

# Engagement Summary

Residential Heritage Tax Incentive

## Heritage Calgary

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Heritage Calgary was engaged throughout work on the overall Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives initiative, including the Residential Heritage Tax Incentive. This Civic Partner is responsible for:

- Advising Council on all matters related to Calgary's heritage;
- Evaluating potential historic sites;
- Maintaining the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources; and
- Promoting public awareness of our shared heritage.

Heritage Calgary is essential to the success of the Residential Heritage Tax Incentive since it is responsible for evaluating sites that are potentially eligible for designation and, thus, application for the tax credit incentive. Heritage Calgary's ability to support the increased number of designations caused by the Residential Heritage Tax Incentive is heavily dependent on sufficient operating funding from The City of Calgary. This report does not request funding for Heritage Calgary, which is independently funded through the Civic Partner program.

Heritage Calgary submitted a letter in support of the Residential Heritage Tax Incentive (Attachment 5).

## General Engagement

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Beyond Heritage Calgary, no new engagement was conducted for this report. Extensive engagement was conducted previously for the Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives report (PUD2020-0758) and there were no changes to the intent of the tax credit incentive since that time. Previous engagement included:

- Through One Calgary 2019-2022 Service Plans and Budgets engagement conducted in October 2018, "investing in heritage" was identified by the public as having value.
- An online and mail-in questionnaire was conducted with owners of non-designated sites on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources. This was done to better understand perspectives regarding legal protection and what financial incentives would be required for property owners to consider heritage designation. The questionnaire found that 40% of these property owners would be "almost certain" to designate in exchange for a tax reduction.
- In-person engagement with select stakeholders in February and October 2019, including heritage advocacy groups, community associations, Councillors, and members of Calgary's development industry.
- A stakeholder information session was held on 2020 January 29 to share the proposed tools and explore alternatives.
- [www.calgary.ca/heritage](http://www.calgary.ca/heritage) provides information on conservation, designation, and grants. It includes regular updates on the Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives work.
- Through ongoing Local Area Plan processes (North Hill Communities, Heritage Communities, Westbrook Communities, etc.), heritage conservation and community identity were identified as primary concerns for stakeholders that require clear direction and tools.
- Administration provided a confidential Calgary Planning Commission workshop on 2020 January 8 to solicit feedback and direction on a draft version of the Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives work.