

100 Block of 7th Avenue SW



Alternate Names	Self Serving Grocery; Hinds Meat Store; Rochons; Delamere Block; Calgary Stock Exchange
Address	Click here to view in Google Maps
Community	Downtown Commercial Core
Year Constructed	121 (1920), 123 (1912), 125 (1912), 127 (1912), and 129 (1914) 7 AV SW
Type	Commercial, shops and office
Current Owner	Triovest
CHI Watch Risk¹	At risk (3 out of 5)
Designation²	Municipal see bylaw.
City Inventory	City Inventory 100 Block of 7th Ave
Significance³	This rare grouping of low-scale, early Twentieth Century buildings in the core of downtown. Other than the Stephen Avenue buildings, this is only streetscape of its kind remaining in downtown, and one of the few in the city. It was an important hub of retail activity, but unlike the adjacent higher-profile shops on Stephen Avenue, served as a destination for the daily, more prosaic needs of shoppers (grocery and butcher, confectionary, furniture store , and stationery shop). It was the first home of the Calgary Stock Exchange and is directly associated with the earliest development of the oil industry in Alberta, aiming to regulate trading associated with the new resource; it reflects the city's aspirations to become a financial centre. It is an as important example of the type of small-scale. Commercial-style architecture that once dominated downtown but has now become rare; it features high quality brick facades, recessed entries, large display windows and storefront cornices. A City Wide Historic Resource.

Status	Heritage Property Corp. proposed a redevelopment plan at the end of the last decade that was not realized. http://corporate.heritageproperty.ca/SeventhAvenue/tabid/81/Default.aspx Since then Triovest has purchased the block in 2016 and tenants vacated in November of that year. Articles from late November indicated “Triovest is looking forward to transforming the 100 block of 7th Avenue S.W. into a ‘hip enclave in the heart of downtown’”
CHI’s Position Statement	As one of the very few intact early century downtown streetscapes, and the only remaining of what was once several blocks of ‘smaller siblings’ to Stephen Avenue, CHI supports a sympathetic adaptive reuse of this unique and important block, and encourages City Council to respect the protected status of these buildings.
Upcoming	No events at this time.
Public Call to Action	Please email, tweet, phone, write your Councillor, Druh Farrell the Councillor of Ward 7, and Mayor Nenshi to voice your support for a positive reuse of these buildings.
Related articles & posts	2016 http://calgaryherald.com/business/local-business/revitalization-planned-for-run-down-downtown-block-again 2016 http://www.metronews.ca/news/calgary/2016/11/16/property-deal-bursts-bubble-of-downtown-calgary-tenants.html
Historic Photos	Glenbow Museum http://ww2.glenbow.org/search/archivesPhotosSearch.aspx Image No: NA-5368-9, NA-644-15

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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