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## **Edmonton Heritage Council**

2019 Provincial Election Survey Responses

**The Historic Resources Act is the overarching piece of legislation for the conservation of heritage in Alberta. It is in serious need of updates and revisions to reflect best practices in conservation and the needs of municipalities to protect heritage. Does your party support a review of the Historic Resources Act?**

A United Conservative government has not made plans to review the Historic Resources Act at this time. We are certainly supportive of maintaining our heritage properties - Jason Kenney in particular has a deep personal interest in history and architecture - so should we be elected government we would welcome a discussion about how to improve legislation.

**Does your party support giving municipalities the same powers as the Province when it comes to designating heritage properties?**

A United Conservative government would ensure municipalities have more autonomy and predictability while ensuring transparency for voters. While this particular item has not previously come up we would welcome that discussion with you and our municipal partners.

**The Alberta Historic Resources Foundation is a major funder of the heritage sector in Alberta. Does your party support increased funding to the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, including a more refined funding stream for heritage conservation projects in municipalities?**

A United Conservative government will seek to facilitate collaboration from philanthropists and private business.

**Under the Prentice government the Alberta Main Street Program was eliminated. AMSP supported significant economic development and revitalization of historic districts across Alberta. Will your party commit to restoring the Alberta Main Street Program?**

A United Conservative government would seek to grow programs through facilitated collaboration with philanthropists and private business.

**Will your party establish a provincial tax credit incentive or grant program to support historic conservation efforts?**

A United Conservative government would reprofile a portion of the Alberta Lottery Fund to support a Creative Partnerships Alberta program, to establish a goal of growing Alberta's cultural industries by 25 per cent or \$1.5 billion over the next decade.

**Will your party commit to the historic conservation or adaptive re-use of the former Royal Alberta Museum facility?**

A United Conservative government recognizes that the former Royal Alberta Museum facility holds historical significance to many Albertans. At this time, we have not developed a position on this, though we commit to engaging all stakeholders to determine the highest and best use of this facility, while keeping in mind its historical significance, should we form government.

**Responding Party/Candidate**

United Conservative Party head office on behalf of all United Conservative Party campaigns in the Edmonton CMA.