

Dear Mayor Gondek, Chair of The Executive Committee, City of Calgary

As you know, during the November 2022 Budget deliberations, Council approved a one-time amount of \$2M in 2023 to expand the Non-residential Historic Resource Grant Program and to initiate the new Residential Heritage Tax Incentive Program. These items were not included in the draft Service Plan and Budget. CHI was encouraged that City Council listened to the presentations at the public hearing and included this amendment. For reference, the November 2022 budget deliberation submission by the Calgary Heritage Initiative Society to City Council is attached.

CHI received communication from Dale Calkins on March 16, 2023 and reviewed the attachments to item 7.4 Executive Committee - March 22, 2023 regarding "Reconsideration for Heritage Planning Funding".

While CHI supports the direction to concentrate the 2023 limited funds to the Non-Residential Conservation Grant and Heritage Calgary, CHI continues to be concerned about implementation of the Residential Heritage Tax Incentive Program and funding for the Non-residential Historic Resource Grant Program in 2024 and beyond.

A key issue in getting buy-in to Local Area planning – that is deciding where and how redevelopment will occur in communities for a sustainable future – centred on respecting and enhancing community character. In addition to public, commercial and institutional spaces, character means patterns of residential streetscapes, landscaping, scale, architecture and building materials.

The Residential Heritage Tools and Incentives Report is a well researched, comprehensive and complementary package, designed for Calgary. It supports heritage retention BY OWNERS over demolition and redevelopment. It doesn't mean STATIC heritage retention – it encourages added density of affordable housing through secondary suites and laneway houses. Heritage retention is good for the environment, economy, local jobs, and our physical and social well being. With each delay in implementing the full suite of Heritage Conservation Tools and Incentives, and particularly the Residential Heritage Tax Credit, residences will continue to be unprotected and more will be demolished.

In closing CHI advocates for full and sustained funding for the Residential Heritage Tax Credit pilot, to be considered in the City's next budget deliberations.

Thank you.

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March 21, 2023

**Mayor Jyoti Gondek**  
**Chair – Executive Committee**

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Dear Mayor Gondek & Committee:

**Re: Reconsideration of Heritage Planning Funding, EC2023-0157**

We support the allocation of the onetime funding of \$1.85M to the non-residential grant program in 2023.

However, we strongly encourage Council to fund the residential tax credit for 2024-2026. Already this year we have received 47 inquires and requests to be added to the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources. Most of these inquires have been driven by increased interest in designation thanks to Councils investment in the residential grant program and the possibility of a residential tax credit.

We would also like to remind Council that Heritage Calgary remains under resourced in 2024-2026 and will be unable to maintain our 2023 service levels, especially when it comes to completing evaluations for the Inventory and supporting overall inventory and designation work.

We strongly encourage Council to make the non-residential grant program a permanent grant with annual funding of \$2M and to fund the residential grant program for 2024 and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Josh Traptow'.

**Josh Traptow**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Heritage Calgary**

Dale,

Appreciate the update. While we understand the practicality of this decision, we are disappointed that the Residential Heritage Tax Incentive will be deferred to a later date. The risk of doing so means that it may fall between the cracks and that a future budget may never include this critical item that we have been advocating for since 2014.

By cc: to Councillor Wong, we ask that you continue to support this initiative (in a future budget) and tomorrow (March 22nd), raise the need to revisit and fully fund this program with your fellow Councillors.

Thank you for your support

Regards,

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