

Historic Places Preservation

What is a Municipal Historic Resource?

Municipal Historic Resources are buildings that the City of Lethbridge has legally protected from inappropriate changes and alterations.

Owners of a Municipal Historic Resource can access provincial grants to assist with the costs of conservation, preservation, and restoration of their building.

Will the City designate my property without my knowledge or consent?

No – the City of Lethbridge works in cooperation with property owners.

What types of sites can be designated?

Any type of building, plus some historically significant places without buildings, can be a Municipal Historic Resource.

What properties are currently protected by the City?

An up-to-date record of Municipal Historic Resources is available on the City of Lethbridge's website.

How do I get my building designated as a Municipal Historic Resource?

You can complete an Application to Designate and submit it to the City of Lethbridge. The designation process usually takes several months.

To designate a new Municipal Historic Resource, the City must:

- research the history of the building;
- evaluate the building by the Historic Places Advisory Committee, and
- prepare a Heritage Designation Bylaw for City Council's consideration.

What are the criteria for designating historic places?

Each building or place is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. To be considered as a Municipal Historic Resource, a building should be at least 50 years old, and must:

- have significant historical value, and
- retain its original form and features.

Have more questions?

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