

# Council Policy 318 Heritage Building Tax Incentive Program

## **UPDATE 2009**

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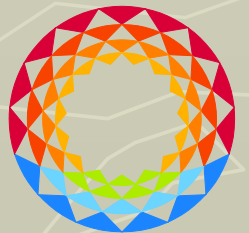


# Recommendation:

**THAT Council adopt the updated  
Council Policy 318: Heritage  
Building Tax Incentive Program**

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- 3. Current Policy is Not User Friendly**



# 1. Heritage Policies

In 2007, Council received the “2007 Heritage Strategy” and,

**“directed staff involved with the restoration of protected heritage buildings refer to the *Standards and Guidelines for the Restoration of Historic Places in Canada.*”**

# Heritage Policies: Standards & Guidelines

Conservation includes:

- a. Preservation**, ie. Father Pandosy Mission
- b. Restoration**, ie. Laurel Packinghouse
- c. Rehabilitation**, ie. Guisachan House – 90% of all conservation work

# Heritage Policies: Statements of Significance

All Heritage Register Properties in the City of Kelowna have a “Statement of Significance” which details ‘character-defining elements’ to be addressed in a conservation plan.

# Heritage Policies: Updated Policy 318

- Incorporates Standards & Guidelines and 'Statements of Significance'
- Reflects the importance of 'sensitive adaptation of a historic place for continuing or compatible contemporary use' (rehabilitation)

## 2. City Departments: Updated Policy

4 City Departments:

**Clerks** – Alternate Approval Process

**Finance** – Permissive Tax Exemption

**Land Use Management** – Heritage  
Alteration Permits

**Policy & Planning** – Designation,  
Heritage Register & Policy

# City Departments: Updated Policy 318

Timing of processes –  
Designation, HAP, AAP,  
Permissive Tax Exemption.  
Who does what.



# 3. User Friendly: Updated Policy 318

- Eligible Costs
- Includes Deadline
- What is Required by Applicant
- Where to get Information
- Simplified Language

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## **Two 'orphan' changes:**

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- 2. Consideration of neighbouring properties and/or neighbourhood**

# Thank you

## Questions?

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