



October 25, 2023

Infrastructure and Planning Committee
City of Calgary
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Calgary AB, T2P 2M5

Re: Designation of the Stewart Livery Stable as a Municipal Historic Resource

Dear Members of Infrastructure and Planning Committee:

Heritage Calgary, in accordance with its role to advise Council and Administration on heritage matters in the City of Calgary, would like to take this opportunity to support the designation of the Stewart Livery Stable, located in the Inglewood Community, as a Municipal Historic Resource.

Built in 1909, the Stewart Livery Stable, is one of the last remaining examples of a livery stable in Calgary, representing the importance of this kind of structure to daily life in the early city when horses and horse-drawn vehicles were an essential mode of travel.



Stewart Livery Stable, Inglewood, photo credit City of Calgary, 2019

Livery stables, once common in Western cities and towns, were used by ranchers and travellers who needed a place to feed, clean, or leave their horses while passing through the city. The stables were typically located on secondary streets, in light industrial areas, or near to and associated with hotels. In 1912 Calgary's city directory listed 17 "Livery, Feed and Sales Stables".

James A. Stewart acquired the land for this stable in 1907, and a building permit in November 1909. It was built by local contractor R.A. Brocklebank, almost certainly from a standardized plan. Stewart also lived in or beside the stable. It was located just off of 9 AV, the commercial street of East Calgary (now Inglewood) and near the numerous industries in East Calgary which included the Calgary Brewing & Malting Co., Patrick Burns' meat packing plant, and Canadian Pacific Railway shop.

Stewart operated the stable until 1915. The next long-term owners were Ellen Sheppard Griffith and Selina and Jacob Bradshaw (1925-49) who used the barn as a garage for their motorized fleet of mail trucks until the early 1940s. Subsequent uses included a garage, manufacturing, and storage.

The Stewart Livery Stable is a community landmark, and stands out for its unique style, location, and because the exterior has had little intervention in over a century. Heritage Calgary is delighted that this historic building will find new use as a residential conversion, and supports designation of this important community landmark. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



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