



May 16, 2022

Mayor Jyoti Gondek  
Chair – Executive Committee

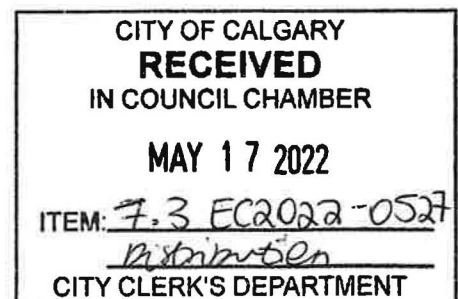
Dear Mayor & Committee,

the Residential Tax Incentive is an important program to help incentivize private owners of heritage homes to propose designation. Through the legal protection that designation offers to these homes, future generations may experience Calgary's past through their inclusion in their communities. The availability of incentives and grants such as this program assists private owners in the costs of their stewardship of these heritage resources.

The Calgary Heritage Initiative Society supports this program and we encourage Council to do the same.

Sincerely,

Chris Edwards  
President  
Calgary Heritage Initiative Society





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**Re: Residential Heritage Tax Incentive Program**

**Dear Members of the Executive Committee**

Further to our letter of March 30, 2020, we are writing to re-iterate our strong support for the Residential Heritage Tax Incentive Program. Since 2014 we have been advocating for Tools and Incentives to preserve some of our heritage, for reasons relating to the environment/sustainability, economics, diversity of housing stock and building that 'sense of place' in our communities. We continue to support measures that promote the conservation of some of our over 4000 Heritage Assets in over 26 communities and strongly support this next step.

Our advocacy group not only speaks out in support of heritage, we have stepped up to assist. In 2020/21 we collaborated with City Heritage Planning to complete a review of the 'Windshield Survey' (undertaken by the City to identify Heritage Assets across most inner city communities). Our 70 volunteers reviewed all heritage homes over 26 communities to ensure none had been missed.

We have also asked, and received agreement to pilot a Direct Control Heritage Area in Hillhurst Sunnyside. This volunteer initiative in conjunction with the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association will move forward later this year.

All this to say that we have invested countless hours and effort to raise the profile of heritage conservation as positively and collaboratively as possible. We see this additional tool as a means to generate excitement and awareness with regards to heritage designation. Less than 1% of our residential Heritage Assets is formally protected. Increasing these numbers is critical, and incentives to offer options to homeowners in the face of developmental pressure are essential.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Marilyn Williams & Lorna Cordeiro**

**Co-Chairs Calgarians for Heritage Districts**

[Calgarians for Heritage Districts](#) Established in 2014 (CFHD) focuses on educating government and the public about Calgary's potential Heritage Districts.



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**Re: Residential Heritage Tax Incentive Program- May 17 Executive Committee Meeting**

Dear Mayor Gondek, Chair of the Executive Committee;

In July of 2020 we supported the continued work on the Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives. It is great to see this evolve into moving forward demonstrable initiatives that will positively impact heritage preservation for implementation.

As an inner-city community with substantial heritage assets we appreciate the continued collaboration with the City on these challenging issues. As our communities grow and change, and we welcome densification, it is important consideration and planning be implemented around meaningful heritage preservation.

It is now our understanding that the Heritage Tax Incentive piece can be put on the table as a potential pilot for the 2023-2026 One Calgary Service Plans and Budgets. We strongly support testing this incentive further and giving it the funding resources required to move forward.

We are continually seeing important heritage assets threatened in Calgary. Any incentives to prevent further losses we strongly support to be considered for funding in the One Calgary 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budget.

Please include our letter in the agenda package where this is being discussed. Additionally, we are happy to speak to this topic at any time to further convey our support.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important policy.

Ali McMillan  
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Hillhurst Sunnyside Planning Committee  
Heritage Sub-Committee