



Calgary Heritage Authority

Annual Review

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*Preserving our Past
Investing in our Future*

The Calgary Heritage Authority (CHA) advises and makes recommendations to Calgary City Council on all heritage-related matters, including city-owned heritage resources, and contributes to the protection and identification of heritage resources for the enjoyment of Calgarians by encouraging preservation and raising public awareness.



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Greetings from the Chair

The past two years have proven to be busy, interesting and challenging for the members of the Calgary Heritage Authority (CHA) and we have made considerable progress on a variety of heritage fronts. Our committees have been working hard on a number of initiatives that you can read about in their reports. As a result, Calgarians are more aware and appreciative of the value of heritage preservation.

The executive and members of CHA have attended many meetings with City committees and officials to express our concerns and support of various aspects of heritage preservation. Many of these concerns relate to the preservation and maintenance of City-owned heritage buildings. Our Property Management Committee has worked hard to bring these issues forward and encourage strong support for repairs and maintenance.

We are concerned about and supportive of all heritage preservation efforts within our city. For example, we

supported the preservation of the old St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church on Macleod Trail South through meeting attendance and letters. This building is still at some risk.

Throughout the past two years CHA has also begun to look at our role and function, especially as an "authority" related to City Council. A weekend event in June 2005 gave us the opportunity to review our work and look at some future directions. Our Finance and Legislation Committee keeps us aware of the requirements of our roles and responsibilities under our governing provincial act.

The heritage planning staff is currently working hard on the preparation of a Historic Resources Management Plan. One of the aspects of this plan is the clarification of the role and relationships of the CHA. A consultant recently interviewed all members of CHA and completed the first phase of a study of our role and function.

In conjunction with this study I was privileged, along with committee chair, Brent Driscoll, to accompany Heritage Planner David Plouffe on a study tour of Victoria and greater Vancouver. This look at a variety of ways to address heritage issues similar to ours made me recognize we do need to review both what we do and how we do it. It is my hope that the consultant's final report will suggest new ways in which we might go about our work – and that we will have the courage to carry them out.

On behalf of the CHA and myself as Chair, I would like to express our deep appreciation for the support of City Council on heritage matters – especially for providing more resources for maintenance of City-owned heritage buildings and the Historic Resources Management Plan. We also appreciate the co-operation of the Corporate

Properties & Buildings department and the Planning, Development & Assessment department.

Particular appreciation must go, on behalf of all CHA, to the heritage planning staff:

- Our enthusiastic Senior Heritage Planner, Darryl Cariou.
- David Plouffe, the new Heritage Planner.
- Our part-time planner, Brenda Etherington, who screens permits and keeps us up-to-date on issues and concerns.

Thanks to all three.

An important contribution to heritage would be the ability (similar to our counterparts on the Coast) to dispense funds to encourage the preservation projects of individuals and groups. Such a fund would be a very positive message from The City to the community.

Lastly, I wish to thank all the members of the Calgary Heritage Authority for the time, effort and commitment they volunteer during the year. Each member is also a member of at least one of our committees, sometimes two. The many volunteer hours they donate provide a major contribution to heritage recognition and preservation in The City of Calgary. You will find a list of all members elsewhere in this report. Thanks also to former members, Murray Nunn and Ken LaPointe.

From the past into the future.

Sheila Moore Johnston, M.A.,
Chair, Calgary Heritage Authority



Greetings from The City

It has been a busy and productive two years and a lot has been achieved. A sampling includes the new Lion Awards, the official dedication of Stephen Avenue as a National Historic District, a new Historic Downtown Calgary Tour, an improved heritage inventory, a new cultural landscapes program, significant new heritage incentives, regular community heritage roundtables and increased City staff. Ultimately, and most importantly, a list of heritage successes:

- Lougheed building
- Grand Theatre
- Criterion Block
- Victoria Sandstone School
- Lacombe Home Power Plant, Laundry and Water Tower
- Reader Rock Garden
- Underwood Block
- Beltline heritage incentives
- Bank of Montreal
- Palace Theatre
- Arts Central

Many of these successes have been individually recognized in Avenue Magazines' Top 100 list. As a group, "Our Heritage Buildings" ranked number one.

