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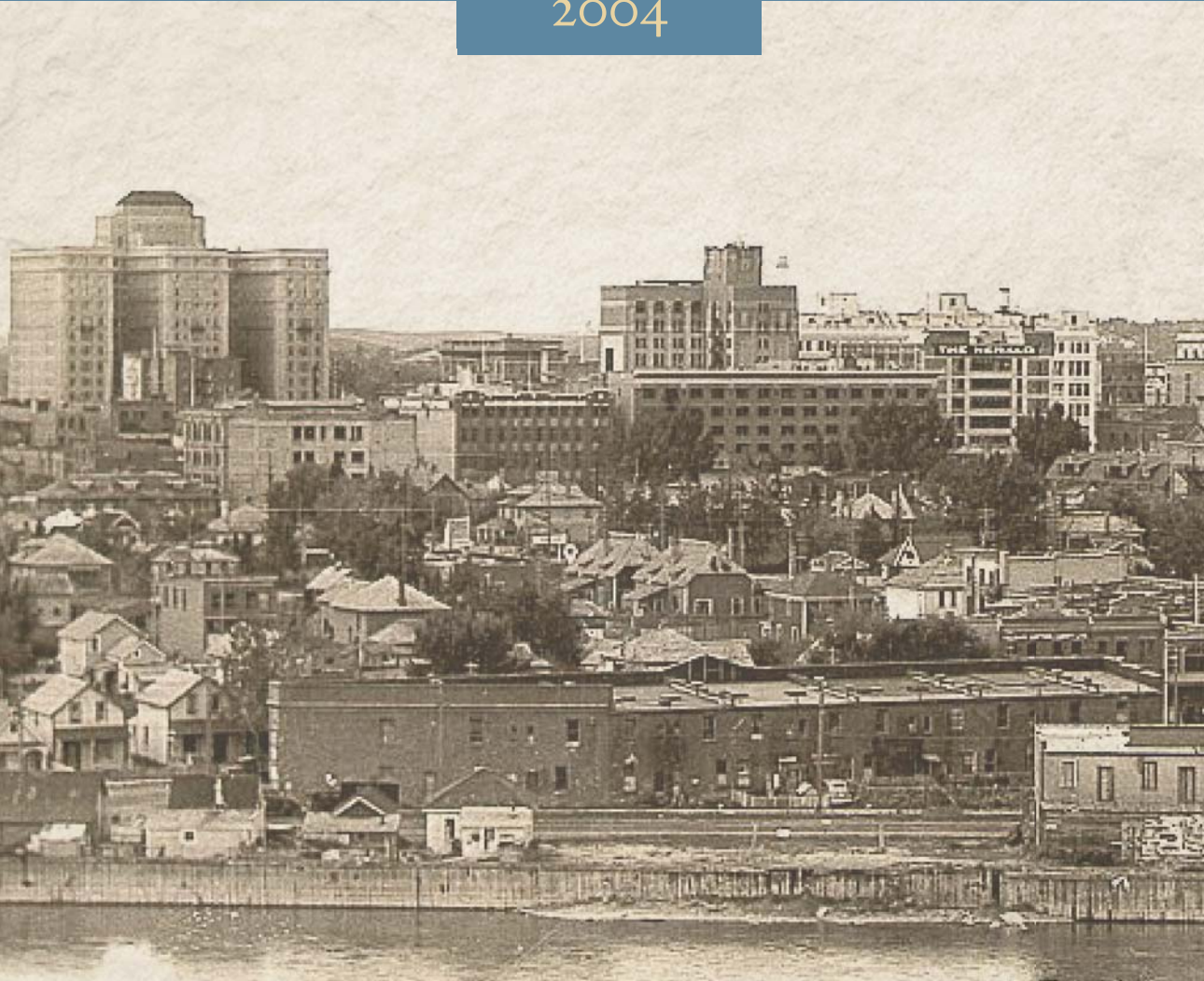


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“The Calgary Heritage Authority is appointed by City Council to provide advice on all heritage related matters.”



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



I was appointed General Manager of the Calgary Heritage Authority in December 2003, having arrived in Calgary earlier that fall to take the position of Heritage Planner with the City of Calgary. I am happy to be here and have had an exciting and busy time since my arrival.

