

## DESIGNATION OF THE JUNIOR RED CROSS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AS A MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The property (condominium) owners have requested designation of the Junior Red Cross Children's Hospital as a Municipal Historic Resource under Section 26 of the Alberta Historical Resources Act.

The property was built in 1913 and is a fine example of Foursquare-style architecture. It is also significant to Calgary's history as an important institution being the first hospital west of Winnipeg dedicated to children's needs and operated in that capacity from 1922 to 1929.



### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the SPC on Planning and Urban Development recommends that Council give three readings to the proposed bylaw to designate the Junior Red Cross Children's Hospital as a Municipal Historic Resource.

### RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DATED 2015 SEPTEMBER 09:

That Council give three readings to **Proposed Bylaw 37M2015**.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

No previous Council Direction / Policy

### BACKGROUND

The Junior Red Cross Children's Hospital (address: 522 18 Av. SW; and with a short legal description of 9811708; 1 & 9811708; 2 & 9811708; 3 & 9811708; 4 & 9811708; 5 & 9811708; 6) is listed as having "City-wide" significance on Calgary's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources.

The property owners have requested (Attachment 1) to designate the property as a Municipal Historic Resource to protect the property in perpetuity and to make the property eligible for conservation grant funding from The City of Calgary's Historic Resource Conservation Grant Program.

### INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Designation of the Junior Red Cross Children's Hospital legally protects the property and ensures that any future changes and conservation work aligns with best practices in heritage conservation. The proposed bylaw is attached (Attachment 2). The bylaw identifies the elements of the property that contribute to its heritage value and that must be treated appropriately in any future changes or conservation work.

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### **Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

The owners of the Junior Red Cross Children's Hospital are in agreement with the proposed bylaw.

### **Strategic Alignment**

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* sets forth 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.

#### **Environmental**

The preservation of historic places capitalizes on the energy investment in the original structures, preventing unnecessary resource use and reducing the pressure on landfill sites from demolition.

#### **Economic (External)**

The Junior Red Cross Children's Hospital 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. Also tourists and residents are attracted to areas with historic resources.

### **Financial Capacity**

#### **Current and Future Operating Budget:**

Designation of the Junior Red Cross Children's Hospital will have no operating budget implications for The City of Calgary.

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**Current and Future Capital Budget:**

Designation of the Junior Red Cross Children's Hospital will have no capital budget implications for The City of Calgary.

**Risk Assessment**

No risks have been identified in designating the Junior Red Cross Children's Hospital as a Municipal Historical Resource.

**REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):**

The owners of the property have formally requested Municipal Historic Resource Designation. Protecting Calgary's historic resources is an identified objective of The City.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Request to Designate: Letter from Property Owners
2. **Proposed Bylaw 37M2015**