For me, a highlight of the last two years was David Plouffe joining us as our second, full-time heritage planner. Mr. Plouffe comes to us from The City Museum of Vancouver where he was Public Programs Officer. David worked with many heritage and cultural groups to help educate and raise public awareness of that city's heritage. He is on the National Executive of Interpretation Canada and is a member of the Creative City Network of Canada. David brings enthusiasm and a wide range of experience in the heritage and cultural realms to our city and we are very lucky to have him.

Another highlight was the reopening of the Grand Theatre, Calgary's original vaudeville theatre where artists including Fred Astaire, Ethel Barrymore and the Marx Brothers appeared. After years of gradual decline, the Grand was resurrected by Theatre Junction and their Artistic Director Mark Lawes. Theatre Junction's Artistic Vision states:

"It is a seeming miracle that this building is still standing... Built in 1911, it was the biggest and best theatre in the Pacific Northwest. Artists came from all over the world to play here and it became the centre of political, social and cultural life in Calgary for 50 years. We carry this history with us and into the future. It shapes us and inspires our work."

Today the theatre is fully rehabilitated as a "culturehouse of contemporary happenings" and has regained a place in Calgary's artistic and social life. Theatre Junction took an unorthodox approach to rehabilitation and I am excited they so strongly

embraced the Grand's history. I am confident its history and significance are secure.

A great deal of credit for the above successes goes to the collaborative efforts of the CHA, The City of Calgary staff (especially Land Use Policy and Planning), aldermen, owners and engaged citizens. I look forward to this continuing collaboration and more successes in the coming year.

Best Regards,

Darryl Cariou
Senior Heritage Planner





*Lion Awards 2006 -
The Lions Have Arrived*

With the unveiling of artist Wanda Ellerbeck's Lion statuette on August 3, 160 people witnessed the coming of the "Lions." This new biennial event celebrated 11 individuals and groups who had undertaken significant initiatives in support of heritage conservation and advocacy and who brought new life to Calgary's heritage resources. Each recipient received a Lion statuette, which is based on the Centre Street Bridge Lions. Rob Graham former City Heritage Planner, received a special recognition at the awards for his industrious efforts preserving Calgary's heritage.

The Lions are produced by Calgary Heritage Authority in partnership with The City of Calgary. The event was highly successful due to the tireless efforts of event coordinator Negar Seyfollay, The City of Calgary's Creative Services and Heritage Planners, Pumphouse Staff and the Public Awareness Committee.



2006 Recipients

Restoration, Rehabilitation and Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Buildings

- The Lougheed House & Simpson Roberts Architects
- Theatre Junction at the Grand and Sturgess Architecture
- Canadian Bank of Commerce Building

Community or Neighbourhood Revitalization

- Northwest Travellers Building

Landscape Preservation

- Reader Rock Garden

Heritage Conservation and Advocacy

- Friends of the Rouleau House

Heritage Education, Scholarship, Interpretation, Publication or Exhibition

- Calgary's Grand Story – Don Smith
- Sense of Place - U of C

Special Recognition

- Rob Graham

Heritage Tradespeople/Craftspersons

- Karen Craig



Lougheed House



The Grand



Canadian Bank of Commerce



NW Travellers



Reader Rock Garden



Rouleau House



Don Smith and Mark Lawes



Sense of Place



Darryl Cariou and Rob Graham



Karen Craig and Dianne Abbott

Lasting artistic impressions from City Hall School

McKenzie Lake Elementary School's Donna Olynik wanted a unique way for her students to see connections across the curriculum. She found the answer in a special project tied to their week at City Hall School. Inspired by the Calgary Heritage Authority, the project started during the 2005–2006 school year. With support from the Calgary Board of Education and City staff in Land Use Planning & Policy, City Hall School and Corporate Properties, it finished up this past October.