I was uncertain what to expect here but did know about the restoration of Stephen Avenue and the success of the Inglewood Main Street Program. I soon learned that Council had recently approved the Heritage Incentive Program and that the Calgary Heritage Authority had convinced Council of the need for new funding to maintain City-owned heritage buildings. I also learned about the loss of St. Mary's School and discovered a real appetite to learn from that situation and to preserve more of Calgary's historic buildings. At the same time, the Federal Government was just launching the Historic Places Initiative and so it seemed to be a bit of a turning point for heritage in Calgary.

Two years prior to my arrival, the Calgary Heritage Authority was created through an amalgamation of the Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority and the Calgary Heritage Advisory Board. This reorganisation coincided with a reorganisation of the City Administration that resulted in a reduction of support from the City Clerk's office. Together with other changes in City staff and new appointments to the CHA, there has been a lot of change.

A key focus for the CHA since my tenure as GM began, has been to raise its profile through a more active role in promoting preservation. From commissioning a logo and new stationary, to directly lobbying Council, the CHA has been actively building public awareness and support for historic preservation as they advise Council.

The decision of Council to create a comprehensive heritage plan, and the inclusion of heritage preservation as a Council priority in the initial budgeting process, is a major step forward in Calgary. It is a key step in working together to see that more of our important historic resources are preserved for the future.

This Annual Report provides details of the activities of the Calgary Heritage Authority during 2004 and highlights some of the challenges coming up. I have been lucky to have been involved in a variety of exciting heritage projects and issues ever since my arrival and I look forward to more success in the coming year.

DARRYL CARIOU
GENERAL MANAGER



REPORT FROM THE CHAIR



Dr. Barbara Samuels served as Chair of the Authority for the majority of the 2004 year. At the reorganisation meeting in November 2004, after the annual appointments to the Authority had been made, Sheila Johnston was elected Chair. We appreciate Dr. Samuel's efforts as a member and Chair of the Authority.

Committees also reorganised to some extent and we welcomed Diane Abbott as the new chair of the Public Awareness committee. Other Committee Chairs returned to their previous positions were: Gerry Meek for Evaluation and Review, Sandy Grant for Finance and Legislation and Brent Driscoll for Property Management.

While these Committees continue their previous tasks, which they have described in their Reports, it must be noted that after a good deal of work on the part of many, both staff and committee members, the general attitude and atmosphere surrounding heritage building issues has become increasingly positive. I am pleased to note that both administrative staff and City Council itself are increasingly supportive of our concerns and recommendations. This has provided us with a renewed energy and sense of purpose around heritage issues as they arise.

We particularly appreciate the support of the members of City Council regarding financial issues, including increasing the annual amount for deferred maintenance on City-owned heritage buildings, the Heritage Incentive Program and most recently, the provision of fund to enable the preparation of a Historic Resource Management Plan.

The Authority is fortunate to have as their staff resource person the new Heritage Planner, Darryl Cariou, along with the stalwart Brenda Etherington. We appreciate their efforts under some difficult circumstances and are hopeful that additional staff will help manage their workloads.

In the short time I have been Chair of the CHA, I have appreciated the work that both staff and volunteer members are investing in this important on-going work. Their energy, enthusiasm and co-operation will serve to advance the cause of heritage preservation in Calgary in the years to come.

SHEILA JOHNSTON
CHAIR, CALGARY HERITAGE AUTHORITY



PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE



The Public Awareness Committee is responsible for raising awareness of the CHA and its activities in addition to raising the awareness, appreciation and knowledge of Calgary's historic resources to all Calgarians. These goals are achieved through a variety of events and publications including the Community Heritage Plaque Program, Citizens' Heritage Award Program, participation in the Calgary and District Heritage Fair, interpretative and community walking tour brochures, heritage information brochures and information about the CHA on the City of Calgary website.

A common theme for the Public Awareness Committee was the ever-increasing demand for preservation and protection of Calgary's built heritage and the lack of resources to meet this demand. With this, it became apparent that the CHA needed to engage in a planning process, which would help direct the Authority in fulfilling its mandate. To help provide direction the Public Awareness Committee drafted a mission statement that was approved by the CHA at the start of 2004.

The Public Awareness Committee saw the close of 2004 with a very positive and promising look ahead. On the verge of Alberta's Centennial, in December, City Council was set to approve budget increases which will help further development of a Historic Resource Management Plan and help support the activities of the Calgary Heritage Authority. We are all very pleased and excited to be involved with heritage preservation as Calgary takes its place among other great cities in Canada and the world.

DIANNE ABBOTT

CHAIR, PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE



PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE – 2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- In the Spring of 2004 members of the Public Awareness Committee developed a document entitled “Preserving our Past, Investing in our Future.” The purpose of this document was to increase awareness to City Council and the public, of the critical situation facing Calgary’s heritage buildings and the need for resources to address the situation.

