

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools  
SUBJECT: Response to Trustee Request for Information  
ORIGINATORS: A. Habinski, Executive Director, School and District Services

RESOURCE  
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INFORMATION

**TRUSTEE REQUEST #170, SEPTEMBER 10, 2002 (TRUSTEE ODYNSKI) PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING WHETHER THE DISTRICT HAS A HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HISTORICAL BUILDINGS:** Edmonton Public Schools maintains and operates all district facilities with full regard for their historical significance with the community. When major modifications to significant buildings are required the district utilizes architectural consultants with an appreciation for historical structures as well as involving stakeholders and the City of Edmonton development officers. Examples of major modernizations are Old Scona, Norwood, and Westminster Schools. Currently there are 25 buildings that are identified on the Municipal Historic Register however none of the buildings has been accorded the official designation as a Municipal Historical Resource. McKay Avenue Archives and Museum is Designated as a Provincial Historical Resource and is the only building that Edmonton Public Schools has designated.

The Register of Historic Resources in Edmonton is a list of buildings and structures within Edmonton that merit conservation. In 1988, City Council directed their administration to “conduct a comprehensive inventory of all historic and/or architecturally significant buildings in Edmonton”. The Terms of Reference for this project were prepared and in 1992 a team of consultants was hired to conduct the inventory. All pre-1947 historic resources in the City were evaluated according to established criteria resulting in the first city-wide Register.

The team of consultants identified two major categories of buildings that can be registered under the Register of Historic Resources in Edmonton: the ‘A’ List (best of the best) and the ‘B’ List. Buildings designated under the “A” list require city council approval of partial or full demolition, or significant alterations. Buildings designated under the “B” list have less stringent requirements for upgrading, and permits can be approved through consultation and negotiations with the Planning Development Department, which then reports the results to City Council. District schools that are on the Historical Register are not “Designated” and therefore do not require City Council approval for major modernizations. There is also an Appendix to the Register that does not form part of the “A” or “B” Lists. The Appendix includes landscapes, cemeteries, monuments, street furnishings and buildings at Fort Edmonton.

Owners of buildings on the register may apply to have them Designated as historical buildings in order to be eligible for program resources. The City of Edmonton Planning and Development Department has indicated that the district is not eligible for funding support by virtue of being a government agency, even if a school is designated as a historic building. However, the district could initiate the process of designating buildings on behalf of future owners in accordance of Board Policy and Regulations FECA.BP and FECA.AR – Identification of a Building as a Historic Resource. The future owners could then be eligible to receive program benefits.

Donald Ross School, which is currently on the inventory of closed buildings to be sold, is on the Municipal Historical Registers “B” List. The Rossdale Community League has requested that the district submit an application to the City of Edmonton’s Historic Resource Management Program. Once the necessary review is completed a report will go to Board for approval in accordance with board policy FECA.BP.

Enclosed is a copy of the Municipal Historical Resources Register identifying the Category of each of the 25 sites owned by Edmonton Public Schools. (Cindy Skolski, 429-8339)

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APPENDIX I: Schools on the Municipal Register of Historic Resources Without Designation

### Schools on the Municipal Register of Historic Resources Without Designation

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>NAME-BUILDINGS</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ARCHITECT</b>	<b>BUILDER</b>	<b>USE</b>
<b>A</b>	Norwood School	9520-111 Avenue	Alta Ave	1909-12	Lines/Turner	Pheasey & Batson	ED
<b>A</b>	Alexander Taylor School	9321 Jasper Ave	Boyle Str	1907-08	Roland W Lines	Nesbitt & Miller	ED
<b>A</b>	John A. McDougall School	10930 – 107 Street	Cent-McD	1914-30	GE Turner	Brown & Hargraves	ED
<b>A</b>	McKay Avenue School	10425 – 99 Avenue	Downtown	1904-12	HD Johnson	Manson	ED
<b>A</b>	Highlands School	11509 – 62 Street	Highlands	1913-20	GE Turner		ED
<b>A</b>	Westmount School	11125 – 131 Street	Inglewood	1913-20	GE Turner	OJ Edinger	ED
<b>A</b>	Duggan St/Queen Alex School	7730 – 106 Street	Queen Alex	1906-12	James E. Wize	Pheasey & Bat./Dietz	ED
<b>A</b>	King Edward School	8525 – 101 Street	Strath	1912-13	GE Turner		ED
<b>A</b>	H. Allen Gray School	12140 – 103 Street	Westwood	1913	GE Turner	Doyle, Thomas & CHR	ED
<b>B</b>	North Edmonton	6920 – 128 Avenue	Balwin	1914	Roland W Lines	Doyle, Thomas & Christensen	ED
<b>B</b>	Calder School	12950 – 118 Street	Calder	1926-27		J. Dunlop	ED
<b>B</b>	Bennett School	9703 – 94 Street	Cloverdale	1913	GE Turner	RN Willoughby & Co.	ED
<b>B</b>	Cromdale School	11240 – 79 Street	Cromdale	1931	Storey	Poole Const. Co. Ltd.	ED
<b>B</b>	Eastwood School	12023 – 81 Street	Eastwood	1922-26	Storey	Pheasey & Batson	ED

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<b>B</b>	Garneau School	10925 – 87 Avenue	Garneau	1923-24	Stang	Pheasey & Batson	ED
<b>B</b>	Glenora School	13520 – 102 Avenue	Glenora	1940	Rule & Wynn		ED
<b>B</b>	McCauley School	9538 – 107 Avenue	McCauley	1911/15	GE Turner	Pheasey & Batson	ED
<b>B</b>	Oliver School (1910-11)	10210 – 117 Street	Oliver	1910/11	GE Turner	Pheasey & Batson	ED
<b>B</b>	Oliver School (1928)	10210 – 117 Street	Oliver	1928	Storey	Pheasey & Batson	ED
<b>B</b>	Parkdale School	11648 – 85 Street	Parkdale	1912/13	GE Turner	Pheasey & Batson	ED
<b>B</b>	Ritchie School	9750 – 74 Avenue	Ritchie	1913	GE Turner	Pheasey & Batson	ED
<b>B</b>	Riverdale School	8901 – 101 Street	Riverdale	1923/24	Storey	Ingram & MacDonald	ED
<b>B</b>	Donald Ross School	10125 – 97 Avenue	Rossdale	1913	GE Turner	Dunlop-Johnson Const	ED
<b>B</b>	Spruce Avenue School	11424 – 102 Street	Spruce Avenue	1928	Storey	HG MacDonald	ED
<b>APPENDIX</b>	Westglen School	10950 – 127 Street	Westmount	1940-56			Land