Heritage Property - Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Station

Street AddressMunicipalityDesignation TypeDesignation DateHighway 10Fort Qu'appelleMunicipal Heritage PropertyJanuary 13, 1983







Statement of Significance

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The heritage value of the property also lies in its status as a landmark in the community. Its position next to Highway 10, the region's main through-fare, has contributed to the station as a historic marker in the community. The use as a tourist information booth and community meeting centre further enhances this landmark status.

The heritage value of the property also lies in its architecture, which followed the Grand Trunk Pacific's standard plan A, common design used across the West. In accordance with this design, the property features double-hung windows and projecting bays. The most distinctive feature of the property is the bell cast hip roof with dormer windows and large overhanging eaves.

Source:

The Town of Fort Qu' Appelle Bylaw No. 117.

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The heritage value of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Station resides in the following character-defining elements:

- -those elements of the property that speak to its position as a landmark in the community, including its positioning on its original location;
- -those elements of the property that reflect its standard plan A station design, including the double-hung windows, bays, bell cast hip roof, large overhanging eaves, the second floor's shingle siding and dormer windows and the large open space on the main floor.