Background

Context
Protecting heritage sites through legal designation is an internationally recognized best practice in planning and is supported by City of Calgary policy. The three (3) proposed Municipal Historic Resource Designations in this report support the Calgary Heritage Strategy mandate to ‘Identify’, ‘Protect’ and ‘Manage’ sites of heritage significance. Information on overall progress towards Calgary’s long-term heritage conservation goals can be found online at www.calgary.ca/heritage (see ‘Progress Snapshot’).

In 2013 Parks completed a culture landscape management plan (the Plan) to aid in maintaining and conserving historic resources managed by Parks. The Plan identifies the value of designating cultural landscapes as Municipal Historic Resources.

In 2011, City Council endorsed the “City-owned Historic Resource Management Strategy” to establish The City “as a role model for the creative use and adaptive re-use of City-owned historic buildings and excellence in maintenance and restoration”.

Previous Council Direction
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| 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 and directly support landowners” which are measured through a target set through the Services Plans and Budgets of seven designations per year.’ |
| 11/7/2016  | CPS2016-0867  | Culture Plan for Calgary  
Heritage Conservation is identified as one of the 5 Strategic Priorities of the Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 5/28/2012  | CPS2012-0022  | Cultural Landscape Strategic Plan  
Policy states “City-owned cultural resources, including cultural landscapes, will be legally protected via the Alberta Historic Resources Act.”                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 01/10/2011 | LAS2011-0046  | City-owned Historic Building Management Plan  
As a role model, Facility Management continues to bring forward City-owned historic buildings for designation and protection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
Approved content of the Strategy states that significant historic resources “can and should be protected through designation bylaws”.
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