

City-owned Historic Building Portfolio – Rehabilitation Prioritization Criteria

Administration developed criteria to prioritize each building on the list of heritage properties for future capital investment. In developing these criteria Administration researched best practices and identified criteria used in other relevant historic building management programs and ensured that these principles align with Council Priorities and meet The City's Triple Bottom Line Policy

The criteria addressed these principles:

- Significant Risks - The investment will address legislated requirements, health & safety risks, and/or potential for major service disruption(s).
- Financial Impact on Heritage Portfolio - The investment will enhance the financial position of the Heritage Portfolio.
- Significance Benefit to Users – The investment will be of significant benefit to building users (Revenue generating? Low-cost community use?).
- Heritage Significance – The building is a registered national, and/or provincial, and/or municipal historic resource.
- External Funding Availability or Lease Revenue Opportunity – The investment will address the unavailability of funds from other sources and/or will result in new revenue opportunities.
- Enhanced Productive Use - The investment will enhance a productive use.

Sites that ranked highly in the first four criteria (risks, financial impact, user significance and resource significance) ranked as higher priorities for investment.

According to the above criteria, the top five ranking heritage buildings in the portfolio are:

- 1) Historic City Hall
- 2) Historic Beltline YWCA Building
- 3) Centennial Planetarium
- 4) Rouleau House
- 5) Capitol Hill Cottage School