

Tuxedo Park School



Alternate Name	Tuxedo Park Bungalow School
Address	130 28 AV NE Click here to view on google maps
Community	Tuxedo Park, Ward 7
Year Constructed	1920 with addition 1956-7
Type	Education
Current Owner	Calgary Board of Education
CHI Watch Risk¹.	At Risk (3 out of 5)
Designation².	Not Protected
City Inventory	City Inventory Tuxedo Park School
Significance³.	A well-preserved example of a later phase of bungalow school design. It has City Wide Significance for its Design Value, a symmetrical one-and-one-half-storey, red-brick, Arts and Crafts style schoolhouse with a side-gable roof and projecting entry bay under a cross-gable. It was the educational focal point of the community, serving as an elementary school from 1920 until 2003, after which it was used for Adult English Language Learning through 2014. The building is a good and unique example of Arts & Crafts architecture in the community and considered a landmark.
Who³.	The design is unique to Calgary - by Calgary School Board architect William Branton. Branton, hired by the School Board in 1911 just before it established its own design and building department, became its longest serving architect and building superintendent, retiring in 1956. He developed the four-classroom bungalow school plan - a larger, more sophisticated temporary school plan than the cottage school - which could be converted into apartments. Prototypes were built in 3 communities in 1913. Then, from 1919 to

	1922, Branton designed some bungalow schools that were larger and more refined than the original prototypes. Seven were built after 1919.
Status	The City of Calgary has the first right of refusal to purchase the property, however it was confirmed in December 2018 by the Calgary Heritage Authority, that the CBE intends to sell the property. The entire property (buildings and school yard) is currently zoned R-C2 Residential - Contextual One/Two Dwelling. The site is adjacent to a much larger park.
CHI's Position Statement	CHI advocates for restoration of the 1920's portion of the school building as perhaps a common area for a new development or some sort of community use with retention of some of the greenspace, maybe as a specific themed park. The later additions to the school building could be modestly upzoned for low to medium rise multifamily in exchange for designation of the historic bungalow school (density bonusing). Given that this school was built with public funds in one of Calgary's historic inner-city communities, the Alberta government has the right to stipulate conditions. CHI recommends that the Department of Education specify a condition of sale that requires the buyer of historic Tuxedo Park School to seek designation as a Municipal Historic Resource.
Upcoming	Watch for upcoming Land Use and Development Permit applications.
Public Call to Action	Participate in the City's engagement for North Hill Communities Local Growth Planning and voice your vision for this site. Write to your MLA and the Ward 7 Councillor, ask for their support.
Related articles & posts	https://craigcoolahan.albertandpcaucus.ca/about/news2/post/updates-on-abandoned-tuxedo-park-school
Historic Photos	Glenbow Museum http://ww2.glenbow.org/search/archivesPhotosSearch.aspx Image # PA-3642-1

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1. CHI Heritage Watch Rating

5	Imminent loss	Active plans for demolition
4	High Risk	Risk factors + negative intentions / dormant demolition plans
3	At Risk	Risk factors
2	Possible Risk	Unknown intentions or mix of negative and positive factors
1	Monitoring	Positive intentions but still possible risk

2. A designated Municipal Historic Resources is legally protected against demolition or inappropriate changes.

3. Primary Source: City of Calgary Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources