



April 12, 2016

Dear Councillors:

**RE: PUD2016-0217 Designation of the BMO Building as a Municipal Historic 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 BMO Building located on Stephen Avenue as a Municipal Historic Resource.

The BMO Building is listed on the CHA *Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources* as a City Wide Historic Resource and is designated as a Provincial Historic Resource. The statement of significance says:

*“The Bank of Montreal, completed in 1932, is a three-storey, Tyndall limestone-clad, Beaux Arts-style building situated at one of the principle intersections in downtown Calgary. Corinthian columns and a pediment dominate its main facade, while the interior focal point of the building is a lofty banking hall with marble and plaster finishes and an elaborate coffered ceiling. The building contributes to the Stephen Avenue National Historic Site district, declared in 2002, and was protected as a Historic Resource by the Province of Alberta in 2003.”*

We hope that Council would give consideration to developing future incentives for larger projects such as the BMO Building.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Jolliffe", with a long diagonal stroke extending from the bottom right of the signature.

**Scott Jolliffe**  
**Chair, Calgary Heritage Authority**

Cc Clint Robertson, Senior Heritage Planner  
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