



# 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?**

During my time as a City Councillor, I represented some of the oldest parts of the city. I was fortunate to be involved with several heritage matters, some right within my ward. I have championed amendments to policy as well as concrete projects including the installation of bilingual stop signs in honor of the historic Rouleauville Community in Mission.

## **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. Heritage is important to preserve, and maintaining assets that are part of our history is a worthwhile initiative, but not all assets are in a condition to be restored and maintained. Balancing history with public safety is the best route forward to make sure that we have great examples of our City's history while also building for our future. Heritage conservation also allows for ways to improve our local economy.

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

I have always enjoyed our city's park spaces. Park space is sacred in a growing city. Calgary is renowned for its ample greenspace; and as our city continues to grow, park space will get more and more valuable. It is our duty to protect these spaces so future generations can enjoy them, just as we have. I will continue to push for ways to protect our heritage assets, such as appropriate planning policies and flood mitigation. I will champion projects like an Indigenous Gathering Place. I am also proud of Calgary's Historic City Hall and appreciate its historical significance that showcases Calgary's century old sandstone. While the price tag to renovate the deteriorating facade was significant, some things are worth investing in for future generations to enjoy.

## **Jeromy Farkas, Mayoral Candidate**

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

There are several ways that we can raise awareness of Calgary's heritage, and I believe a lot of those conversations need to start with our dedicated community volunteers, who have kept the history of our city alive and are intimately familiar with the heritage of their neighborhoods. I would encourage having these stakeholders included in the conversation of how to best preserve our city's heritage assets.

### **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 am open to the idea of supporting this program, depending on the results of the pilot project that is already underway. Since the phased program is set to run for 2 years and be tied to the local area planning process, I will be watching the results with great interest.

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

I feel strongly that our city parks are important assets that we have a duty to protect. As our city continues to grow, park space will get more and more valuable. As Mayor, I will work to protect our parks from sale or redevelopment.

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