



Calgary  
Heritage Authority

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Dear Mayor and Council:

**Re: PUD2016-0014 Designation of the Anderson Residence  
as a Municipal Heritage Resource**

The Calgary Heritage Authority (CHA), in accordance with its role to advise Council and Administration on heritage matters in the City of Calgary, would like to take this opportunity to support the designation of the Anderson Residence located in Mount Royal as a Municipal Heritage Resource.

The Anderson Residence is listed on the CHA *Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources* as a City Wide Historic Resource. The statement of significance says:

*“The Anderson Residence is significant for its innovative design that highlights the interrelationship between building and nature. The residence, completed in 1975, was designed by Calgary-based architect, Bill Boucock, and is oriented around a central atrium. Viewsapes are framed with a low-pitched front-gabled roofline and full height windows (Design value, City-wide significance).*

*The Anderson Residence is highly valued for its unique construction techniques, designed as a response to the challenges inherent in the narrow, steep lot. To maximize the interior volumes of the central garden and living spaces, Boucock borrowed building technology from greenhouse and agricultural buildings, through the innovative use of a raised monitor (gabled) glass roof supported by massive wooden trusses (Construction value, City-wide significance).”*

Alberta’s *Historical Resources Act* defines a historic resource as:

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

Municipal designation is at the request of the owner as per City procedure. The *Calgary Historic Resource Evaluation System* was approved by Council in June 2008 and lists the following:

*To be listed on the Inventory a resource must meet one or more of the following criteria:*

1. **Activity** - association with an activity (occupations, pursuits, and leisure practices of local individuals that were commonplace) that is significant to the municipality’s history.
2. **Event** – association with an event significant to the municipality’s history
3. **Institution** - association with a significant institution in the municipality’s history.

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4. **Person/people** - association with the life of a significant person in the municipality's history.
5. **Style** – embodies a distinctive architectural style.
6. **Design** - incorporates elements of previous design and is unconventional or original in its execution.
7. **Construction** - embodies characteristics of a period/method of construction or exhibits innovative or locally unique construction with regard to the structure itself/construction technique.
8. **Landmark** - has a special visual value that transcends its function and contributes to the distinctive character of the municipality.
9. **Symbolic value** - has acquired special sentimental or symbolic value that transcends its function.

*An Inventory site is determined to have value as either a City-wide Historic Resource or Community Historic Resource, meaning that the property has value to the entire city, or it has value at a more specific neighbourhood / community level. A property must have City-wide value associated with at least one of the nine criteria of significance to be listed as a "City-wide Historic Resource."*

The Anderson Residence meets six of the nine criteria: **design, construction, style, person, symbolic and landmark.**

Attached for your review is the statement of the significance with additional information including the character defining elements.

Thank-you for your thoughtful consideration on this matter, should you or your staff require more information please contact our executive director, Josh Traptow, at [josh@calgaryheritageauthority.com](mailto:josh@calgaryheritageauthority.com) or (403) 837-7359.

Sincerely,



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**Chair, Calgary Heritage Authority**

Attachment – Statement of Significance, Anderson Residence

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