

DESIGNATION OF THE BUTTERS RESIDENCE AS MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Designation of the Butters Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource under Section 26 of the Alberta Historical Resources Act.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the SPC on Planning and Urban Development recommend that Council give three readings to the proposed bylaw to designate the Butters Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DATED 2014 JANUARY 15:

That Council give three readings to Proposed Bylaw 8M2014.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

The City of Calgary *Municipal Development Plan* supports the conservation and protection of Calgary's historic resources. The plan identifies historic preservation as part of good city building and community identity, and encourages property owners to conserve Calgary's historic resources.

BACKGROUND

The Butters Residence (address: 637 29 Avenue SW; and with a short legal description of 1553R; C; 1 - 4) is listed as having "Community" significance on Calgary's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Designation of the Butters Residence legally protects the property and ensures that any future changes align with best practices in heritage conservation. The proposed bylaw is attached.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The owner of the Butters Residence formally requested Municipal Historic Resource Designation and is agreement with the proposed bylaw.

Strategic Alignment

The City of Calgary *Municipal Development Plan* supports the conservation and protection of Calgary's historic resources. The plan identifies historic preservation as part of good city building and community identity, and encourages property owners to conserve Calgary's historic resources.

The City of Calgary *2020 Sustainability Direction* sets forth an objective for Calgary to become a "diverse and socially inclusive city that respects its heritage and the arts," as well as a strategy to "support the preservation of Calgary's historic resources".

The City's *Calgary Heritage Strategy* (2008) recommends that identified historic resources should be protected by designation bylaws, when possible, to ensure their preservation.

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Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Social

Historic resources connect us to our past, our future, and to each other. They provide places of learning and places of understanding for all Canadians.

Historic resources are integral to the identity of our community and help to strengthen its distinctiveness. Historic resources add to the beauty, character and visual interest of our urban environment which contributes to the city's liveability and are sources of community pride.

Environmental

The preservation of historic places capitalizes on the energy investment in the original structures, preventing unnecessary resource use and reducing the pressure on landfill sites from demolition.

Economic (External)

The Butters Residence adds character and visual interest to the streetscape which makes economic investment in the area an attractive prospect. Designation will ensure these attributes are protected and the resulting security will promote high-quality investment. Also tourists and residents are attracted to areas with historic resources.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

Designation of the Butters Residence will have no operating budget implications for The City of Calgary.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

Designation of the Butters Residence will have no capital budget implications for The City of Calgary.

Risk Assessment

No risks have been identified in designating the Butters Residence as a Municipal Historical Resource.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

The owner of the property has formally requested Municipal Historic Resource Designation. Protecting Calgary's historic resources is an identified objective of The City.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Proposed Bylaw 8M2014