

River Valley house given historic designation

Yorath House highlights urban development in Post-World War II Edmonton

The City of Edmonton has formally designated the Yorath House as a Municipal Historic Resource, after recent approval from City Council. Yorath House is a two storey single family residence in the River Valley Capitol Hill neighbourhood in southwest Edmonton.



"Yorath House historic designation sustains our city's attractive built heritage and helps connect us with our past," says Scott Ashe, Principal Heritage Planner. "Expect to see many more historic designations to come, as we continue advocating for the value of our city's unique historic sites."

Yorath House is significant because of its early modern style architecture and is a visible reminder of the work of Edmonton architecture firm Rule Wynn and Rule, one of western Canada's most influential firms. Built in 1949, Yorath House is valued for its association with urban development in Edmonton in the Post-World War II period.

The building is representative of the changing use of the river valley from mining homesteads to residential subdivisions and then to public park. It is one of the few remaining houses outside of mature neighbourhoods that is still located on the river flats. Owned by prominent Alberta businessman Dennis K. Yorath, from 1949 until 1992, Yorath House demonstrates a unique historic structure in our city. The house occupies a 12-acre lot in Buena Vista/Sir Wilfred Laurier Park in the North Saskatchewan River Valley.

The City's Historic Resource Management Plan outlines the City's mission to identify, protect and promote the preservation and use of historic resources. The plan contains 24 policies and 88 action items that direct how Edmonton's heritage should be preserved and celebrated.

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