



# 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?**

I am still learning about the city's inventory overall but believe we have opportunity to increase our heritage assets and knowledge sharing with Calgarians. I think ward 11 buildings and assets are likely on the cusp of heritage designations. It would be good to see some early identification of buildings in Ward 11 which could eventually make it onto the inventory list. It would be worth identifying buildings sooner than later to talk about their upkeep and repair. I think the dam/reservoir could be considered a likely heritage asset as well as the water and utility buildings with some of their key architectural features.

## **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. I selected it based on what I perceive to be the biggest challenges/opportunities in the ward as well as the general age of buildings in ward 11. I think it will become a bigger priority in years to come so it shouldn't be off the radar entirely.

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

The dam/reservoir and the water utility buildings adjacent to it.

## **Kourtney Branagan, Ward 11 Candidate**

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

Supporting Calgary Heritage as an arms length organization, promoting their work and efforts. Working with residents and businesses in the ward to discuss potential heritage sites. And continuing to learn about Calgary's history and heritage and how it relates to our civic identity.

### **What importance does heritage have in attracting outside investment and business in Calgary?**

3 - Somewhat 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?**

When I look at heritage properties and who can generally afford them, I wonder if we are giving a tax break to an already better off segment of the population. I am not certain this is making Calgary a more equitable city so I am reluctant at this time to support the proposal without further conversations to who this affects and what the benefit is to them vs the overall benefit to preserving heritage in Calgary.

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

How are we addressing the heritage of our green spaces and parks including our natural plants, wildlife, and water as part of our story.

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

I want to know more about heritage but am spinning with things to learn through this election cycle so have admittedly not made it a priority in part because that's not what's being asked by voters in Ward 11.