



Thursday, June 24, 2021

SPC on Planning & Urban Development

City of Calgary

PO Box 2100 Stn M
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Re: Designation of J. Frank Moodie Residence

Dear Members of Planning & Urban Development:



Heritage Calgary, in accordance with its role to advise Council and Administration on heritage matters in the City of Calgary, would like to take this opportunity to support the designation of the J. Frank Moodie Residence, located in the community of Scarboro, as a Municipal Historic Resource.

J. Frank Moodie Residence is listed on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources as a Community Historic Resource. Built in 1914, the Residence is an excellent example

of a substantial, high-style Craftsman house with high exterior and interior integrity. The Residence is clad in clinker brick and mock half-timbering with double front-facing cross-gables, and features a full-width, open front veranda with fieldstone pillars and a sleeping porch for indoor-outdoor living. Interior intact Craftsman elements include its mahogany-stained oak doors, door and window casings, wainscotting, built-ins, and ceiling beams. These elements of the Craftsman style all come together to create a cozy, picturesque look in harmony with nature. It is a style that was common in early Scarboro and represents the origins of the community (first called the Sunalta Addition) as an upscale residential neighbourhood designed by the famed Olmsted firm.

J. Frank Moodie was an entrepreneur and self-taught geologist who helped develop the Drumheller coal field and Turner Valley oil field. He amassed a world-class collection of opals and other minerals and gems, and his basement museum held taxidermy, antiques, and curios. Members of the Moodie family have continued to own and occupy the house, except when it was rented out in the 1970s.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this matter. Should you or your staff require more information, please contact me at awalker@heritagecalgary.ca.

Sincerely,

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Re: Designation of Dominion Bank

Dear Members of Planning & Urban Development:



Heritage Calgary, in accordance with its role to advise Council and Administration on heritage matters in the City of Calgary, would like to take this opportunity to support the designation of Dominion Bank, located in the Downton Commercial Core, as a Municipal Historic Resource.

Dominion Bank is listed on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources as a City-Wide Historic Resource. Built in 1911, Dominion Bank is highly valued as an intact and rare example in Calgary of an Edwardian-era

temple bank built in the exuberantly ornate Beaux Arts style, visible in its highly articulated building façades, twinned fluted columns with ionic capitals framing the entryway, and floral panels on the entablature surmounted by a heavy decorative cornice with prominent modillions. Because of the elaborate detailing required to execute this style, it was often reserved for public buildings such as railway stations, city halls, libraries, and bank buildings. As an icon of wealth and stability, the Beaux Arts style was strategically employed to symbolize a company's investment and permanence in a community.

Dominion Bank is further significant as symbolic of the development of the Dominion Bank, now TD Bank, one of the largest most enduring banks in Canada, and its role in supporting Calgary's foundational growth during the Edwardian period. Chartered in 1869, the Dominion Bank opened its first bank in 1871 in Toronto and expanded west in the early 1900s. Banks were critical to the growth of new communities across the country, finding funds to kickstart industry development. The Dominion Bank is also valued as a landmark its monumental massing using terra cotta units and its prominent siting at the eastern terminus of Stephen Avenue.

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Re: Designation of North Mount Pleasant School

Dear Members of Planning & Urban Development:



Heritage Calgary, in accordance with its role to advise Council and Administration on heritage matters in the City of Calgary, would like to take this opportunity to support the designation of the North Mount Pleasant School, located in the community of Mount Pleasant, as a Municipal Historic Resource.

North Mount Pleasant School is listed on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources as a City-Wide Historic Resource. Built in 1913, North Mount Pleasant School is valued for

the school's unique design as the only extant prototype 'bungalow' school remaining in the city. The school represents an architectural response to Calgary's most prolific period of growth between 1905 and 1913, a "boom" time when school enrollment tripled. The Calgary School Board instigated an ambitious program to build large sandstone schools to accommodate the population growth, but construction of the elaborate structures could not keep pace with the growth. Beginning in 1910, the Calgary School Board adopted a policy to erect economical, two-room, wood-frame schools, or 'cottage' schools, which could be converted to residential use when their educational use became redundant.

North Mount Pleasant School is also significant as a substantial example of the British Arts & Crafts style in the Mount Pleasant community, featuring a low-pitched cross-gable roof, parallel gabled projections with half-timbered gable peaks, and a central cupola that provides a reference to the neoclassical sandstone schools of Calgary. North Mount Pleasant School is further significant for its long-term association as a social focal point of the Mount Pleasant community and for its continuous use as an educational institution in the neighbourhood.

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