



Thursday, January 14, 2021

SPC on Planning & Urban Development

City of Calgary

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Calgary AB, T2P 2M5

Re: Designation of George A Turner Residence

Dear Members of Planning & Urban Development:



Heritage Calgary, in accordance with its role to advise Council and Administration on heritage matters in the City of Calgary, would like to take this opportunity to support the designation of the George A Turner Residence, located in the community of Elbow Park, as a Municipal Historic Resource.

The George A Turner Residence is listed on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources as a Community Historic Resource. Built in 1912, the Residence

represents the early development of Elbow Park—one of Calgary's earliest planned suburbs—and exemplifies the housing constructed by speculative builders in the community to serve the Calgary's burgeoning middle class during the city's pre-World War I population boom. It is representative of the substantial homes built in the neighbourhood for upper-middle-class residents and continues to contribute to a streetscape of similar-sized houses in compatible styles, many dating from the same historical era.

The Turner Residence is a good example of a Craftsman house, a style popularized by commercial pattern books of the time and common in Elbow Park. Typical features of the style seen here include its horizontal emphasis, sheltering gable roof, use of varied natural materials (in this house: brick, stucco, timber), large veranda for indoor-outdoor living, and exposed structural elements (open eaves, exposed rafters)—all meant to create a cozy, picturesque look in harmony with nature.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this matter. Should you or your staff require more information, please contact me at awalker@heritagecalgary.ca.

Sincerely,

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Re: Designation of Johnston Residence

Dear Members of Planning & Urban Development:



Heritage Calgary, in accordance with its role to advise Council and Administration on heritage matters in the City of Calgary, would like to take this opportunity to support the designation of the Johnston Residence, located in the community of Sunalta, as a Municipal Historic Resource.

The Johnston Residence is listed on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources as a Community Historic Resource. As a mid-

scale home constructed in 1912 in the Sunalta subdivision shortly after it was established, the Johnston Residence is symbolic of this early middle-class neighbourhood. Sunalta was one of three CPR subdivisions in Calgary designed by landscape architect John Olmsted, who from 1898 headed the firm established by his father Frederick Law Olmsted.

The Johnston Residence is valued as a substantial and very well-preserved side-gabled variation of a Craftsman-style home in Sunalta. Elements of the home's Craftsman stylistic detailing are its one and one-half-storey form with side-gable roof that deeply overhangs a full-width front verandah with tapered columns and twinned tapered posts. Decorative wooden elements like centred gable dormers, exposed rafter tails, corner brackets, verge boards and stickwork in the gables show the home's craftsmanship, and draw the eye to the roofline. English Arts & Crafts influences are reflected in the steep roof pitch and use of materials with contrasting textures such as the smooth bevelled-wood siding on the lower level and the wooden shingles on the verandah and upper level.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this matter. Should you or your staff require more information, please contact me at awalker@heritagecalgary.ca.

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Re: Designation of Upshall (Corson) Residence

Dear Members of Planning & Urban Development:



Heritage Calgary, in accordance with its role to advise Council and Administration on heritage matters in the City of Calgary, would like to take this opportunity to support the designation of the Upshall (Corson) Residence, located in the community of Mount Pleasant, as a Municipal Historic Resource.

The Upshall (Corson) Residence is listed on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources as a Community Historic

Resource. This Residence, built c. 1911, represents the earliest phase of development of the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood, one of Calgary's early communities. With most of the original houses in this community subsequently redeveloped, the Upshall (Corson) Residence survives as one of the oldest properties in the area.

The Upshall (Corson) Residence is the only Queen Anne Revival-style dwelling in the community with other early remaining houses being more modest bungalows and Foursquare-style homes. Characteristic of Queen Anne Revival-style homes, it features a hipped roof with flared eaves, central flat deck and lower cross gables, bay window, inset veranda, and a combination of cladding materials including wood shingles - patterned in the gables - and lapped siding.

This property was constructed and first owned by carpenter Benjamin Upshall, but John and Mary Corson owned and occupied the house the longest: together from 1933 until John's death (c.1955), then by Mary until 1976. In the winter, the empty lot west of this house was used as a community skating rink, and the Upshall (Corson) Residence basement served as a 'club house' for neighbourhood children, who entered through the side door.

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Re: Designation of Walter Hargrave Residence

Dear Members of Planning & Urban Development:



Heritage Calgary, in accordance with its role to advise Council and Administration on heritage matters in the City of Calgary, would like to take this opportunity to support the designation of the Walter Hargrave Residence, located in the community of Hounsfield Heights / Briar Hill, as a Municipal Historic Resource.

The Walter Hargrave Residence is listed on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources as a City-Wide Historic Resource. The Walter Hargrave Residence, built in

1913, is one of the earliest buildings in Hounsfield Heights. Hounsfield Heights did not thrive until the 1950s, driven by the city's resource boom, government housing support for returning WWII servicemen, and the access provided by the 14 Street Mewata Bridge that opened in 1954. This house was the only one on its block until 1952 when 3 were added, heralding a new wave of building in the neighbourhood, accompanied by road improvements and sidewalks.

This is a fine example of an Arts & Crafts dwelling made unique in Calgary by its builder's early use of concrete. The first levels are constructed of poured concrete, concrete bricks, and "cast stone" blocks moulded from concrete to resemble stone. Before WWI, cast stone was used in a few houses and larger buildings in Calgary (more commonly elsewhere in N. America), but there are no documented instances of a poured concrete house or the use of concrete bricks.

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