



# Responses to Heritage Questions from Ward 9 Candidates for the 2021 Calgary Municipal Election (presented in alphabetical order)

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<b>Gian-Carlo Carra</b>		
<p>No. While I’m fiercely proud of the suite of heritage tools and policies that are currently in development, my concerns are two-fold: They have yet to be wrapped into a comprehensive package. The district-based approach within the LAP, the character home retention program, the in-development Main Street retention program, the emerging appreciation for heritage landscapes but lack of policy direction and tangible tools, and the powerful tools of both municipal and provincial designation all have to be worked together into a solid legislative bundle; the acknowledgement of this and the will to do so have yet to solidify and getting that done is one of the reasons I’m seeking reelection. They are too ephemeral at this point to enjoy the institutional standing they require; their ability to survive the political gamesmanship of this fraught moment in our City’s history requires strong leadership and I’m seeking reelection to help provide that direction.</p>	<p>Yes. For all the reasons listed in your Background to the question above, plus it's the right thing to do.</p>	<p>Yes. My caveat would be that most of Calgary’s potential Heritage Districts are not representative of any one particular historical moment or style and instead contain good and bad examples of architecture and urban design from many decades within the same street. The LAP process is establishing powerful policy and tools to protect integral lower-density streetscapes - which is a form of heritage district - and I’m very supportive of both a broader application of this approach as well as tying it more closely into our character home retention policy. I’ve been doorknocking Renfrew over the course of the last several months and there are several blocks where this retention is occurring without regulatory support on account of individual homeowners doing the right thing - this should be acknowledged and supported through the NHLAP and the funding tools discussed in Question Two of this survey. In higher density Main Street environments, like Inglewood's Atlantic Avenue, I’m fiercely protective of the existing, Western Canada-leading, heritage fabric, but I also want to ensure as we build out that vitally important street that we are just as focused on creating the heritage of tomorrow as we are on celebrating the heritage that we’ve inherited. Over the next four years the Historic East Calgary LAP will give us all the venue to have these critical conversations and establish a good way forward that we’ll be able to lock into a city-wide policy framework.</p>



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<b>Daymond Khan</b>		
<p>No. I believe we can do more to preserve heritage building and historic sights in Calgary. Our City, and Province, are relatively new areas compared to many places around the world, so we should do what we can to preserve and honour our history. As a city, we should find opportunities to protect the heritage of our buildings and natural environments to tell the stories of settler and indigenous forefathers.</p>	<p>Yes, because this is a perfect example of producing social and economic benefit. In Ward 9, we are uniquely positioned to benefit from the character of our communities who combine the old with the new. We see innovative opportunities to expand the success we see along 9th ave in Inglewood. This work will require the completion of a local LAP that honours the views of community and informs the aesthetics and scale of new developments in the area.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<b>Naomi Withers</b>		
<p>No. We need clear heritage bonusing guidelines and stronger financial incentives for homeowners to designate and maintain heritage properties.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Ward 9 encompasses many historical areas that would benefit from a Heritage District designation.</p>

**The following Ward 9 candidates did not respond:**

- Kimberly Feser
- Abdirizak Hadi
- Syed Hasnain
- Omar M'Keyo
- Lori Masse
- Derek Reimer
- John-William Wade