 110 years that have passed since it was first built. Mark Erickson and Matt Kennedy of Studio North recreated The Withrow in a way that fulfilled their vision of what a reinvented heritage home could be.

[LEARN MORE](#)



**RESOURCE CONSERVATION,
NON-RESIDENTIAL**

**Centennial Planetarium,
Lemay Architecture & Design Ltd.**

Legacy and vision intersected to re-invent Calgary's beloved Centennial Planetarium, creating a functional centre of contemporary art in Calgary.

[LEARN MORE](#)

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION,
SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**Historic City Hall,
City of Calgary**

The rehabilitation of Historic City Hall was the most significant and complex heritage conservation project ever undertaken by The City of Calgary. The scope included rehabilitation of the building envelope including structural reinforcement, material conservation work and accessibility features.

[LEARN MORE](#)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS AND
THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY JURY MEMBERS:**

- Kevin Allen, Founder, Calgary Gay History Project
 - Joni Carroll, President, Edifice Design + Project Management Inc.
 - Lourdes Juan, CEO, Hive Developments
 - Sean Goldsmith, President, Bison Historical Services Ltd.
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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 this included a partnership with the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association on a historical context paper for the area. We also partnered with the YWCA for an event on the Women on Calgary City Council, with Pioneer Acres for an online lecture on Royal Visits to Calgary, and with Chinook Country Historical Society on several events for Historic Calgary Week.

PLAQUE PROGRAM

The Heritage Calgary [plaque program](#) is available to historic sites listed on the Inventory. Four plaques were added in 2021: Cope Residence, Deane House, Madden Residence, and the King Residence.

In 2021, we held an auction of historic artifacts from the Centre Street Bridge and the Queens Hotel. The auction raised \$65,000 which was used to create an endowment with the Calgary Foundation to fund the plaque program. Privately owned properties that are formally designated as Municipal Historic Resources can now obtain a plaque at no personal cost. In June, we presented a plaque for

the [Madden Residence](#) to Gene & Irene Huber. Their 1911 Rosedale home is the first to receive a plaque from the fund.

In 2021, the University of Calgary Black Law Student's Association (BLSA) expressed interest in funding a plaque for the King Residence. In collaboration with the BLSA and the current homeowner, we presented a [plaque commemorating the King family](#) including siblings Violet King and Theodore King, who are recognized for their work to advance racial equality in Alberta and are a significant part of Alberta's civil rights history.



King Residence Plaque funded by the UofC BLSA

WALKING TOURS

This year we added two new tours to our series of self-guided walking tours, making a total of 6 available on our website.

- [Mission-Cliff Bungalow](#)

- [Chinatown](#)

- [Inglewood](#)

- [Warehouse District](#)

- [Kensington](#)

- [Bridgeland-Riverside](#)

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 2021, I was privileged to serve as the Historian in Residence (or as I nicknamed it, the “Prehistorian in Residence”) for Heritage Calgary and the Calgary Public Library. My driving question was how Calgary’s ancient past shaped Indigenous, settler, and immigrant histories and connections to the landscape.

The ongoing pandemic limited the amount of office time I was able to spend in the Central Library. However, that was more than made up for by virtual public engagement through online talks, individual consultations,

and blog posts for Heritage Calgary. One of my avenues of research was physically tracking down former sandstone quarry sites throughout the city, blogging about them, and creating an accessible Google Map of some of their locations.

My final project was the exhibit [Calgary’s prehiStory](#) on the fourth floor of the Central Library. This exhibit pulled rock and fossil specimens from several private collections, as well as the collections of the Alberta Palaeontological Society, to share Calgary’s ancient past and our cultural connections

to it. The exhibit ran from September 2021 to March 2022, and I earnestly hope that it will be resurrected in some form in Calgary before too long.

Thank you very much for allowing me to serve as Historian in Residence for 2021 and for providing such a vital program linking Calgarians with the cultural and natural histories of this amazing place that we all share.”

