



BYLAW 36-24 – LINEHAM/MITCHELL RESIDENCE MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE DESIGNATION

Purpose

The purpose of Bylaw 36-24 is to designate 38 Elma Street West as a Municipal Historic Resource.

Readings

This Bylaw is ready for three readings.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

At the August 19, 2024 Regular Council meeting a Notice of Intent to designate 38 Elma Street West as a municipal historic resource was authorized. The required sixty days notice period required of the Notice of Intent has passed therefore, Administration presents the corresponding Bylaw to designate the property for Council's consideration.

The homeowner of 38 Elma Street West approached Administration in the spring of 2024 to inquire about the Municipal Heritage Designation Program (MHDP). Following the completion of a Statement of Significance for the property, Administration recognized the significant heritage value of the home.

38 Elma Street West, otherwise known as the Lineham/Mitchell Residence was built around 1900 during the early settlement and railway period of Okotoks (1892-1903). The property holds symbolic significance due to its association with this foundational era and its location on a subdivision registered by Town pioneer and former Mayor, John Lineham (symbolic value). Additionally, the residence is valued for its architectural style as a well-preserved two-storey gabled-front design with a steeply pitched roof and a decorative wrap-around verandah, characteristic of early Okotoks homes (style value). The Lineham/Mitchell Residence is part of the original town site and fronts a street named for Lineham's daughter, Elma. Lineham's daughter Charlotte Mitchell (1859-1918) and her four (4) children moved to Okotoks in 1906 following the death of her husband William. She was the home's primary resident, living in the house until her death in 1918 at age 59.

The designation of this property as a Municipal Historic Resource ensures the Town is preserving and protecting heritage resources important to the Town; as such, the proposed draft Bylaw ensures no person shall destroy, disturb, alter, restore, repair, or otherwise permanently affect the Regulated Portions unless that person has obtained the prior written approval of Council or that person is appointed pursuant to section 3.7 of the draft Bylaw. This aligns with the MHDP and the Municipal Development Plan which states: "we will implement standards to conserve and protect heritage resources. Generating and encouraging heritage awareness and education will cultivate an understanding of the importance of knowing where we've come from." (p. xv)

Upon receiving this designation, the home will be registered with the Province of Alberta as a municipal heritage resource and be eligible to apply for up to \$50,000.00 dollars annual funding from the province to assist with the care and maintenance of the heritage elements of the property. As stated in the section 5.1 of the Bylaw, the Town of Okotoks is not required to provide any compensation to the owner of the historic property. All work completed on the property should adhere to Schedule B of the draft Bylaw that aligns with the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Responsibly Managed Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrated Environmental Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Local Economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Culture & Community Health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Excellence		

Community Engagement Strategy

Community engagement regarding municipal historic resource designation was conducted during the development of the MHDP.

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

It is great to see a member of the community coming forward to pursue a Municipal Historic Resource Designation. Honouring the Town’s historic past is a key part of Okotoks’ identity.

Attachment(s)

1. Draft Bylaw 36-24 Lineham/Mitchell Residence Municipal Historic Resource Designation Bylaw.

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