

Background

Context

In 2011 Calgary Parks (Parks) worked with the Calgary Heritage Authority to have the streets evaluated for historic significance and then added to Calgary's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources. Parks then began to manage the streets as cultural landscapes with the goal to conserve the historic planting patterns.

In 2014 Calgary was impacted by a snowstorm that impacted many trees across the City. The response to the storm included a substantial replanting effort by The City and included an education and awareness component to encourage citizens to plant trees on private property. The historic streetscapes played a part in that educational work and included community walks, talks, and articles in community association publications.

In 2016 Parks completed a management plan (the Plan) to aid developers and urban forestry technicians maintain conservation of the streetscapes. The plan outlines various conservation approaches – including specifically identifying what tree species to plant on what streets and some educational opportunities for children and adults. The Plan also identifies the value of designating these streets as Municipal Historic Resources.

In 2017 the Plan was the recipient of a Mayor's Urban Design Award and to build on that recognition in 2018 Parks began contacting the 11 community associations with the 26 historic streets to gauge support for designation.

Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
11/30/2018	C2018-1158	One Calgary 2019-2022 Service Plans and Budgets The City Planning and Policy Service actions proposed to “continue to legally protect heritage assets”
11/7/2016	CPS2016-0867	Culture Plan for Calgary Heritage Conservation is identified as one of the 5 Strategic Priorities of the Plan.
28/5/2012	CPS2012-22	Cultural Landscape Strategic Plan Policy states “City-owned cultural resources, including cultural landscapes, will be legally protected via the Alberta Historic Resources Act.”
2/4/2008	LPT2007-64	Calgary Heritage Strategy (2008) Approved content of the Strategy states that significant historic resources “can and should be protected through designation bylaws”.