- Concurrently, members of the Public Awareness Committee attended City planning sessions to support the development of a new Historic Resource Management Plan for the City of Calgary. In November of 2004 Committee members visited Aldermen with copies of “Preserving our Past, Investing in our Future” to advise Council of the need for budget increases for the CHA and development of a Heritage Management Plan.

- In recognition of Alberta’s Centennial, The Public Awareness Committee successfully negotiated the sponsorship of a new category, an Award for Heritage, in the 2005 Calgary Awards.

THE PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE

COMPLETED SEVERAL OBJECTIVES DURING 2004:

- Completion of preliminary contact list of local historic organizations and community associations
- Produced signage and promotional backdrop for events and public exhibits including the Calgary and District Heritage Fair
- Created a distinctive and effective visual identity for the Calgary Heritage Authority featuring the historic City Hall clock tower. This will be used for the logo, letterhead, name tags and business cards
- Provided commemorative scrolls for retiring CHA members

THE PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE

CONTINUES ITS WORK ON SEVERAL PROJECTS:

- Revised Stephen Avenue walking tour brochure for National Historic District presentation in the Spring of 2005
- Preliminary work on a Mount Royal district walking tour brochure
- Heritage Events Calendar
- Publication of a CHA newsletter
- Promotional posters and brochures
- Various awards and plaque presentations
- Establishing partnerships with other historic groups, organizations and media
- Education and promotion of the triple bottom line value of heritage buildings and their connection to a sustainable future within the Imagine Calgary mandate.



EVALUATION AND REVIEW COMMITTEE



The mandate of the Evaluation and Review Committee is to evaluate potential heritage sites and to maintain the “Inventory of Potential Heritage Sites” in Calgary. In certain circumstances, the Evaluation and Review Committee may be asked to review permit applications that affect designated and potential heritage buildings.

The “Inventory of Potential Heritage Sites” is a list of sites that have been evaluated by the Calgary Heritage Authority according to the Council-approved Heritage Evaluation Procedure, on the basis of their historical, architectural, and contextual significance. Preservation of these sites is considered to be to the greater benefit of Calgarians.

In 2004 the Evaluation and Review Committee evaluated the 12 buildings listed below which were added to the Inventory.

In addition, in 2004 the Evaluation and Review Committee commissioned a review of the current status of the Inventory. This process examined how the Inventory was initially created and subsequently amended, and where there may be gaps in the existing data. It also mapped the existing Inventory buildings to locate the geographic areas that may not be adequately inventoried. This exercise also suggested subsequent initiatives to strengthen the Inventory and align it more closely with the Provincial evaluation system. The results of this process will assist the Evaluation and Review Committee to continue to improve and complete Calgary’s Inventory of Potential Historic Sites.

The Committee will continue to expand the Inventory in 2005 and will begin to undertake some of the items identified in the review process.

GERRY MEEK

CHAIR, EVALUATION & REVIEW COMMITTEE

2004 Additions to the Inventory of Potential Historic Sites in Calgary

BUILDING	ADDRESS	DATE	CATEGORY
Chinese National League Building	110 3rd Ave. NE	1954	Category A
Jubilee Auditorium	141 14 Ave. NW	1955	Category A
King Edward Hotel (re-evaluation)	438 9th Ave. SE	1905	Category A
Bridgen Grocery Store (Kalamata Grocery)	1413 11 St. SW	1900	Category A
Southern Alberta Pioneers and Descendants	3625 4th St. SW	1955	Category A
Hunter Block (Riley Park Grocery)	1209 5th Ave. NW	1912	Category B
Grave Chitrick Block	1401 11th St. SW	1906	Category B
JWC Block	1407 11 St. SW	1912	Category B
Nevler Block (Yorkshire Block)	920 17th Ave. SE	1915	Category C
Bridgen Shops	1413 11th St. SW	1910	Category C
Brigden Block	1413 11th St. SW	1912	Category C
Black & White Meat and Groceries	1702 8th St. SE	1948	Category C



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



The Property Management Committee achieved a number of significant objectives during 2004. First and foremost was securing \$100,000 in initial funding to implement the deferred maintenance plan which came out of the May 2001 (Heritage Properties Site Inspection Report). This allocation begins to address the over \$1,000,000 in deferred maintenance that was identified in that Report. The current year funding was partly utilized for needed repairs to Edworthy House (5050 Spruce Drive SW). A significant portion was used in a lead abatement program at Grand Trunk School (2422 – 5th Avenue NW) when 3 of 4 exterior walls were found to have lead paint. The balance has been earmarked for roofing and gutters at Haultain School (225 – 13th Avenue SW), a joint project with the tenant, The Calgary Parks Foundation.