Prior to their time onsite last May, Donna and her students started to develop their skills of measurement and drawing to scale. They also researched heritage buildings located on Stephen Avenue downtown. Once at City Hall School, their work continued alongside City of Calgary Senior Heritage Planner, Darryl Cariou, with whom they explored the buildings inside and out, learned their stories, and examined architectural details and construction methods. They photographed, sketched and wrote about the buildings in amazing detail.



Upon returning to their school, the students began applying their knowledge and skills to create a large-scale representation of some of the buildings they had studied.

This past October the students were invited to return to City Hall School to build scaled reproductions of two buildings that inspired them the year before.

Their designs were incorporated into the winter streetscape displayed above the entrance to Calgary City Council Chamber each December.

This creative, cross-curricular project showed students first-hand how the learning from one year flows into the learning of the next. The strong connection between the past and present was not lost on them either.

As David Plouffe, City of Calgary Heritage Planner remarked, "Their active participation in the program transformed these students into budding heritage advocates." - story by Julie Sengl



Beltline community heritage tour

On Sept. 29, 2006, the Authority hosted 40 people from various City of Calgary departments including Aldermen, local business revitalization, community and heritage organizations on a heritage tour of the Beltline community of South Calgary.

The objective of the tour was to promote heritage education and awareness and act as a forum for open-minded discussion, mutual understanding and positive action for heritage concerns in the Beltline.

The area is undergoing some dramatic revitalization with numerous new commercial and residential properties currently under construction. In the spring of 2006, Calgary City Council approved a new and innovative Beltline Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) for the community that is intended to help shape the future of the area for the district residents and the citizens of Calgary. In addition to including City-wide policies on heritage, the ARP outlines certain Beltline-specific policies aimed at encouraging the recognition, retention and preservation of heritage properties.



The event was highly successful and the CHA sincerely appreciates Alberta Ballet, the old Y Centre and Central Memorial Library for opening their doors for this tour and Calgary Public Transit for their assistance.

Look for upcoming announcements about the 2007 Community Heritage Tour.



Beltline area has approximately 100 properties on The City of Calgary's Inventory of Potential Heritage Sites.



Stephen Avenue National Historic District of Canada

On June 22, 2005 The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada officially magistrated a portion of Calgary's original downtown as a National Historic District in Canada. Stephen Avenue is one of only three National Historic Districts in Western Canada. Over 30 historic buildings have been restored along and around Stephen Avenue and today it serves as one of the central spines of Calgary's downtown.



The Calgary Awards 2005

Mr. John C. Ayer receives his 2005 Calgary Award for Heritage from Mayor Dave Bronconnier and Alderman Ric McIver. Mr. Ayer is recognized for his sustained and extraordinary contribution to the reclaiming and expanding the Fort Calgary site in the 1970s.

The Calgary Award for Heritage is sponsored by the CHA.

Property Management Committee report



The Property Management Committee works closely with The City to provide advice to ensure that the over 50 City-owned historical resources are properly managed and maintained. The committee has started a process of developing a "Memorandum of Understanding" to define the roles of each of the departments and the Calgary

Heritage Authority (CHA) in preserving these important civic resources.

Corporate Properties & Buildings budgets \$200,000 annually for maintenance of buildings in its "Heritage Portfolio." They have an additional \$900,000 in capital funding through 2010 for maintenance of City-owned heritage properties. To date, the committee has recommended that a contribution from capital funding be made to the Boys & Girls Club of Calgary and area towards a significant restoration of the Rutledge Hangar [731 13th Ave. S.W.], which they lease from The City.

In 2005 serious mould and lead paint problems were found in Cliff Bungalow School [2201 Cliff St. S.W.] and required most of the 2005 budget for the repairs. Additional funding was provided to The Calgary Parks Foundation to assist in the re-roofing of Haultain School [225 13 Ave. S.W.] and exterior maintenance work was completed on the Grand Trunk Cottage School [2422 Fifth Ave. N.W.].

In 2006 a variety of work was undertaken on the A.E Cross House [1240 Eighth Ave. S.E.] including roof replacement, landscape grading and paint upgrades.

