

Two more historic designations in Edmonton

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The City of Edmonton has formally designated two more Edmonton properties as Municipal Historic Resources. The William Lowes Residence and Cameron Block have been added to the City's list of designated historic resources, bringing the total of protected properties to 128.

Built in 1913, the William Lowes Residence represents the diversity of residential development in the Strathcona neighbourhood during its early years. Located at 9837 84 Avenue, the house was built using concrete blocks resembling stone, something rare in Edmonton at the time. An open verandah that was originally part of the residence will be restored as part of the rehabilitation work.

Cameron Block is significant for its association with early commercial development on 97 Street, formerly Namayo Avenue, one of Edmonton's earliest commercial thoroughfares in the early 1900s. Its architecture is representative of Edmonton's commercial architecture during the Edwardian era. The rehabilitation and restoration of the Cameron Block will enhance the unique cultural and historic identity of the area.

"Expect more historical designations as we continue advocating for the value of Edmonton's unique historic sites," said Scott Ashe, Heritage Planner. "We are always working to improve how people understand and experience our city and our heritage. These two designations exemplify how we are continuing to preserve and value our city's history."

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. Designation as a Municipal Historic Resource ensures protection from demolition or inappropriate alterations to a historic resource.

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