

DESIGNATION OF THE PUGH RESIDENCE AS A MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The owner of the Pugh Residence has requested designation of the property as a Municipal Historic Resource under Section 26 of the Alberta Historical Resources Act.

The Pugh Residence is a Craftsman style house built in 1912 and located in the community of Inglewood. The property has been determined to be significant by the Calgary Heritage Authority, for its symbolic value, providing a tangible reminder of the historical development of Inglewood as Calgary's main industrial centre and residential area. The residence also has style value, being an example of the modest Craftsman style homes typical of Calgary's original working-class neighbourhoods.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the SPC on Planning and Urban Development recommends that Council give three readings to the proposed bylaw to designate the Pugh Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DATED 2016 DECEMBER 07:

That the SPC on Planning and Urban Development recommends that Council give three readings to **Proposed Bylaw 61M2016** to designate the Pugh Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

No previous Council Direction / Policy.

BACKGROUND

The Pugh Residence (address: 2515 17 St. S.E.; short legal description: Plan 7235AG; Block 26; Lots 28 & 29) was added to Calgary's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources in 2016 as a property of 'Community Significance'. The property has been determined to be significant by the Calgary Heritage Authority, for its:

- Symbolic value, providing a tangible reminder of the historical development of Inglewood as Calgary's early industrial centre and residential area.
- Style value, displaying an example of a modest Craftsman style house typical of Calgary's original working-class neighbourhoods.

The property owner has requested designation of the property as a Municipal Historic Resource (as outlined in the attachment to this report) to protect the property in perpetuity and to make the property eligible for conservation grant funding from The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and City of Calgary Conservation Grant Programs.

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INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Designation of the Pugh Residence legally protects the property and ensures that any future changes and conservation work aligns with best practices in heritage conservation. The proposed bylaw (as attached) identifies the elements of the property that contribute to its heritage value and must be treated appropriately in any future changes or conservation work.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The owner of the Pugh Residence requested Municipal Historic Resource designation July 29, 2016. A 'Notice of Intention' to designate the property was issued October 18, 2016. The owner of the Pugh Residence has reviewed the proposed bylaw and expressed through written correspondence that they are in agreement with it..

Strategic Alignment

Council priorities outlined in The City's *2015 – 2018 Action Plan* include the fostering of "A city of inspiring neighbourhoods". Historic resources are an integral component of such neighbourhoods and their retention contributes to the diversity and character of their surroundings.

The City of Calgary *Municipal Development Plan* supports the conservation and protection of Calgary's historic resources. The plan identifies historic preservation as part of good city building and community identity, and encourages property owners to conserve Calgary's historic resources.

The City of Calgary *2020 Sustainability Direction* includes an objective for Calgary to become a "diverse and socially inclusive city that respects its heritage and the arts," as well as a strategy to "support the preservation of Calgary's historic resources".

The City's *Calgary Heritage Strategy* (2008) recommends that identified historic resources should be protected by designation bylaws, when possible, to ensure their preservation. This protection prevents demolition, provides appropriate management of physical interventions and is critical to ensuring effective management of historic resources.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Social

Historic resources connect us to our past, our future, and to each other. They provide places of learning and places of understanding for all Canadians.

Historic resources are integral to the identity of our community and help to strengthen its distinctiveness. Historic resources add to the beauty, character and visual interest of our urban environment which contributes to the city's liveability and are sources of community pride.

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Environmental

The preservation of historic places capitalizes on their embedded (embodied) energy – the sum of all resources and materials that were originally incorporated in the development of the place and which would not have to be produced again for the development of a new place.

Economic (External)

The property adds character and visual interest to the streetscape which makes economic investment in the area an attractive prospect. Designation will ensure these attributes are protected and the resulting security will promote high-quality investment. Additionally, tourists and residents are attracted to areas with historic resources.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

Designation of the Pugh Residence will have no operating budget implications for The City of Calgary.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

Designation of the Pugh Residence will have no capital budget implications for The City of Calgary.

Risk Assessment

No risks have been identified in designating the Pugh Residence as a Municipal Historical Resource.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

The property is identified on Calgary's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources, as a site of 'Community Significance', making it eligible for designation as a Municipal Historic Resource. The owner of the property has formally requested designation. Protecting Calgary's historic resources is an identified objective of The City.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Proposed Bylaw 61M2016