



March 17, 2025

**Mayor & Council**

City of Calgary  
PO Box 2100, Stn. M  
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Dear Council:

**RE: Executive Committee Report EC2025-0274 – Designated Historical Resource Property Tax Cancellations and Subclass**

Heritage Calgary is pleased to provide its strong support for the recommendations outlined in Executive Committee Report EC2025-0274, which proposes a property tax cancellation program for designated Municipal Historic Resource (MHR) properties in Calgary.

Calgarians deeply value their built heritage, recognizing its role in shaping the city's identity, fostering community pride, and contributing to environmental sustainability through the conservation of existing structures. The proposed 15% municipal property tax cancellation acknowledges the financial responsibilities associated with maintaining heritage properties and provides a meaningful incentive for private property owners to seek designation and invest in their historic assets.

Heritage Calgary works directly with property owners to promote heritage stewardship through public engagement, education, and advocacy. We consistently hear from owners of designated heritage properties about the challenges of maintaining these sites while ensuring their long-term viability. This tax cancellation program will not only support existing stewards of heritage properties but also encourage new designations, ultimately enhancing Calgary's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources.

Beyond preservation, investment in heritage properties generates economic benefits by creating jobs in skilled trades, supporting local businesses, and contributing to the vibrancy of Calgary's historic communities. Moreover, adaptive reuse and conservation efforts significantly reduce waste and carbon emissions, aligning with The City's climate resilience and sustainability goals.

Heritage Calgary fully supports the recommendations of this report, and we urge Council to approve the proposed policy and funding allocation. This initiative is an essential step toward ensuring Calgary's historic places continue to serve as cultural and economic assets for future generations.

Sincerely,

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

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