

## **MEMO**

### ***Climate Action, Planning and Development***

**To:** Community Heritage Commission      **Date:** October 6, 2021

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**Subject:** Heritage Revitalization Agreement Refresh: Timeline and Work Plan

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#### **PURPOSE**

To provide information on the status of this Development Services policy project, including timeline and workplan overview.

#### **OVERVIEW**

On August 30, 2021 Council directed staff to proceed with the HRA Refresh project. The proposed project would update the City's existing HRA policy, with the goal of providing clarity to applicants and the community on both the requirements (heritage protection and restoration) and the benefits (development incentives) of an HRA application. In addition, the new policy would:

- refine and update the policy to today's standards while also maintaining the strong and long-standing policy framework that exists for the use of HRAs;
- build on lessons learned from near 40 small-scale HRAs completed in the past ten years, including identifying successes and patterns from those earlier projects; and
- address the project goals including; increasing clarity, certainty, and expectations for applicants and the community, providing equitable incentives and requirements city-wide, and integrating with current City programs, policies, and Council priorities

It is anticipated that the policy will be presented to Council for endorsement in spring 2022. An Implementation Program would be launched in the summer of 2022.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A: Staff Report to Council, August 30, 2021

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