

Multiple Municipal Historic Resource Designations – Fall 2020

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development recommend that Council give three readings to each of the following proposed bylaws, to designate as a Municipal Historic Resource:

- a) the Grant (Jones) Residence (Attachment 2);
- b) the Madden Residence (Attachment 3); and
- c) St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church (Attachment 4)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Protecting Calgary's historic resources is an identified objective of The City, and is expressed in the Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Heritage Strategy. The described properties are listed on Calgary's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources, making them eligible for designation as a Municipal Historic Resource. The owners of all recommended properties have formally requested designation, and waived all rights to special compensation beyond heritage incentive programs.
- What does this mean to Calgarians?
 - Designation as Municipal Historic Resources would legally protect these properties from demolition or unapproved alteration to heritage elements on an ongoing basis. This ensures the preservation of these sites for all Calgarians, present and future.
- Why does this matter?
 - Heritage resources provide triple-bottom-line benefits for municipalities including aesthetic, cultural and educational value, avoided environmental impact through the reuse of structures, and increased tourism, economic resiliency, and job growth in the skilled trades.
 - Designation makes private property owners eligible for financial assistance in matching grant funding from The City of Calgary. This promotes the rehabilitation of heritage sites and supports the local economy through reinvestment and job creation.
- At the 2018 November 30 Regular Meeting of Council, through C2018-1158, Council adopted the One Calgary 2019-2022 Service Plans and Budgets. The City Planning and Policy Service actions proposed to "continue to legally protect heritage assets and directly support landowners".
- Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities: A city of safe and inspiring neighbourhoods. Additional strategic alignments include:
 - Council Priority N3 supports the conservation of Calgary's Historic Resources by "Cherishing and protecting our heritage"
- Background and Previous Council Direction is included as Attachment 1.

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DISCUSSION

The following sites are proposed for Municipal Historic Resource designation. They have been previously recognized by Heritage Calgary as *Evaluated Historic Resources* using the Council-approved *Historic Resource Evaluation System*, which assesses sites against nine value areas. Once evaluated, the Calgary Heritage Strategy (LPT2007-64) states that these “significant historic resources” “can and should be protected through Designation Bylaws”.

The Grant (Jones) Residence

- Built in 1913
- 740 – 35 ST NW [Parkdale]
- Recognized for its Style and Symbolic values as an example of a home built in the city’s early development years (1906-13), retaining elements of the Craftsman Style in both its form and layout. Stylistic elements include the dominant full width covered front porch, with a dramatic sweeping curved roof.

The Madden Residence

- Built in 1911
- 640 – Crescent RD NW [Rosedale]
- Recognized for its Symbolic, and Style value as an example of a Bungalow Style home built in Rosedale before the First World War, and one of the earliest homes built in Rosedale. Distinguished by Craftsman influences including shed dormers on all four sides of an irregular high hip roof, and an enclosed wrap-around verandah.

St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church

- Built in 1904
- 14608 Macleod TR SE [Midnapore]
- Recognized for its Symbolic, Institution, and Style values as a rare early institutional building in the town centre of the former hamlet of Midnapore. It is the oldest surviving Catholic church in Calgary and an example of the Carpenter Gothic variation of the Gothic Revival Style.

Detailed information on all properties can be found in Attachments 2 to 4, the proposed designation bylaws.

Each proposed bylaw provides conditions for treatment of that property. ‘Schedule A’ visually clarifies the site location; ‘Schedule B’ includes the Statement of Significance from the property’s heritage evaluation, and outlines specific ‘Regulated Portions’ that cannot be removed, altered, or destroyed without approval from the City of Calgary; ‘Schedule C’ compiles a reference list of key standards from the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*, a national best-practice manual.

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION (EXTERNAL)

- ☐ Public Engagement was undertaken
- ☒ Public Communication or Engagement was not required
- ☒ Public/Stakeholders were informed
- ☒ Stakeholder dialogue/relations were undertaken

Significant public communication or engagement was not required for the recommendations. The proposed designation bylaws impact specific privately-owned property, and all property owners have expressly agreed to designation as a Municipal Historic Resource.

The owner of each property intended for designation was circulated their proposed bylaw and provided agreement in-writing to it being presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development, and City Council. Per the Alberta Historical Resources Act, a 'Notice of Intention' to designate each property was issued to the property owners in accordance with the 60-day notice requirement of the Act.

Heritage Calgary, a civic partner, has expressed support of these proposed designations as outlined in Attachment 5 to this report.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

Protection of Calgary's heritage resources through designation is recognized as an essential part of conserving our history, culture and identity. A 2020 Citizen Perspective Survey Report indicates a majority of Calgarians agree that conservation of Calgary's historic buildings and sites is important to them personally (83%), is important to Calgary's culture (94%) and more should be done to conserve them for future generations to enjoy (86%).

Environmental

Conservation of heritage resources contributes positively to the reduction of carbon emissions through 'avoided impact' and diverted landfill waste. Historic buildings have 'inherent sustainability' through their long life-cycle, repairability and traditional building design. Demolition of buildings in Canada has been shown to generate approximately 25% of all landfill waste, offering a significant opportunity to reduce unnecessary landfill usage and material loss.

Economic

The triple-bottom-line benefits of historic resource conservation for communities and municipalities have been documented internationally and form the basis for the Calgary Heritage Strategy (2008). The conservation of heritage resources through designation has identified economic benefits including skilled job growth and retention, increased tourism, strengthening Calgary's competitive advantage in the labour marketplace, and provision of affordable commercial/industrial space to innovative/startup economies.

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Service and Financial Implications

No anticipated financial impact

The Municipal Development Plan, Calgary Heritage Strategy (2008), Culture Plan for Calgary, One Calgary 2019-2022 Service Plan, Council Priority N3 'A City of Safe and Inspiring Neighbourhoods' directing the 'Cherishing and protecting our heritage', and a variety of area-specific plans support the conservation of Calgary's Historic Resources.

RISK

No risks have been identified in designating the proposed sites as Municipal Historic Resources. All property owners are in agreement with the proposed designations, which do not prescribe activities in the buildings or on the properties, allow each owner to retain all rights to the individual enjoyment of their property, and do not prevent a property from being sold.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Previous Council Direction, Background
2. Proposed Wording for a Bylaw to Designate the Grant (Jones) Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource
3. Proposed Wording for a Bylaw to Designate the Madden Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource
4. Proposed Wording for a Bylaw to Designate St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church as a Municipal Historic Resource
5. Heritage Calgary Letter of Support

Department Circulation

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