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**Edmonton, AB** – Key election issues connect with Edmonton’s heritage and historic resources

In the leadup to the October 18 municipal election, Edmonton Heritage Council and Edmonton Historical Board have released a [new document](#) that connects support for the city’s heritage and historic resources to key election issues, as well as providing an overview of historic places in each ward.

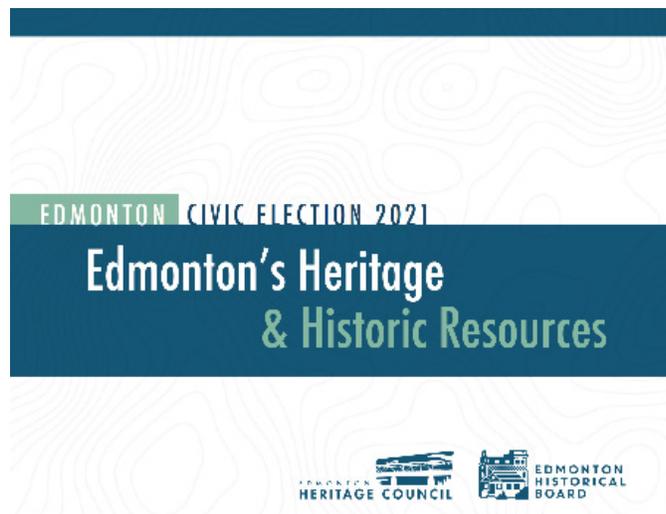
*“We believe Edmonton’s heritage and historic resources are an essential part of creating an economically prosperous, sustainable and inclusive community. This is often overlooked by voters and candidates, and we want to raise greater awareness of this as Edmontonians cast their votes.”* – Robert Hobson, chair, Edmonton Heritage Council

The document also notes the importance of more support for Indigenous cultural heritage, calling for further public consultation on Edmonton’s naming and renaming policy and the completion of *kihciy askiy* (Sacred Earth), the Indigenous ceremonial and cultural gathering place in Edmonton’s river valley.

*“We all appreciate the buildings that make Edmonton unique and the architecture that surrounds us every day. The next Council will leave their mark on our city, and it’s vital to understand the value of historic places in creating great neighbourhoods and in connecting people and communities.”* – Dominic Schamuhn, chair, Edmonton Historical Board

The Edmonton Heritage Council notes that investment in heritage and historic resources, including the City’s Historic Resources Management Program, has multiple outcomes advancing Edmonton’s strategic goals (a Healthy City, great Urban Places, Regional Prosperity and Climate Resilience).

Several projects on key Edmonton municipal historic resources are proceeding or ready for investment, requiring up to \$50 million in public and private investment. These include the Rossdale Powerplant (a Provincial Historic Resource), Ortona Armoury, Hangar 11, the Edmonton Iron Works building, and the Hemingway Leisure Centre. The [National Trust of Canada](#) estimates that projects reusing and adapting historic buildings result in 20% more jobs than new or greenfield construction, lead to increased private investment, and use more locally sourced services, materials, and expertise.



Above image links to [heritage brief](#) created by EHC and EHB with designer JoAnne Pearce