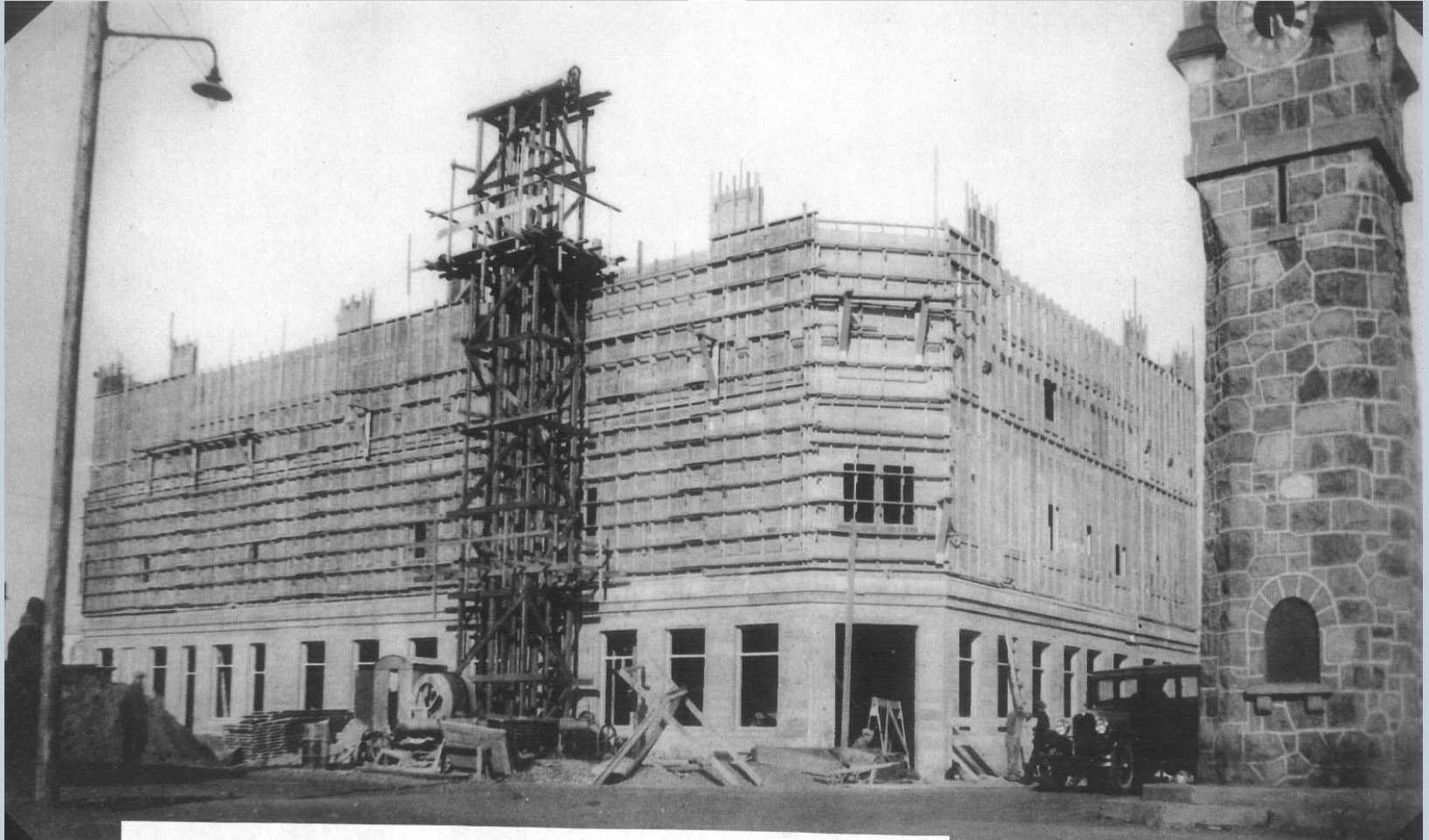


# Buffalo Park Centre Project



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# Presentation Outline



- Brief history of Buffalo Park/Wainwright
- Site selection of Buffalo Park Centre
- Evaluation of location: **Wainwright Hotel – PHR**
- Work progress to date
- Lessons learned and next steps
- Questions



# Brief History of Buffalo Park/Wainwright

- Why is there a Buffalo Park Foundation?
  - To protect, preserve and promote the history of Buffalo National Park and the History of our Region.
  - The Wainwright Hotel was built in part for the many tourists who came to the Park.