The Committee has also worked closely with the Calgary Heritage Authority's resource staff in developing a comprehensive list of city-owned heritage properties. To date over 50 properties have been identified and we are continuing to work to determine the designation status, departmental responsibility and current use and zoning for each property. Our ultimate objective is to be able to provide a heritage perspective and input to all city-owned heritage properties, not just those managed by Corporate Properties.

The Committee developed, for the first time, a detailed action plan outlining and prioritizing the goals and objectives of the Committee and the CHA. Priority items include increasing the City's annual budget for deferred heritage maintenance and working with the City's Heritage Planner to assist in the development of a Municipal Historic Resource Management Plan. Ongoing items also include working with Corporate Properties in prioritizing the annual maintenance expenditures, reviewing new tenant leases for needed heritage components and to continue to investigate the possibility of ensuring all city owned heritage properties are at least Municipally Designated.

Overall, the Committee has had a very successful year and is looking forward to building on that success in the future.

R. BRENTON DRISCOLL
CHAIR, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



BIOGRAPHIES OF BOARD MEMBERS



The following biographies of Board Members respects their positions with the CHA and recognizes the valuable contributions they have made to the community over the years.

DIANNE ABBOTT

was born and raised in Calgary. She attended St. Mary's Girls High School and graduated from the University of Calgary with a degree in Education. While Dianne's major area of study was world history; she began to realize, after some travels in Europe, that local history too was very fascinating. After several years of involvement with local heritage groups and advocating the protection of built heritage, she became a member of the Heritage Authority and is currently chair of the Public Awareness Committee. Dianne is very interested in promoting sustainable urban living and believes heritage buildings embody cultural, environmental and economic sustainability.

DONNA BLOOMFIELD

has lived in Calgary most of her life. She attended the University of Calgary and received a B.A honours, B.ED, and M.A. It was during her classroom years that she gained a true interest in Calgary's history. Donna had a history class that asked her to present the history of Stephen Avenue; after that presentation she was hooked. Using this passion Donna taught an Alberta history course at Mount Royal College using historic walking tours as a tool to educate her students on Calgary's neighbourhoods. Donna's extensive knowledge of Calgary's history has helped keep heritage alive, after all who else could say they wrote about Calgary in the World Book Encyclopaedia?

BRENT DRISCOLL,

a third generation Calgarian, has a Bachelor of Administration from Athabasca University and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta. A former partner with one of Canada's large CA firms, Brent now operates his own local public accounting practice. His objective in joining the Calgary Heritage Authority was to help preserve the limited heritage that Calgary has for future generations to view and enjoy. Brent serves as Vice-Chair of the Authority and Chair of the Property Management Committee.



BIOGRAPHIES OF BOARD MEMBERS CONT'



D. ALEXANDER (SANDY) GRANT, C.A

is a retired senior partner of an International firm of Chartered Accountants. Sandy's interest in Calgary's heritage was to some extent serendipity. He served for eight years as Vice-Chairman of the Calgary Police Commissioner where he was regarded as a controller of the police budget. For that reason he was asked to sit on the Board of the General Hospital-but the Province instead blew it up. So, instead, City Council appointed Sandy to the Heritage Advisory Board. Over the years Sandy has developed a keen interest in Calgary's history and heritage buildings and has served as Chairman of the CHA's Public Awareness Committee and is Chairman of the Finance and Legislation Committee.

SHEILA MOORE JOHNSTON

is a graduate of both the University of Alberta (B.A.) and the University of Calgary (M.A. in Western Canadian History). Her volunteer posts have included President of the Historical Society of Alberta, the Fort Calgary Preservation Society, the Alberta Family Histories society and various local, provincial, and national positions for her faith community. Sheila was also a docent at the Glenbow Museum for five years and a staff member in their Education Department for eight years.

