

Heritage Property Details

Site Name: 2128/2132 Dewdney Avenue

Property Type: Commercial Building

Date of Origin: 1911

Current Name: Ackerman Building

Location: Regina, 2128/32 Dewdney Avenue

Designation information

Authority: Municipal Heritage Property

Designation Bylaw Passed: September 9, 1991

Heritage Significance Statement



2128/2132 Dewdney Avenue is a Municipal Heritage Property which comprises five commercial lots in the City of Regina's historic warehouse district. The property features a five-storey, red-brick and stone building, known as the Ackerman Building, which was constructed in 1911.

The heritage value of 2128/2132 Dewdney Avenue resides in its status as a representative example of a pre-First World War warehouse building. The prominent Regina architectural firm of Storey and Van Egmond designed this warehouse in 1911 for harness maker B.F. Ackerman. Other occupants of this building have included the Hudson's Bay Company, Great West Saddlery, various cartage and storage firms, and other commercial tenants. This building's utilitarian design, which is reminiscent of the simplified modern architecture of the Chicago School, is expressed through the property's flat roof, rectangular window pattern, vertical lines of the façade, and conservative decorative elements. The large denticulated cornice, which was part of the original design and also typical of

the Chicago School, was removed several years ago.

The heritage value of 2128/2132 Dewdney Avenue also lies in its status as one of the oldest remaining warehouse buildings along the historic Dewdney Avenue streetscape in Regina's Old Warehouse District. The five-storey building was constructed during the pre-First World War period of optimism and rapid population expansion in Regina when the warehouse district symbolized the affluence and progress of a community. At the time of its construction, the Ackerman Building was the largest and most expensive warehouse constructed in Regina. The upper three floors were destroyed during the June 1912 tornado but quickly re-built.

Source:

City of Regina Bylaw No. 9219.