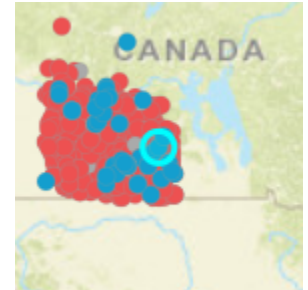


Heritage Property - St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Street Address	Municipality	Designation Type	Designation Date
73 Smith Street E	Yorkton	Municipal Heritage Property	October 19, 1998



Statement of Significance

St. Paul's Church was constructed between 1899 and 1901 by Yorkton's Methodist congregation, and served that community until 1929, when it was purchased by St. Paul's Lutheran community. (The Methodist building had become surplus in 1928 when the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations in Yorkton amalgamated to form St. Andrew's United Church, thereby no longer requiring the Methodist Church building.)

This building exhibits some attractive architectural elements, such as buttresses and the Romanesque arched windows with projecting brick work. The pale yellow bricks were manufactured locally by the Morozoff Brick Plant, and stands on a well-crafted field stone foundation. Like many turn-of-the-20th-century churches, it exhibits a number of attractive stained glass windows. St. Paul's Church underwent substantial restoration in the mid 1970s, but this work did not include the spire. A parish hall was attached to the back of the church in the late 1970s.

The heritage value of St. Paul's Lutheran Church resides in its status as the oldest church in Yorkton and its association with the religious history of the area. Built as a Methodist Church in 1901, the Lutherans purchased the property in 1929. Due to the growth of the congregation, an addition was added to the rear of the building in 1970. The addition houses a library, administration office, instruction rooms, and Sunday school rooms. Positioned on its original site, St. Paul's Lutheran Church continues to serve the congregation by hosting services, Sunday school classes, weddings, funerals, and educational workshops.

The heritage value of the property also lies in the historic integrity of its construction materials dating from the time of construction. The interior retains many of its historic wood features, including the narrow v-joint ceiling, supporting beams, mouldings and wood wall panelling. The exterior also retains a high degree of historical integrity through its use of distinctive yellow brick, which came from the Morozoff Brick Plant, an early Yorkton business, and the fieldstone foundation. Also of note are the decorative stained glass windows, three at the front of the church and two behind the altar.

The heritage value of St. Paul's Lutheran church also resides in its form and composition. The church prominently features a large corner tower, which was common among Methodist churches at the time of construction. The tower notably features two banks of compound arches in the belfry topped with a four-sided spire with crenellated base. Other notable architectural features include the side buttresses, compound arch on the front facade with a large rose window situated

above. The tower's composition helps make the church a landmark in the community.

Source:

City of Yorkton Bylaw No. 8 - 98.

The heritage value of St. Paul's Lutheran Church resides in the following character-defining elements:

- those elements of the property that speak to its status as the oldest church in Yorkton, including the positioning of the church on its original location;
- those elements of the property that reflect the material historic integrity, including the narrow v-joint ceiling, supporting beams, wood panelled interior walls, mouldings, five decorative stained glass windows, exterior yellow brick walls, and the fieldstone foundation;
- those elements of the property that reflect its unique form and composition, including rounded-arch compound windows, rose window, buttresses and corner bell tower and spire with crenellated base.