MADELEINE KING

has a long history of community service dating back well before her involvement in municipal government. She have been involved with community associations, school boards, and local service organisations. She is a Rotarian, has been the President of the Rideau-Roxboro Community Association, as well as the Chair of both the Rideau Park School Parents' Council and Queen Elizabeth Junior/Senior High School Council. Madeleine also helped create and was co-chair of Youth for the Future, a program that promotes cross-cultural dialogue between aboriginal and non-aboriginal children in southern Alberta. Madeleine was a Government of Canada appointee to the Board of Directors of the Calgary Airport Authority, chairing the body's Governance and Compensation Committee. Madeleine was also a board member of UNICEF Canada and Chair of UNICEF Alberta 2000-2003

KEN LAPOINTE'S

grassroots approach, looking at inner city issues, began in the early 1990's. During these early years Ken helped create and initiate an ARP for one of Calgary's oldest communities, Mission. Ken also was President of the Society for the Preservation and Restoration of St. Mary's School between 1998-2002. His contribution in this role helped bring national attention to the site and the project received an advocacy award in 2003. Ken has also served as board member for Vertigo Theatre.



BIOGRAPHIES OF BOARD MEMBERS CONT'



GERRY MEEK

was formerly a member of the local architectural committee for the city of Kitchener, Ontario. Gerry is beginning his second term as a member of the Heritage Authority. He is the current chairman of the Evaluation and Review Committee. Gerry is also the director of the Calgary Public Library.

MURRAY NUNNS

has been a Calgary resident since 1979 and is a senior executive manager in the Oil and Gas Industry. Murray was on of the founding members of Calgary's Arts and Crafts collectors group; this style was one of the key design movements during Calgary's formative years of development. The Nunns Family have owned and restored two residences, which are on Calgary's Historic Building Inventory. When time permits Murray can be found on a beach or playing a round of golf.

ROBERT WALKER

became acquainted with many of Calgary's historical resources during his time working within Calgary's fire department. Robert's extensive work on many different boards demonstrates his unbound passion for civic pride. He has been awarded the medal for Exemplary Service, Hospitaller Order St. John's of Jerusalem, and the Ambassador Medal (City of Edmonton). Robert can quite truthfully boast about his roots in Calgary, for his family arrived in the area in 1883, prior to the arrival of the CPR.

KATHY E. ZIMON'S

interest in heritage comes primarily via her academic background in art and architecture. As Fine Arts Librarian (1969-1997) and Curator, Canadian Architectural Archives (1985-1997) at the University of Calgary Library. Kathy has always been interested in architecture and the built environment. Kathy suggests that because there are few older building in Calgary it is important to preserve what we have, to ensure that the built fabric of the city will reflect our whole history, not just the latest trends in development. The CHA, and its Evaluation and Review Committee have provided Kathy with a wonderful opportunity to learn about Calgary's heritage buildings, and to help preserve their legacy for our children.



2004 HIGHLIGHTS



CENTRAL MEMORIAL PARK

1899

Central Memorial Park is Calgary's oldest surviving park. It was established in 1899 and by 1912 was one of the social and recreational hubs of a booming Calgary. The formal Edwardian design included geometric pathways, carpet beds of flowers, an elaborate bandstand, and eventually included a number of military memorials including the Cenotaph and Eternal Flame. It is also the location of Alberta's oldest public library and was where Calgarians went to see and be seen while promenading along the pathways or listening to the music from the bandstand.

Originally known as Central Park, the Federal Government reserved the site for parkland in 1899 after using it as a tree nursery for 5 years. In 1902, the Library was built with funding assistance from the American industrialist Andrew Carnegie. It is Calgary's oldest cultural centre and the first and longest continually operating library in Alberta. More than mere book repositories, libraries of the period were designed also to teach and civilize. The Calgary facility included lecture halls and the headquarters of educational associations and clubs.



In 2004, the Calgary Heritage Authority helped fund a study examining ways to revitalize and bring new programming and uses to this historic park.

2004 HIGHLIGHTS



THE LOUGHEED BUILDING

1912

The Lougheed Building was constructed in 1911 to 1912 at the height of Calgary's first economic and real estate boom as a multi-purpose commercial building, accommodating retail stores, offices, living quarters and the Sherman Grand Theatre.

For decades the Lougheed Building enjoyed a reputation as one of the city's most prestigious business, social and cultural addresses. Over the course of the twentieth century the Lougheed housed economic giants like the Alberta Wheat Pool, the United Grain Growers, the Bank of Nova Scotia, and Home Oil. Two Alberta political parties, which later formed provincial governments, had their headquarters in the Lougheed Building.

In 2004 this building was seriously threatened with demolition. The support of the CHA was instrumental in securing over \$3 million of City assistance for this project. Over \$2 million of that will be provided through tax rebates at no cost to the City.