– Cory Gross, 2021
Historian in Residence



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THE BLOG

Heritage Calgary is committed to promoting awareness of our city's heritage. In 2021, we published 68 blog posts and guest posts, and the number of page views and visits to our website more than doubled. We explored subjects such as the women of Calgary City Council, LGBTQ2+ history, the women of Chinatown, the story of Jack White Goose Flying, and Calgary's prehistory. We also published features on the Heritage Calgary Award winners to highlight their incredible achievements and contributions.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We continue to share stories and information about our diverse heritage on our social media channels. Our community is highly engaged, often sharing memories and discussions about Calgary's heritage. In 2021 our following grew across all platforms and doubled on Instagram.

To show our appreciation for our growing social media community we partnered with Shelf Life Books on an Instagram giveaway. The winner received a complete set of books written by our Historians in Residence.

We partnered with the Inglewood BIA for a takeover of their Instagram account, leading two online tours via their Instagram Stories. We shared the initiatives of local organizations such as the Calgary Atlas Project, Calgary Horticultural Society, and Historic Calgary Week.



THE NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter remains a popular source of information for our community, with over 1200 subscribers and an average 52% 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. Calgarians are increasingly interested in heritage issues, and we welcome coverage from TV news, radio, and online

outlets. This year we had 37 media interviews and stories exploring our historic walking tours, heritage artifacts, the plaque program, the new Inventory, and our research into the representation of women and racialized people on City Council.

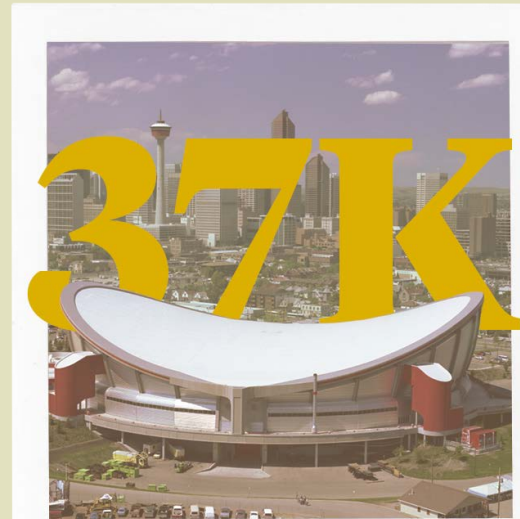
2021 Overview



PLAQUES IN CALGARY



INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



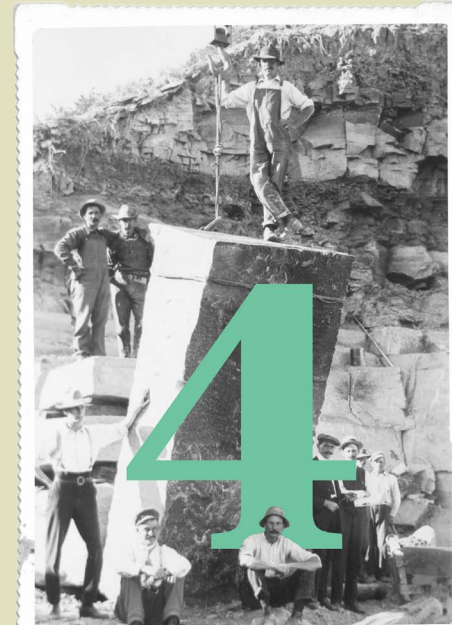
WEBSITE VISITS WITH 58K PAGE VIEWS



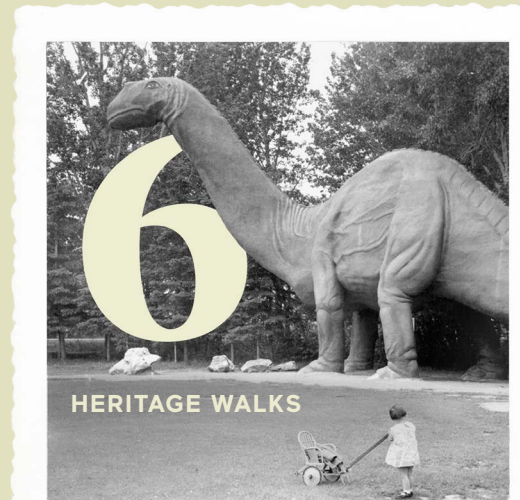
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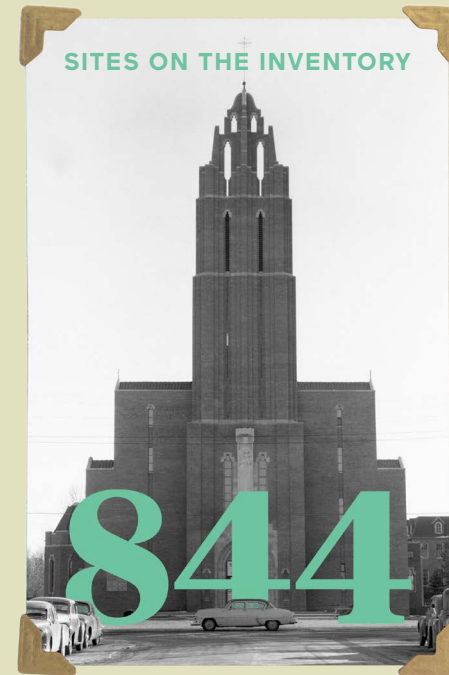
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HISTORIANS-IN-RESIDENCE



