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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

It was my privilege to occupy the Chair of the Calgary Heritage Authority (CHA) in 2007. During my three years as Chair, the CHA faced many challenges as it sought to fulfill its mandate, including the role of advisory body to City Council on heritage matters.



The advent of the preparation by the Heritage Planning staff of the Calgary Heritage Strategy has given us the opportunity to revisit our responsibilities and to review, through a strategic planning process, all aspects of our work and mandate. Gerry Meek and I have been privileged to represent the CHA on the Strategic Planning Committee working with The City's consultants through this process. I look forward to a helpful and positive outcome later in 2008.

There are many highlights within CHA's activities during this past year, most of which you will be able to read about in the reports from the committee chairs. It is very encouraging to note that concern for, and interest in, heritage matters has greatly increased over the past few years in Calgary. CHA is one of a number of groups and organizations which, along with City staff, have worked hard to help this happen. Co-operation with other groups in the heritage sector is an important aspect of CHA's efforts. I would especially commend the "Community Heritage Roundtable" initiative begun by the Parkdale Community Association, which has gained the support of many communities and heritage related groups within Calgary.

As a volunteer board, the CHA works hard to represent and support heritage within the community as it goes about its work. Each member is a member of at least one committee. While some

committee efforts are more visible than others, all four committees have worked hard throughout the year to fulfill their mandates and enhance the role of heritage in the city. Many volunteer hours have been contributed to this work. I wish to thank the Chairs of our Committees, Brent Driscoll, Sandy Grant, Gerry Meek and Deb Smith, for the many extra hours they have spent to ensure that the committee work runs smoothly. Thanks also to Dianne Abbott, who chaired the Public Awareness committee until August of this year.

On behalf of all CHA members, I would like to thank two members whose terms ended in 2007: Madeleine King and Robert Walker. Madeleine served CHA as a community member, while also serving as a member of City Council, and brought with her much expertise and support, not only for CHA, but for heritage in general. Robert was a long time member of the CHA and a past chair of its predecessor, the Heritage Advisory Board. We will miss his cheerful presence. Our deep appreciation goes to these two volunteers who gave of their time and energy.

I appreciated the opportunity to attend the Heritage Canada Foundation Conference in Edmonton in October along with other CHA members.

As CHA Chair, I have tried to attend meetings of all the committees, to support the work being done. Since one of our major tasks is that of evaluating heritage resources for placement on our inventory, I hope that the new evaluation system will be in place as soon as possible. This process has taken a great deal of time and

attention on the part of staff, consultant and committee members. I am continuing my work with the CHA through the Evaluation and Review Committee, as we bring forward the new evaluation system.

On behalf of CHA, may I express our appreciation for the energy, work and commitment of the staff in The City of Calgary Heritage Planning Section: Darryl Cariou, David Plouffe, Brenda Etherington and Clint Robertson, and to Michelle Reid in the Parks Department. They are all making a major contribution to the preservation of heritage in Calgary.

Once again, as I did in 2006, I would like to reiterate that an important contribution to heritage would be the ability 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.

I am grateful to Gerry Meek, who accepted election to the Chair of CHA in November. He will be a strong leader and voice for the CHA in all areas and supported by the membership of the CHA.

Thanks again to all members of the CHA for their commitment to the preservation and enhancement of all aspects of heritage in our city.

Sheila Johnston, M.A.

Chair, Calgary Heritage Authority



Greetings from The City

After being tabled at committee on December 12, 2007, the Calgary Heritage Strategy was unanimously approved by Council on February 4, 2008. Creation of the Strategy represents one of the major projects and achievements for The City heritage team and stakeholders in 2007.



It promotes the key principles of alignment and integration to support historic preservation across all City business units and in the community. The Strategy relates to the three-step preservation process – identify, protect, manage – and identifies specific actions to support those steps. The support and input of the CHA was important in having the Strategy come to fruition. The continued support of City Council, CHA and other heritage stakeholders will ensure those actions are implemented.

