



Historic Resource

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Policy Purpose

The Historical Resources Act, RSA 2000 permits a municipality to designate any Historic Resource within the municipality whose preservation it considers to be in the public interest together with any land on which it is located.

The main purpose is to encourage and enable the process of the preservation of the buildings and sites of historic significance within the jurisdiction of the County.

Policy Statement

This policy provides a strategic management framework to support the preservation and commemoration of moveable and immovable historic resources in the County of Grande Prairie.

Definitions

“Application for Designation” means an application submitted to the County by the owner of the historic resource requesting that it be designated a Municipal Historic Resource.

“Council” means the duly elected Council members of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

“County” means the municipality of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 having jurisdiction under the Municipal Government Act and other applicable legislation.

“Historic Resources Act” provides for the use, designation, and protection of moveable and immovable historic resources; establishes the Historic Resources Fund.

“Historic Resources Committee” means a committee as established through the Terms of Reference approved by Council.

“Municipal Historic Resource Designation” the designation by bylaw of a historic resource and land upon which it sits, by Council pursuant to the Historical resources Act RSA 2000. The designating bylaw shall apply to the whole historic building. “Statement of Significance” (SOS) means a declaration of value that briefly explains what a historic place is and why it is important. The SOS identifies key aspects of the place that must be protected in order for the historic place to continue to be important.



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“Municipal Historic Resource” means any work of nature or of humans that is primarily of value for its paleontological, archaeological, prehistoric, historic, cultural, natural, scientific or esthetic interest including, but not limited to, a paleontological, archaeological, prehistoric, historic or natural site, structure or object.

“Statement of Integrity” means the process for evaluating if a historic place merits designation under the Historical Resources Act (HRA) starting with determining if and why it is significant. Then, determining whether it retains sufficient physical integrity to convey that significance.

Policy Guidelines

1. The County will:
 - 1.1. Encourage the owners or parties associated with the properties of potential historic value to apply to have properties designated as Municipal Historic Resources.
 - 1.2. Encourage the owners of parties associated with the properties of historic value to consult the Federal Government’s “Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada” published by Canada’s Historic Places.
 - 1.3. Provide resources? for completion of the Statement of Significance and/or the Statement of Integrity, which are necessary for placement on the Alberta Register of Historic Places.
 - 1.4. Upon recommendation from the Historic Resources Committee, consider Municipal Designation of the property as a Municipal Historic Resource.
2. It is not the policy of the County to acquire historic properties or provide funding for the preservation or restoration of designated properties.
3. Council is responsible for:
 - 3.1. Adopting designation bylaws upon receipt of recommendations from the Historic Resources Committee. After giving the owner 60 days’ notice, may by bylaw designate any historic resource within the municipality whose preservation it considers to be in the public interest, together with any land in, or on which it is located that may be specified in the bylaw, as a Municipal Historic Resource.
 - 3.2. Annually allocating financial resources to be distributed by the Historic Resources Committee for the completion of Statements of Significance and/or Statements of Integrity as necessary.
4. Historic Resources Committee is responsible for:



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- 4.1. Evaluating applications as per the criteria in the Provincial Government's "Creating a Future for Alberta's Historic Places: Identifying, Evaluating, Managing" manual.
- 4.2. Allocating resources as may be approved within the annual budget by Council.
- 4.3. Make decisions whether to proceed with Statements of Significance and Statements of Integrity and undertake to create the same.
- 4.4. Making recommendations to Council regarding designation of a property as a Municipal Historic Resource, for all applications.

Attachments

N/A

References

Legal Authorities	Historical Resources Act
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, Etc.	Policy B1 – Policy Development
Other	Historic Resource Initial Intake Application - available on the County website Historic Resource Application for Municipal Designation - available on the County website Federal Government's "Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada" Provincial Government's "Creating a Future for Alberta's Historic Places: Identifying, Evaluating, Managing" manual

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