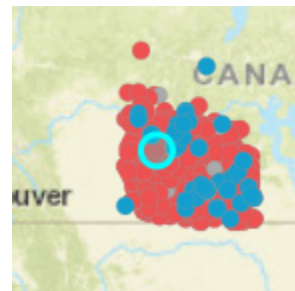


Heritage Property - CN Railway Station

Street Address	Municipality	Designation Type	Designation Date
	Biggar	Municipal Heritage Property	June 19, 2012



Statement of Significance

Reasons for designation, per municipal Bylaw No. 12-731:

1. The Biggar CN Station was constructed in 1909 and reflects railway architecture characteristics from the pre-World War I phase of railway station design. Its elongated, low-lying plan was a common design throughout western Canada. It features a medium-pitched hip roof with unmatched dormers, overhanging eaves, oversized wooden brackets, which offered protection from elements. This station terminates the south view down the most important north-south throughfare in Biggar.
2. Biggar was designated as a divisional centre by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (GTPR), making it a busy rail yard hub where locomotives and rail cars were serviced, refuelled, and reorganized. For many decades, the station was a central hub of town activity, which brought people over long distances and transported grain and market goods to and from the community.
3. This station, an important and visually identifiable local structure, serves as an important reminder of the fundamental role the railway played in the development of Biggar. Although many changes have occurred within the Biggar yards, the station is still a part of the local economy, as well as a constant reminder of the past.