

# Heritage Property Details

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**Site Name:** John Deere Plow Company Limited Building

**Property Type:** Commercial Building

**Date of Origin:** 1913

**Current Name:** John Deere Building

**Location:** Regina, 1275 Broad Street

## Designation information

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**Authority:** Municipal Heritage Property

**Designation Bylaw Passed:** April 9, 2001

## Heritage Significance Statement

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The John Deere Plow Company Building is a Municipal Heritage property comprised of five commercial lots situated on a main thoroughway in Regina's warehouse district. The property features a five-storey brick building that was constructed in 1913. The designation applies specifically to the exterior walls of the building and its original/existing pattern of window openings.

The heritage value of the John Deere Plow Company Building lies in its association with the province's pre-World War I "wheat boom" period. By 1911, Saskatchewan was the leading wheat producing province in Canada. As a result, Regina became the dominant city in the province, laying claim to being the world's largest distribution centre for agricultural implements. Constructed by the John Deere Plow Company Ltd. between March and July of 1913, this building was the largest warehouse in Regina at the time of its completion. The large size and prominent position of the building on a major thoroughfare,

reflects the prominence and stability of the John Deere Plow Company in contributing to the economic life of the province.

Heritage value also resides in the buildings architecture. Designed by John Deere Plow Company architect Oscar A. Eckerman, the property was influenced by warehouses constructed in eastern North America. The John Deere Plow Company Building is a five-storey post and beam construction faced entirely in brown brick. The structural frame, characteristic of its utilitarian design, is expressed through the property's flat roof, straight front, and rectangular window pattern. The articulation of the building's parapet wall lends prominence to the corner bays. Stone panels flank the main Broad Street entrance with the north panel identifying the date 1837, the year John Deere developed his version of the steel plow, while the south panel is engraved with the date 1913, the year the building was constructed.

Source:

City of Regina Bylaw No. 2001-17.