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ROULEAU HOUSE

1885

Built around 1885, in the Mission neighbourhood once known as Rouleauville, this modest home was once the home of Dr. Rouleau, for whom the town was named until annexed by the City of Calgary in 1907. In 1908, the house was relocated a few doors down from its original location to allow Dr. Rouleau to build a larger home on the original site. Today, the adjacent Rouleauville Square Park is named in his honour.

The support of the CHA in working with the owner, the Friends of the Rouleau House, City Council, the Alberta Ballet and the Calgary Civic Trust was vital in preserving this house by moving it across the street to city-owned site of the historic St. Mary's Parish Hall.



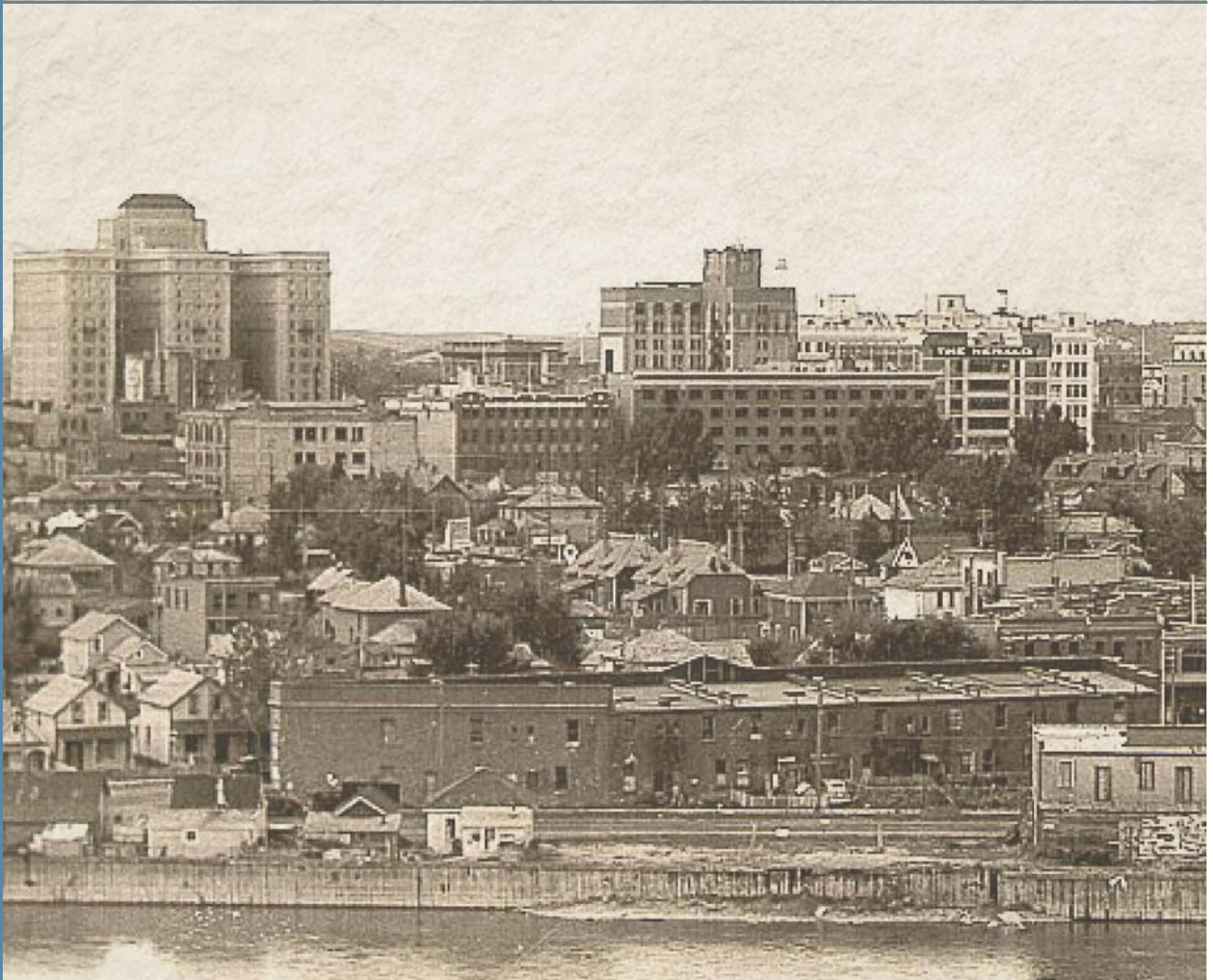
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