

May 6, 2024

## **Executive Committee**

The City of Calgary 800 Macleod Trail SE Calgary, AB T2G 5E6

Dear Mayor Gondek & Committee:

## Re: EC2024-0383 Heritage Incentive Reserve Terms of Reference Update

As a charitable Civic Partner of The City of Calgary, Heritage Calgary is focused on the research, education, and preservation of our shared heritage, including historic properties both humble and grand, that tell the story of the people and places that shaped our history. We believe heritage is a dynamic process by which identity is experienced, interpreted, and represented, and take pride in working with Calgarians to honour the fabric that we are all a part of.

Heritage Calgary is supportive of the proposed changes to the terms of reference for the heritage incentive reserve.

Changes to the grant program will make designation more attractive for property owners, allow administration to respond to urgent conservation concerns and introduce a new grant stream for heritage assets.

These changes will encourage more property owners to designate their property and allow further flexibility for the City to respond to homeowners more quickly.

Sincerely,

**Josh Traptow** 

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