

Report to Council



Date: June 19, 2023
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Heritage Planning Best Practices Review 2023
Department: Policy and Planning

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Policy and Planning Department, dated June 19, 2023, outlining best practices in heritage management.

Purpose:

To provide an overview of the recent shift to values-based heritage conservation, the available heritage planning tools, and the heritage management best practices.

Background:

The intent of this orientation session is to provide Council with background and context on heritage management and the recent shift to values-based heritage conservation in advance of the forthcoming heritage reports, including the Heritage Conservation Areas Review report that is scheduled for July, 2023.

Discussion:

Elana Zysblat, a certified Heritage Professional, from Ance Building Services will provide a presentation that covers key areas related to heritage management:

- The current best practices in heritage planning in Canada, focusing on the recent shift to values-based conservation juxtaposed with earlier European-centric, aesthetic-based conservation approaches.
- The current Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project and its connection with best practices such as the adoption of UNDRIP.
- The main heritage planning tools available to local governments in British Columbia and the role of these tools. These tools include, but are not limited to, the Heritage Register, Heritage Conservation Areas, Heritage Alteration Permits, Heritage Revitalization Agreements, and Heritage Designation.
- The role of heritage professionals in the development review process.

Conclusion:

This report will provide a foundation for Council to update its approach to heritage management in the coming years.

Internal Circulation:

Cultural Services
Development Planning
Office of the City Clerk

Considerations applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Local Government Act, Part 15 – Heritage Conservation

Existing Policy:

2040 Official Community Plan Ch. 11 – Heritage

Objective 11.1. Lead and guide heritage resource management.

Objective 11.2. Identify, conserve and protect historic places.

Objective 11.3. Identify and protect archaeological sites.

Objective 11.4. Conserve Kelowna’s historic neighbourhoods.

2007 Heritage Strategy

Abbott Street & Marshall Street Heritage Conservation Area Development Guidelines

Attachments:

Heritage Planning Best Practices Review 2023

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