

Engagement Summary

Reconsideration of Heritage Planning Funding

Heritage Calgary

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 was informed of the direction proposed in this report and was invited to submit feedback to Council.

General Engagement

Beyond Heritage Calgary, heritage advocacy groups were also informed of this report's recommendations and invited to submit feedback to Council.

Extensive engagement was conducted previously for the Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives report (PUD2020-0758). 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 interested parties in February and October 2019, including heritage advocacy groups, community associations, Councillors, and members of Calgary's development industry.
- An information session was held on 2020 January 29 to share the proposed tools and explore alternatives.
- www.calgary.ca/heritage provides information on conservation, designation, and grants. It includes regular updates on the Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives work.
- 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.
- Through ongoing Local Area Plan processes and ongoing Heritage Incentive Area engagement (2021-2023), heritage conservation, community identity, and funding supports were identified as primary concerns for stakeholders that require clear direction and tools.