

# Background

## Context

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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](http://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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<b>DATE</b>	<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	<b>DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION</b>
11/30/2018	C2018-1158	<b>One Calgary 2019-2022 Service Plans and Budgets</b> 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	<b>Culture Plan for Calgary</b> Heritage Conservation is identified as one of the 5 Strategic Priorities of the Plan.
5/28/2012	CPS2012-0022	<b>Cultural Landscape Strategic Plan</b> Policy states “City-owned cultural resources, including cultural landscapes, will be legally protected via the Alberta Historic Resources Act.”
01/10/2011	LAS2011-0046	<b>City-owned Historic Building Management Plan</b> As a role model, Facility Management continues to bring forward City-owned historic buildings for designation and protection.
2/4/2008	LPT2007-0064	<b>Calgary Heritage Strategy (2008)</b> Approved content of the Strategy states that significant historic resources “can and should be protected through designation bylaws”.