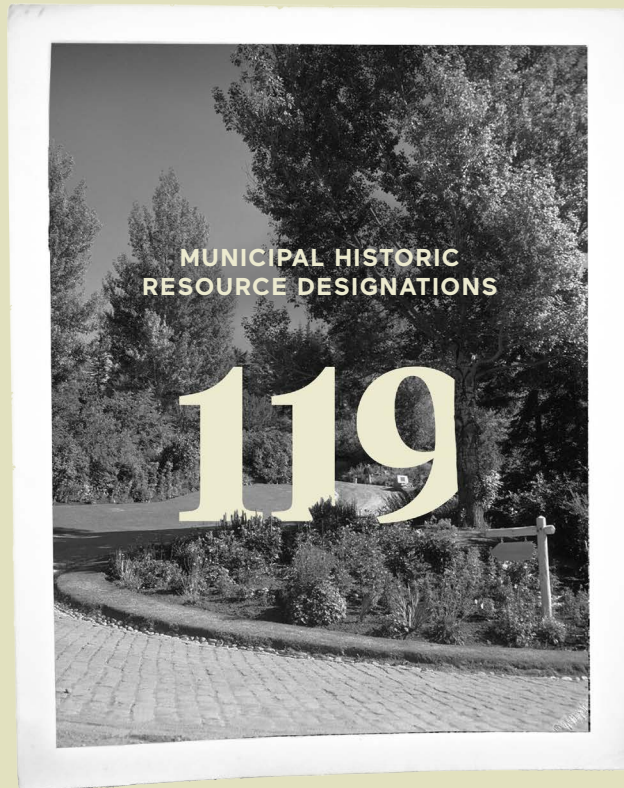
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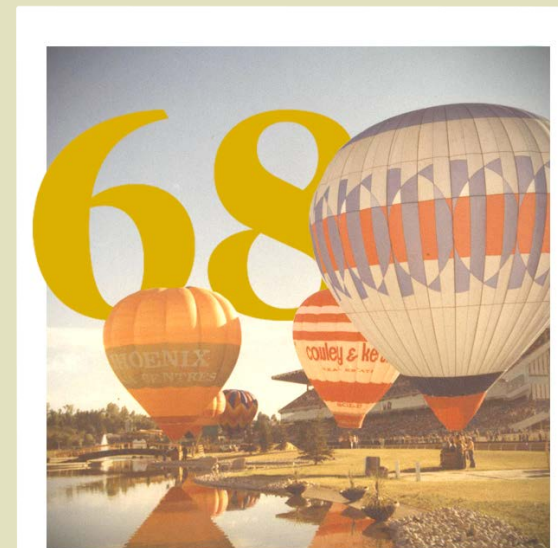
SITES ON THE INVENTORY



MEDIA INTERVIEWS



MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE DESIGNATIONS



BLOG POSTS



TWITTER FOLLOWERS



FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

Financials

2021 MARKED THE THIRD YEAR HERITAGE CALGARY WAS FUNDED AS A CIVIC PARTNER OF THE CITY OF CALGARY.

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 48 sites to the Inventory. We delivered several programs for the public and doubled our online communications to promote awareness of Calgary's heritage during the ongoing pandemic.

We received project funding of \$222,869, which was used to fund the Naming,

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Our Team



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