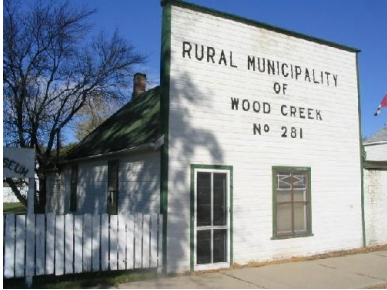
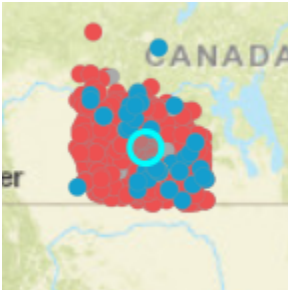


# Heritage Property - Rural Municipality Office

Street Address	Municipality	Designation Type	Designation Date
	Simpson	Municipal Heritage Property	April 5, 1982
			

## Statement of Significance

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The heritage value of the property also lies in its Boomtown architecture. The Rural Municipality Office displays this style in its wood-frame construction, its simple form and massing and the large rectangular false front, which is topped by a small cornice. Boomtown architecture was commonly used for many small commercial and institutional properties across Saskatchewan to present an image of modernity and prestige through the use of a false front to project the feeling of a larger building.

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The heritage value of the Rural Municipality Office resides in the following character-defining elements:

- those elements that reflect its status as a public building, including its location on its original position and the large Rural Municipality of Wood Creek No. 281 sign painted across the front façade;
- those elements that reflect the property's Boomtown architecture, including the wood-frame construction, simple form

and massing, and large rectangular false-front façade bordered by projecting trim.