

## Council designates significant Old Strathcona building as Municipal Historic Resource

The City of Edmonton has formally designated Hulbert Block as a Municipal Historic Resource, after recent approval from City Council. The Hulbert Block is a three storey, brick clad, Edwardian commercial building. The building is located in a prominent location at 10359 - Whyte Avenue in the Old Strathcona Provincial Historic Area.

"Hulbert Block contributes to the historic character of the Old Strathcona streetscape," says Scott Ashe, Principal Heritage Planner. "Each of these historic designations emphasizes the rich history of our city and the importance of keeping that history alive."

Constructed in 1912, the Hulbert Block is valued for its architecture, which is representative of Edmonton's commercial architecture during the Edwardian era. Hulbert Block is a very strong example of this style of architecture and is part of a rare collection of neighbouring Edwardian commercial buildings of the same era.

The building is significant for its association with the early development of the community of Strathcona, one of south Edmonton's oldest neighbourhoods, dating back to the arrival of the railway in 1892. Strathcona remained a separate city until its amalgamation with Edmonton in 1912. R.A. Hulbert, the builder and first owner of the Hulbert Block, was a well-known contractor and prominent member of the Strathcona community. The designation of this

The City of the protection and restoration of Hulbert Block.

The Citys <u>Historic Resource Management Plan</u> outlines the Citys 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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