In 2007, Michelle Reid became the landscape conservation architect for the Parks Department. Michelle is a registered Landscape Architect and holds a masters degree in environmental design. Michelle looks after Reader Rock Garden and is leading the restoration of Central Memorial Park, Calgary's oldest and most significant designated, historic park.

On a more modest scale, Planning, Parks and Corporate Properties worked together to secure the protection and preservation of one of Calgary's only known original community gardens. The Bridgeland Community Garden, located at 46 7th St. N.E. has been in continuous use since the 1920s. The Vacant

Lots Club was a community gardening and city beautification program started by William Reader, the influential parks superintendent, and Annie Gayle, the first woman elected to municipal government in the British Commonwealth in 1918. Bridgeland Community Garden will be preserved and interpreted as a legacy of these two important Calgarians.

At the end of 2007, 15 sites in Calgary were designated and protected as Municipal Historic Resources. Clint Robertson joined us in July on a contract basis to assist in increasing that number. In the past year, City Council protected a number of City-owned historic resources. Firehall No 1 was designated a Municipal Historic Resource and designation of the Simmons Factory Warehouse, St. Louis Hotel, the Hillier Block and the King Edward Hotel in the East Village are in process. By the end of 2008, with Clint's help, we hope to have twice as many sites protected and even more sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2007, Calgary's increased profile on the national stage included heritage. The Heritage Canada Foundation Conference took place in Edmonton, and Calgary was well represented. Thanks to the Calgary Heritage Authority, the Calgary Heritage Initiative, the Mission-Cliff Bungalow Community Association and the Federation of Calgary Communities. Particular

thanks to David Plouffe for his support to Heritage Canada Foundation and his support to the Mayor's Urban Design Awards. This year Reader Rock Garden won the inaugural Mawson Award for the Mayor's Urban Design Awards.

Approval of the Calgary Heritage Strategy was a significant milestone. There are real opportunities to build on, and we are working with other City departments, community groups, organizations and individuals to implement many aspects of the Strategy. The support and work of the Calgary Heritage Authority is a key to the Strategy's success. I would like to thank Brenda Etherington, heritage planner, for her invaluable assistance with this project. This report illustrates the important contributions of the CHA to historic preservation in Calgary.

Darryl Cariou

Senior Heritage Planner, City of Calgary



Community Heritage Plaque Program

The Calgary Heritage Authority, in conjunction with Calgary's community associations and the Chinook Country Historical Society, awards interpretive plaques biennially to sites considered to be of historic significance to their respective communities. Plaques are presented to the property owners and community association representatives during a ceremony with City Council. The plaques interpret the history of each site and its importance to the development of Calgary.

On February 26, the Mayor and Council, in Council Chambers, presented this year's awards to the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, the Western Block, Fairey Terrace and St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Prior to the formal presentation at Council, recipients, alderman, special guests and CHA members attended a reception at City Hall where they were given a commemorative Community Heritage Plaque booklet. The booklet highlighted the recipients, their properties and past recipients.

Cathedral Church of the Redeemer

Left to right: Reverend Leighton Lee, Mayor Bronconnier, Sheila Johnston, Caralyn MacDonald.



Western Block

Left to right: Larry Ryder, Sheila Johnston, Mayor Bronconnier.



Fairey Terrace

Left to right: Mike Giammarco, Mayor Bronconnier, Sheila Johnston, David Low.



St. Mary's Parish Hall (CNR Station)

Left to right: Michele Stanners, Mayor Bronconnier, Darryl Cariou, Sheila Johnston.





Public Awareness Committee Report

The goal of the Public Awareness Committee is to inform, assist and celebrate Calgarians as they gain knowledge and appreciation of our city's heritage. Through networking on the community, city, provincial and federal level the Committee seeks to promote the activities of the Calgary Heritage Authority as a resource and partner in heritage best practices.

Donna Bloomfield, Public Awareness member, was selected as a juror for the Calgary Awards. Along with social capital support, the CHA provides financial support to the Heritage Category of the Calgary Awards.