The Criterion Block [121 Eighth Ave. S.W.] was

significantly upgraded and leased to a new tenant. In addition, the Old Y [223 - 12th Ave. S.W.] was identified as requiring replacement of the front entry and has experienced some roof leaks. Drawings replicating the original entry have been approved and quotes for the work are outstanding. It is hoped this work will start early in 2007.

In June 2005, thanks to Corporate Properties & Buildings, the CHA and guests toured a number of City-owned heritage properties. This provided us with a first-hand look at some of the successes achieved over the past few years in preserving these important heritage resources. It also pointed out some difficulties faced by The City and other heritage property owners in maintaining aging buildings. In September 2006 the committee put on an expanded tour of the Beltline heritage district. This focused on the 100+ inventoried heritage buildings in the district as well as stops at the Central Memorial Park & Library, the Old Y and the former CNR Station for more detailed review.

The committee looks forward to 2007 and the coming years. With an increased public awareness of the importance of heritage buildings and sites, it is the Property Management Committee's goal to ensure The City of Calgary is a leader in preserving our limited heritage resources.

R. Brenton Driscoll,
Chair, Property Management Committee

Evaluation and Review Committee report



The key responsibility of the committee is the maintenance of Calgary's inventory of potential heritage sites. The inventory is a list of sites formally evaluated by the Calgary Heritage Authority on the basis of their historical, architectural and contextual significance, in accordance with the Council-

approved Heritage Evaluation Procedure. While this inventory is not complete, it does provide a listing of many of the most significant heritage buildings in the community.

During 2005/06, the Evaluation and Review Committee evaluated the 23 buildings listed on the next pages, which were added to the inventory. It also received demolition notices for the seven buildings included on the next pages, also included in the inventory.

Over the last two years, a major focus of discussion for the committee has been the urgent need to complete the base inventory of heritage buildings and to conduct a comprehensive review of the criteria presently used in its evaluation process. These are key foundation pieces that must be put in place as quickly as possible to support the ongoing work of the Authority. Following extensive study and deliberation, a process has been put in place to continue efforts in both of these areas.

Looking ahead to 2007, the Evaluation and Review Committee will continue to add to its base inventory of heritage buildings in the community and will complete its review and updating of the criteria on which its assessments of buildings are made.

Gerry Meek,
Chair, Evaluation and Review Committee

2005 Changes to Calgary's inventory of potential heritage sites

| Month | Additions | Demolitions |
|-----------|---|--|
| January | none | none |
| February | Lacombe Home Site – 14500 Bannister Rd. S.E. Date of Construction: 1910 Category A | none |
| March | none | none |
| April | Norwood Apartments – 1208 15th Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1912 Category C | none |
| May | none | none |
| June | none | none |
| July | Barnhart Apartments – 1121 Sixth St. S.W. Date of construction: 1929 Category A | Pop's Confectionery – 815 MacDonald Ave. S.E. Date of Construction: 1902 Category C Rae House – 927 Royal Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1912 Category C |
| August | none | none |
| September | Acme Fruit Co. – 510 Ninth Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1911 Category C British American Paint Co. – 516 Ninth Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1910 Category B | Shimmin House – 1926 11th St. S.W. Date of Construction: 1910 Category B |
| October | Petro-Fina Building – 736 Eighth Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1959 Category A | none |
| November | None | Smith House – 316 40th Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1912 Category C |
| December | Britannia Building – 703 Sixth Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1958 Category B Cushing Lumber Co. – 1301 10th Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1910 Category B Elveden Centre – 707, 717, 727 Seventh Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1959 Category A George C. Cushing Residence – 1313 Centre Street S. Date of Construction: 1912 Category A President's Apartments – 801 12th Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1927 Category B | Colonel Belcher Hospital – 1213 Fourth St. S.W. Date of Construction: 1942 Category C |

