



## Naomi Withers, Ward 9 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 am aware of the historical significance of many properties within my ward as well as the Indigenous connections the lands of Ward 9 have. I have connected with community leaders on heritage preservation in Ward 9 including Calgarians for Heritage Districts. Heritage is an important piece of the planning and development story we must tell in our Local Area Plans and Area Redevelopment Plans. I support the Heritage Area Policies passed by Council last July

### **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. I have engaged many community members and community associations to form my opinion on the importance of heritage.

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

The confluence of the Bow and Elbow River. The Ninth Avenue Street Scape in Inglewood.

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

By promoting the implementation of Heritage Districts in the City of Calgary.

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

5 - Incredibly 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?**

I believe the property tax incentive program will promote the preservation of heritage homes in Calgary. I am in support of the credit.

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

I will advocate for the identification, management and protection of heritage assets across all of Calgary. As a born and raised Calgarian I appreciate our unique streetscapes that balance the old, the new and leading. I support the idea of communities such as Scarboro and Inglewood being designated as heritage resources.

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

As Councillor I will work to have the City of Calgary support through grants and property tax tools the designation and maintenance of our historical assets. Preserving heritage in our City allows us to tell the story of Calgary to the next generation through live experience; this is something especially important to me as a Metis person.