

February 10, 2014

To: Members,  
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Re: Heritage Awards – Evaluation Criteria Working Group

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### RECOMMENDATION

That a working group, consisting of up to five members of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, be established to evaluate the criteria used for the selection of recipients of the Municipal Heritage Awards.

### CONCLUSION

During the 2014 adjudication process the committee felt that the criteria evaluation should be reviewed.

### BACKGROUND

The duties of the MHAC were originally established under City of Regina *Bylaw No. 7018, A Bylaw to Establish a Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee*. In December 1983, City Council adopted a policy to offer public recognition of individuals and organizations in the community whose efforts and initiatives have made significant contributions to heritage conservation. The Municipal Heritage Awards program was initiated in 1984, to be held on an annual basis in conjunction with the celebration of Canada's Heritage Day on the third Monday of February.

The purpose of this report is to establish a working group to review the evaluation criteria for the selection of award recipients.

### DISCUSSION

Awards may be presented in any or all of the following categories:

1. Restoration: Revealing, recovering or representing the state of a historic place or of an individual component, as it appeared at a particular period in its history, as accurately as possible, while protecting its heritage value.
2. Preservation: Protecting, maintaining, or stabilizing the existing form, material and integrity of a historic place, or of an individual component, while protecting its heritage value.
3. Rehabilitation: The sensitive adaptation of a historic place or of an individual component for a continuing or compatible contemporary use, while protecting its heritage value. This is achieved through repairs, alterations and/or additions.
4. New Design - Infill: New design which is sympathetic to heritage properties and streetscapes with respect to building scale, height, massing, roofline and finishing materials in existing developed areas or neighbourhoods.
5. New Design - Addition: New design involving a structural addition to an existing heritage building that is sympathetic to or compatible with the original or established building design with respect to scale, height, massing, fenestration, roofline and/or finishing materials.

6. Heritage Open Space: The promotion, restoration and new design of heritage open spaces, sites, monuments and trails.
7. Education: Endeavours which enhance public understanding and appreciation of Regina's heritage. For example: publications, exhibitions, lecture series, tours and plays.
8. George Bothwell Heritage Award for Public Service: Exceptional volunteer involvement and outstanding commitment to heritage activities that enrich community life in Regina.
9. Keith Knox Heritage Award for Youth: This award recognizes the special contribution of non-professionals under the age of 25.

The MHAC has been authorized by City Council to select heritage award recipients; however they may only provide recommendations regarding the evaluation criteria.

### RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

#### Financial Implications

None with respect to this report.

#### Environmental Implications

Recognition of significant heritage-related projects and personal contributions provides encouragement for future initiatives to restore, preserve and utilize Regina's cultural heritage, which in turn supports broader principles to adapt, re-use and conserve the existing built environment.

#### Strategic Implications

The Municipal Heritage Awards program responds to the City's Vision and its priority of managing growth and community development, by contributing to the recognition and promotion of initiatives that conserve, utilize, enhance or commemorate Regina's historic built and cultural environment.

#### Other Implications

None with respect to this report.

#### Accessibility Implications

None with respect to this report.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Should the criteria change, this will form part of the 2015 communication plans.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The disposition of this report is within the MHAC's authority, changes to the criteria require Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ashley Thompson, Secretary  
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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