



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 know Ward 11 mainly consists of post-war neighborhoods built in the 50s and 60s. For Heritage buildings I think of our churches, the Glenmore reservoir and the water treatment plant. Also, Ward 11 is home to Heritage Park which I always loved growing up and still value very much to this day. I plan to meet with Josh Traptow in the coming weeks to learn more about heritage in Ward 11 and how we can ensure to preserve, protect, and educate more about our city's heritage.

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. Preserving our heritage is important to learn about how things became the way that they did. What did we do right? What could we have done better? It's also important to educate the coming generations about the history of Calgary. Only by learning from the past can we improve our future. The stories and lessons we can learn from our past are valuable resources to future success. We should be proud of our heritage, celebrate it, and use it to make our city better going forward.

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

I believe Heritage Park is privately owned, but I find it to be a valuable resource for heritage sites and resources for both Ward 11 and the entire city. I also love the Glenmore Reservoir area with the water treatment building and boating launch area. I remember seeing boats here my whole life growing up, to me it really brings back memories of "old Calgary" despite my young age.

Rob Ward, Ward 11 Candidate

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

I will ensure that heritage sites and resources are properly protected, funded, and celebrated. As I have said, heritage is a valuable resource to learn from to help improve our city. Learning from the past is invaluable, and I want to ensure we have both the opportunity and ability to do so for generations to come.

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 would need a bit more information on this. Property tax incentives definitely can incentivize people to call Calgary home, but what is the cost of this? Will core services suffer? I don't think this is a simple yes or no answer without more detail. I would be more than willing to sit down with stakeholders and hear their opinions on this.

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

I would like to see our heritage celebrated more. Perhaps a "Calgary Heritage Day" or even guided tours of our heritage buildings/locations? I know that many lifelong Calgarians, including myself, don't know as much as we should about our heritage. Any sort of events or promotion that can educate people on our heritage is very important to me.

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

Simply put, our heritage and history is important to me. I have lived in Calgary my entire life and I value where we have come from and how we will move forward. As I have said, the best way to move forward is to learn from our past. I value the preservation, protection, and recognition of our heritage in Calgary. I am happy to hear from Heritage Calgary regarding anywhere we can improve heritage matters in our city. Thank you for what you do, it is valuable and important.