The Public Awareness Committee continues to support the imagineCALGARY project through our pledge to encourage preservation of built heritage versus demolition; to promote adherence to Canadian Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places and to support creative re-use of architectural elements and artifacts from historic resources. We wish to thank our outgoing Chair, Dianne Abbott, for championing this and many other projects that she worked on during her term in office.

The year 2007 found our Committee members actively engaging with the public. A highlight was Ken LaPointe serving as Master of Ceremonies at the Heritage Case Studies, Community Heritage Roundtable. This Roundtable featured presentations on the Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Association's walking tour booklet, the Cliff-Bungalow Mission Community



Association heritage plaque project for historic resources, the Bowness Historical Society publication, "Bowness: Our Village in the Valley" and the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, which recently celebrated its 100th anniversary and produced a book.

At the Calgary Public Library, Sheila Johnston, CHA chair, partnered with Bob van Wegen of the Calgary Heritage Initiative, to emphasize the role of these organizations in Calgary. A Lion statuette, from the Lion Awards, was on display to promote the 2008 Lion Awards, which celebrate the achievements in heritage conservation.

Three Committee members represented the CHA at the Heritage Canada Foundation conference in Edmonton. The theme of the conference was Big Plans for Old Places: Heritage and Development in Canadian Communities. The input from municipal representatives, community groups and developers as they discussed the challenges and successes of built heritage restoration was of particular interest. The message that all things are possible with sufficient civic engagement from all parties is certainly relevant to our Committee as Calgary undergoes a time of rapid change. With that in mind, the Committee is working on the 2008 Lion Awards and looking forward to engaging with Calgarians on heritage issues throughout the coming year.

Debra M. Smith
Chair, Public Awareness Committee

The Calgary Awards 2006



Left to right: Sue Higgins, Mike Robinson, Mayor Dave Bronconnier.

Mr. Mike Robinson receives his 2006 Calgary Award for Heritage from Mayor Dave Bronconnier and Sue Higgins.

Mr. Robinson is recognized for his work with Calgary's cultural sector, CEO of Glenbow Museum and co-chair of imagineCALGARY.

The Calgary Award for Heritage is sponsored by the CHA.



Evaluation & Review Committee Report

The key responsibility of the committee is the continuing development and maintenance of The City of Calgary inventory of heritage sites. This inventory contains a list of sites that have been formally evaluate ure. While still in process of completion, the inventory does provide a listing of many of the most significant heritage buildings in the community.



During 2007, the Evaluation & Review Committee evaluated the buildings on the attached page, all of which have now been added to the inventory. It also received demolition notices for buildings included in the inventory listed on the following page.

Over the past year, the major focus of the committee has been on adding to the base inventory of heritage buildings in the community and completing the necessary background planning for the introduction of a new heritage evaluation system. Both the inventory and the evaluation system that support it are key foundation documents that enable much of the work of the Authority. In the course of the past year, extensive testing of the new evaluation system has been completed. Many refinements and enhancements have been introduced, and it is now in its final stages of completion.

Looking ahead to 2008, the Evaluation & Review Committee will continue to work diligently toward increasing the holdings on its inventory and will present the final version of its proposed new evaluation criteria before Council for review and approval.

Gerry Meek

Chair, Evaluation & Review Committee

2007 Changes to Calgary's Inventory of Potential Heritage Sites

Month	Additions/Changes	Demolitions
January	none	none
February	Rideau Towers 3204 Rideau Pl. S.W. Date of construction: 1955, Category A	none
March	Calgary Electric Substation No. 1 738 9 Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1912, Category A Delamere Block 125 7 Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1912, Category A Calgary Electric Light Co./Hinds Meat Store 121 7 Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1922, Category C Self Serving Grocery 119 7 Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1921, Category C Calgary Plumbing & Heating Co./ Tyndale Memorial Bible House 117 7 Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1926, Category A	none
April	Dinny the Dinosaur 1300 Zoo Rd. N.E. Date of construction: 1935, Category A	none



