

**Historic places are a source of civic pride and help tell the story of our community.**

Section 28 of *The Heritage Property Act* grants City Council the authority to establish rules governing the criteria and procedures for the designation of properties. Council also has the authority to enact general or specific bylaws or resolutions to provide assistance (e.g., grants, loans, tax relief) for heritage properties, the development of heritage resources, and heritage appreciation to individuals, agencies, organizations, associations, institutions, or bodies, whether within or outside Saskatchewan.

### HERITAGE PROPERTIES

The City of Regina has two types of heritage properties (Table 1):

#### Designated Heritage Properties

- A Designated Heritage Property has historical, cultural or architectural significance and is legally protected against demolition or significant change under The Heritage Property Act of Saskatchewan.
- Regina has 116 Designated Municipal Heritage Properties, 27 of which are designated as a part of the Victoria Park Conservation District Bylaw, 1994.

#### Heritage Inventory Properties

- The Heritage Inventory is a list of properties that are not designated but are identified as having some level of heritage value and the potential to become Designated Heritage Properties.
- Regina has 194 Heritage Inventory Properties

*Table 1. Difference between Designated Heritage Properties and Properties listed on the Heritage Inventory*

	Designated Heritage Properties	Heritage Inventory Properties
Permits	All necessary permits, such as building permits and development permits, must be obtained before commencing work.	
Heritage Alteration Permit	A Heritage Alteration Permit is required for certain property changes.  Changes must also adhere to the <a href="#">Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada</a> .	No Heritage Alteration Permit is required.  Alterations to the property do not need to align with the <a href="#">Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada</a> .
Land Title	An interest is registered on the title, which does not hinder the sale or use of the property.  The legal protection and interest stays with the property when it is sold.	There is no impact on the land title, as the property is not legally protected.
Inspection	Undergo bi-annual inspections.	Not inspected
Maintenance Bylaw	Required to adhere to the <i>Municipal Heritage Property Maintenance Bylaw</i> .	Not applicable
Demolition	Council approval is required for the demolition of both Designated Properties and properties listed in the Inventory.	

## HERITAGE POLICIES

The City provides services to identify, protect and conserve historic places and has in place the following policies and bylaws to support the conservation of heritage properties:

### Heritage Inventory Policy (Approved by Council in 2019)

- The purpose of this policy is to ensure that properties with heritage value are identified on the Inventory of Heritage Properties in Regina (Heritage Inventory), which is organized according to a framework of themes for the City of Regina entitled “Thematic Framework & Historic Context Statement”.
- Administration uses the “City of Regina Heritage Inventory Evaluation Form” to determine the significance of properties and whether they should be listed in the Heritage Inventory.
- Administration is authorized to add properties to the Heritage Inventory to ensure that significant historic places are identified. Properties can remain on the Heritage Inventory indefinitely until the owner decides to pursue designation.
- Administration cannot remove properties from the Heritage Inventory without Council approval.

### Heritage Incentives Policy (Update approved by Council in 2022)

- The City of Regina’s Heritage Incentive Policy provides grants and tax exemptions for Designated Heritage Properties, and grants for properties on the Heritage Inventory, with the aim of encouraging the conservation of these heritage properties (Table 2).
- Beginning in 2023, the annual budget for grants provided under the Heritage Incentives Policy is \$250,000

Table 2. Incentives offered for Designated Properties and Inventory Properties.

Incentives	Designated Heritage Property	Heritage Inventory Property
Maintenance Grants	50% of eligible maintenance costs up to a maximum of \$5,000.	50% of eligible maintenance costs up to a maximum of \$2,500.
Major Grants	50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$50,000.  Amount larger than \$50,000 may be recommended by the Heritage Sector Reference Group, subject to the availability of funds, when financial need and the importance of the investment to Regina’s heritage portfolio can be demonstrated.	25% of eligible maintenance costs up to a maximum of \$50,000.
Tax Exemption	Up to 50% of eligible conservation work costs up to a maximum of 10 years of exemption.	Not Eligible
Tax Exemption + Grants	Owners of eligible properties may apply for both tax exemptions and a Major Grant if the combined value of the incentives does not exceed 50% of eligible conservation work.	

### Municipal Heritage Property Maintenance Bylaw (Approved by Council in 2023)

- The Bylaw provides guidelines and controls to preserve and enhance the heritage characteristics of Designated properties.
- It prescribes procedures to monitor the maintenance required to prevent the deterioration and dereliction of Designated properties.