# Brief History of Buffalo Park/Wainwright



- And the bison herds grew and Hollywood came to town to film westerns.
- First Nations actors were hired from Hobbema to act as 'Indians' in *The Thundering Herd* and many other films.



# Brief History of Buffalo Park/Wainwright



- First Wainwright Hotel now rebuilt as part of Heritage Park in Calgary.



# Brief History of Buffalo Park/Wainwright



- Gas Station after the great fire of 1929.



# Site Selection of Buffalo Park Centre



- Why the Wainwright Hotel?
  - Prominent location and history.
  - Space sufficient for Buffalo Park Centre functions:
    - ✦ Art Gallery, Archives, Interpretive Centre, and Shared Sustainable Spaces within 3 floors and over 20,000 square feet...
  - Designated Provincial Historic Resource.
    - ✦ Eligible for AHRF Grant Funding.

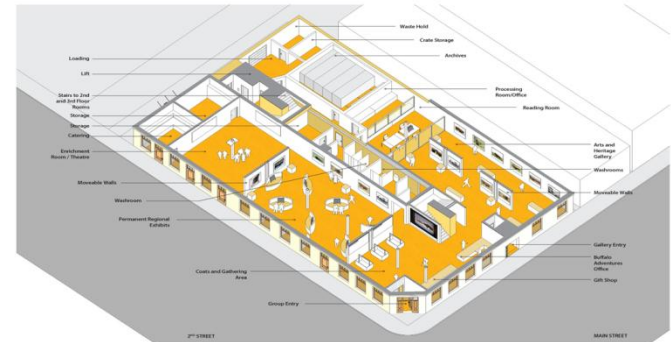




# Evaluation of Location

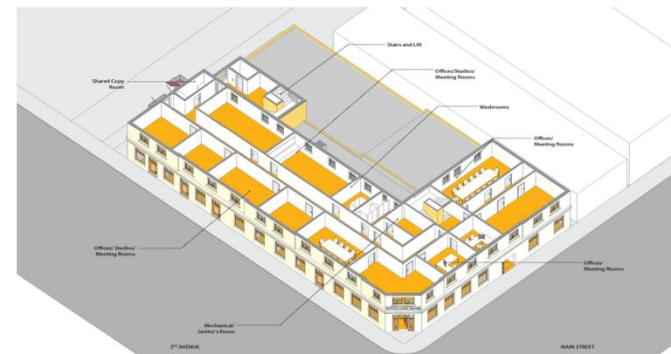


- Wainwright Hotel – Provincial Historic Resource
  - Protected under Alberta *Historical Resources Act*.
    - ✦ *Provincial Approvals Required.*
  - *Feasibility Study.*
  - *Schematic Design Report.*
  - *Design Development Report.*
  - *Construction Drawings.*
    - ✦ *Building Code Issues.*



MAIN FLOOR

BUFFALO PARK CENTRE  
2000 10th Ave



SECOND FLOOR

BUFFALO PARK CENTRE  
2000 10th Ave



# Work Progress to Date



- Random facts about the demolition:
  - From Sept 2012 – April 2013
    - ✦ 128 loads of debris have been removed from the Hotel which translates to about 249 tonnes or 548,128 pounds.
    - ✦ Copper pipes and wiring removed during demolition weighed about 2,825 pounds.
    - ✦ Since Sept 2012 our volunteers have worked over 3,000 hours
      - Total volunteer worth including dumping fees, and equipment, has been appraised at about 125,000.
      - The volunteer crew went through 11 boxes or 220 dust masks.
      - AND ALMOST ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS ARE SENIOR CITIZENS.





# Work Progress to Date



- Random facts about the demolition (continued):
  - From Sept 2012 – April 2013
    - ✦ 7 layers of ceilings were removed.
    - ✦ Original ceilings and floors were uncovered and documented.
    - ✦ Doors/openings and windows/openings were also uncovered amongst the layers of past renovations.





# Work Progress to Date





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# Lessons Learned



- Partnerships and community support is essential:
  - Volunteers
  - Donors
  - Government Grants
  - Alberta Culture – PHR
  - Local Trades/Companies
- Building/construction projects can get overwhelming.
- Communication is extremely important.





# Next Steps



- Fundraising
- Volunteer demolition of remaining floors
- Structural reinforcements
- New electrical and mechanical systems
- Winter preparations
  - New lower roof
  - Heating system for all levels
  - Enclosure of all building openings
- Implementation of architectural drawings/specs...
  - New spaces, washrooms, windows, etc...



# Questions?