Month	Additions/Changes	Demolitions
May	<p>Army & Navy Store 109 7 Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1928, Category C</p> <p>J.H. Ashdown Hardware Warehouse 111 7 Ave. S.W., Date of construction: 1952, Category C</p> <p>T.R. Stuart & Co. 115 7 Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1908, Category C</p> <p>Rochons 123 7 Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1912, Category B</p> <p>Battalion Numbers 3020 Signal Hill Dr. S.W. Date of construction: 1915, Category A</p>	none
June	none	none
July	none	none
August	none	<p>Penny Lane 513 8 Ave .S.W. Date of construction: 1906, Category B</p>
September	none	<p>Former Grocery Store 226 17 Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1907, Category C</p>
October	<p>Bridgeland Riverside Community Gardens 46 7 St. N.E. Date of construction: 1930, Category A</p>	none
November	none	none
December	<p>Sherwin Williams Co. Warehouse 738 11 Ave. S.W. Date of construction: 1913, changed from Category A to B</p>	none

Property Management Committee Report



The role of the Property Management Committee is to review and make recommendations to ensure that all City-owned heritage properties are recognized, protected, restored and maintained in a manner that protects their heritage status. There are currently over fifty City-owned historic resources on the Inventory of Potential Heritage Sites. The responsibility for these properties is spread among a variety of City Departments and Business Units.

The Committee continues to work closely with Corporate Properties and Buildings. In 2007, a variety of factors led to an inability to undertake a number of planned remedial projects. In particular, the overheated local economy resulted in no bidders for the major project planned: the replication of the original porch for the "Old Y" building (233 – 12th Ave. S.W., built in 1910). It is hoped that the situation will improve in 2008, so that planned projects can proceed.

In 2007, The City did make some strong advances in recognizing and preserving their owned heritage buildings. The Fire Hall #1 (140 – 6th Ave. S.E.,

built in 1920) was designated as a Municipal Heritage Resource. The remaining inventoried buildings within the East Village have had the municipal designation process started and the direct control over these buildings is being transferred to the Calgary Municipal Development Corporation (CMLC). The four properties are: King Edward (438 – 9th Ave. S.E., built in 1905) and St. Louis Hotels (430 – 8th Ave. S.E., built in 1913), the Hillier Block (429 – 8th Ave. S.E., built in 1910) and the Simmons Factory Warehouse building (540 – 5th Ave. S.E., built 1912). Significant work has already been undertaken by the CMLC in restoring the Simmons building for its own use.

The Committee looks forward to 2008 and the coming years. Delayed projects and additional projects using the remaining capital and other available funding are under review. It is hoped a number will be started in the coming year. The Calgary Heritage Strategy outlines certain Principals for the Management of City-Owned Properties, which champions quality standards and setting a good example for the community. The Strategy outlines the development of a city-wide consistent historic strategy to provide our heritage resources with the protection and recognition they so justly deserve.

R. Brenton Driscoll

Chair, Property Management Committee

Finance & Legislation Committee Report

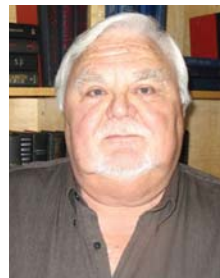
The Finance & Legislation Committee (FLC) annually confers with the CHA and its various committees to co-ordinate a formal budget request. The 2007 request made for the 2008 calendar year called for a substantial increase over the prior year's funding in order to properly carry out the CHA's responsibilities. While 2008 is outside The City's three-year budget cycle, it was hoped an intra-department re-allocation could be made. Unfortunately, the CHA was advised that no budget change would occur until the currently in-progress strategic review of the CHA is completed. This will limit the planned undertakings of the CHA in the coming year.

In 2008, the FLC will be working on developing a three-year request for The City's next budget cycle. While ideally the strategic review would be completed in time to support the 2009–2011 budget requests, it is unlikely to be available by the due date and this may impair the CHA's application for an increased funding allocation.

In 2007, The City of Calgary agreed to the transfer of density rights of a historic resource. Council approved a request to direct the proceeds to form the Calgary Heritage Authority Legacy Endowment Fund, which will be administered by the CHA. The intent of the fund, as agreed to by Council, is to use the annual investment income from the fund to support heritage preservation in Calgary at the CHA's discretion. The FLC worked with administration to prepare a preliminary set of policies and procedures to operate the Endowment Fund, but as the funds were not in place by year-end, the final terms will be completed in 2008.

