



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

HERITAGE COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN

PREAMBLE

The Yellowknife Heritage Committee was established by City Council in February 1985 by Heritage Committee By-law No. 2955. The By-law was repealed and the **Terms of Reference**¹ were adopted on March 9, 2015. The Committee consists of eleven members representing the community: the Mayor, one City Councillor and eight members of the public at large who are appointed by Council, and one member of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.

In support of Council's 2016-2018 Goals & Objectives, the City of Yellowknife Heritage Committee has developed a 5-Year Strategic Plan. This plan provides strategic direction to the Heritage Committee and informs Council and the public on how the Committee supports Yellowknife's heritage objectives. This Plan consists of four strategic themes, which are directly connected to Council Goals & Objectives.

HERITAGE VISION

The Heritage Committee provides stewardship of Yellowknife's unique and diverse heritage through advice and actions focused on preserving heritage resources, celebrating inclusive histories, supporting heritage-related tourism and economic development, and identifying new ways of sharing our stories.

HERITAGE MANDATE

The Heritage Committee is a Committee of Council that is committed to assisting the City in an advisory capacity regarding the management of heritage interests of the City of Yellowknife. The role of the Heritage Committee is to make recommendations to the appropriate Standing Committee of Council regarding the preservation of Yellowknife's heritage and its value to the community.

The Heritage Committee also provides advice to the Development Officer with respect to development applications which would alter a designated heritage resource. **Heritage By-law No. 4540**² establishes the responsibilities of the Heritage Committee for designating and recognizing heritage resources, as well as the processes and criteria for the restoration of

heritage resources. The Development Incentive By-law No. 4534, as amended, describes the Heritage Committee's role in evaluating applications for Heritage Preservation Grants. In addition, the Heritage Committee has the customary responsibility for the disbursement of heritage grants for supporting heritage-related projects in accordance with its Terms of Reference and City of Yellowknife funding policies.

STRATEGIC THEMES

1. ONGOING STEWARDSHIP OF YELLOWKNIFE'S BUILT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES

OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 Recommend significant places, people, or events which may be considered for formal recognition or interpretation
- 1.2 Develop and maintain an inventory of designated/recognized Heritage Resources
- 1.3 Implement a Heritage Strategic Plan and conduct an annual review and action planning process
- 1.4 Initiate an Intercultural Heritage & Place-Making Plan that reflects the Goals of Council and themes of the Strategic Plan
- 1.5 Promote awareness of the City's existing programs for designation and recognition of Heritage Resources, as well as restoration incentives available
- 1.6 Provide recommendation to the Division of Planning & Lands on pending developments regarding the maintenance and enhancement of heritage elements of designated heritage resources
- 1.7 Make recommendations to Council to fund projects that celebrate, recognize, or enhance Yellowknife's heritage and heritage resources
- 1.8 Partner with local indigenous groups on projects focusing on the designation, recognition and/or commemoration of significant indigenous heritage resources

2. SHARING A MORE INCLUSIVE STORY OF YELLOWKNIFE'S IDENTITY & HERITAGE

OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Enhance collaboration and partnerships in promoting a greater understanding of the indigenous heritage of Yellowknife with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) and other indigenous groups in traditional Chief Drygeese Territory
- 2.2 Embrace the importance of truth and reconciliation in forging new respectful relationships with indigenous people
- 2.3 Celebrate the heritage and contributions of Yellowknife's diverse communities within the city's rich multicultural makeup
- 2.4 Enhance heritage opportunities through partnerships with local historical societies, corporations, seniors, youth, service clubs, and other groups
- 2.5 Provide transparent funding for local groups to enhance the diversity of perspectives presented on Yellowknife's unique heritage and cultural offerings

3. SUPPORTING A PROSPEROUS HERITAGE TOURISM ECONOMY

OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 Increase the visibility of Yellowknife's built and cultural heritage to visitors and leverage heritage as a driver of tourism
- 3.2 Provide heritage knowledge and resources to support the revitalization of downtown
- 3.3 Support the preservation and revitalization of Yellowknife's historic neighbourhoods
- 3.4 Partner with City Departments on heritage-related initiatives

4. MODERNIZING HOW HERITAGE IS PRESERVED, PRESENTED, AND COMMUNICATED

OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 Providing leadership and recommendations on how to leverage the arts and culture as examples of living heritage
- 4.2 Support the development and expansion of digital inventories of heritage plaques, murals, and other commemorative installations
- 4.3 Undertake research and provide recommendations on new and emerging platforms for sharing heritage

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¹ Heritage Committee Terms of Reference: https://www.yellowknife.ca/en/city-government/resources/Current_Committees_of_Council/Heritage_Committee/HERITAGE-COMMITTEE-TERMS-OF-REFERENCE.pdf

² Heritage By-law No. 4540: https://www.yellowknife.ca/en/city-government/resources/Current_Committees_of_Council/By-law_No._4540.pdf