2006 Changes to Calgary's inventory of potential heritage sites

| Month | Additions | Demolitions |
|-----------|---|---|
| January | Alberta Wheat Pool – 505 Second St. S.W. Date of Construction: 1958 Category B Calgary Petroleum Club – 319 Fifth Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1957 Category A | none |
| February | Hegle Building – 220 Seventh Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1958 Category B | none |
| March | none | none |
| April | Flexford House – 304 21st Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1912 Category changed from C to B Centennial Planetarium – 701 11th St. S.W. Date of construction: 1967 Category A Stocks (Mayor Leslie) Residence – 1111 50th Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1913 Category B | none |
| May | none | Greyhound Building – 222 Riverfront Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1946 Category C |
| June | none | none |
| July | Bay Parkade – 250 Seventh Ave S.W. Date of construction: 1956 Category A | none |
| August | none | none |
| September | Calgary Zoo. Tropical Aviary – 1300 Zoo Rd. N.E. Date of Construction: 1962 Category A Harvey Block – 1008 12th Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1913 Category C Western Hospital – 302 14th Ave. S.W. Date of Construction: 1906 Category A | Brick Duplex – 322 12th Ave. S.E. Date of Construction: 1907 Category B |



Public Awareness Committee report



The goal of the Public Awareness Committee is to foster an appreciation and knowledge of Calgary's historic resources and to promote the Calgary Heritage Authority and its activities.

This is achieved through events including the Community Heritage Plaque Program, The

Calgary Awards, The CHA Lion Awards, The City Hall School Christmas Project, Calgary and District Heritage Fair and interpretive walking tour brochures.

In 2005 the most noteworthy accomplishment was publishing and distributing a Historic Downtown Calgary walking tour and brochure. This coincided with the commemorative ceremony for the designation of Stephen Avenue as a National Historic District.

To mark Alberta's 2005 Centennial in Calgary, the Committee selected four historic buildings constructed in 1905 to be the recipients of Community Heritage Plaques. Those selected were the Western Block, Fairey Terrace, St. Mary's Parish Hall (CN Station) and the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer.

In 2006, the Committee focused on revitalizing the Authority's biennial Heritage Award Program. The Lion Awards were awarded in seven categories. A new

category established in 2006 recognized expertise in heritage trades and individual craftsmanship. Each recipient received a Lion statuette based on Calgary's Centre Street bridge lions.

In October 2006, the CHA signed the imagineCALGARY Partners and Friends Agreement, which outlines planned action over the next one to three years and highlights what is currently being done by the Authority to contribute to the Long Range Urban Sustainability Plan for Calgary.

I had the privilege of attending the Heritage Canada Foundation Annual Conference in 2005 and 2006. The theme of the 2005 Conference was "Heritage and Sustainability: Canadian Communities and Kyoto." On a worldwide level, sustainability is the catch phrase of this century. I believe there is much to be done to promote a shift in thinking to reuse rather than demolish. The theme of the 2006 Conference was "Heritage in an Electronic Age." Some very useful and valuable tools and resources particularly appropriate for public awareness initiatives were profiled and shared among some of Canada's stakeholders and leaders in heritage preservation.

As Calgary continues to prosper and grow, the Public Awareness Committee will strive to support and promote the mandate of the Calgary Heritage Authority.

Dianne Abbott
Chair, Public Awareness Committee

Finance Committee report



During the past year the Finance and Legislative Committee (F&L) of the Calgary Heritage Authority (CHA) co-ordinated the determination of budget needs for each of the CHA's committees. Thanks to the backing of the Land Use Planning and Policy SPC of The City, the requested increase was approved and will be in effect for 2007.

The CHA budgets in the past year were used for, among other things: evaluation of properties to add to the inventory of heritage resources, development of new and improved evaluation protocols, the Lions Awards for various achievements in Heritage Preservation, a tour of heritage locations in the Beltline for CHA members, heritage staff, other City staff and Aldermen and the "Plaques" award program. In some cases, some additional funds were provided by the City's Heritage Planning group.

Under the supervision of the CHA's Property Management Committee, the F&L Committee also had input into obtaining budget grants from Corporate Properties of \$200,000 per year for repairs and maintenance of City-owned heritage buildings and \$900,000 over five years for capital improvements to those buildings.

For 2007, F&L has committed to review the Alberta Historical Resources Act, which has not been revised for over 25 years. The CHA, with Provincial input, will review the Act and make needed revisions.

Mr. D. Alexander (Sandy) Grant, C.A.
Chair, Finance and Legislation

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