D. Alexander Grant

Chair, Finance & Legislation Committee



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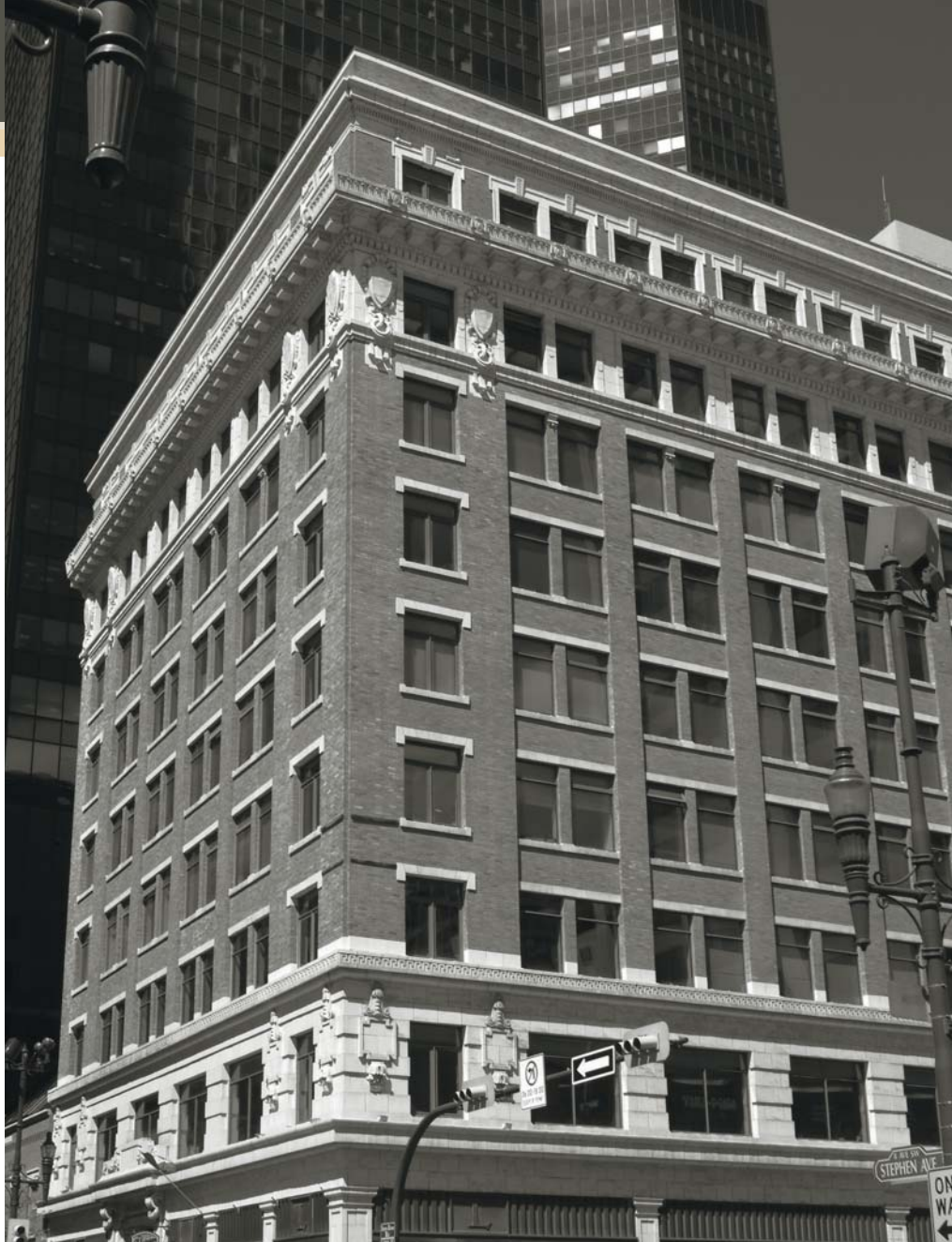
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