Medicine Hat
The Gas City

Heritage Evaluation Form

Site Number	Category
	C
Community District	The Flats
Designation	

Site Name(s):	CORONA HOTEL		
Municipal Address:	721 - 5 Street SE	**Date Of Construction:**	Y 1912
Consultant(s):	Lorne Simpson and Harry Sanders	**Evaluation Date:**	Y 09 M 03 D
Heritage Committee:		TOTAL	
Heritage Planner:	Jeanie Gartly	55.0	

History (H)	**E**	**VG**	**G**	**F**	**P**	
H.1 Associations/Patterns		X				20
H.2 Age		X				10

(H) SCORE: 30.0

Comments:
H.1 Constructed during the pre-WWI boom period, it contained rooms, dining room, theatre and sample rooms for travelling sales representatives. The theatre, although now demolished, was exceptionally unusual for the period. It is illustrative of a development pattern, particularly in association with its theatre, and its use by the working class.
H.2 1912

Architecture (A)	**E**	**VG**	**G**	**F**	**P**	
A.1 Style/Type/Design			X			10
A.2 Designer/Builder	X					20
A.3 Construction Technology					X	0
A.4 Interior Details					X	0
A.5 Alterations				X		-20

(A) SCORE: 10.0

Comments:
A.1 Designed in the Edwardian Commercial style, it features; load bearing brick construction, portions of pressed metal entablature, symmetrically placed upper wood windows, and parapet profile.
A.2 William T. Williams - architect, and Morton Fulton - contractor.
A.3 Typical example.
A.4 No accessed.
A.5 Main facade heavily renovated.

Urban Context (C)	**E**	**VG**	**G**	**F**	**P**	
C.1 Landmark/Character			X			5
C.2 Streetscape/Landscape		X				10

(C) SCORE: 15.0

Comments:
C.1 A familiar structure within the context of the neighbourhood.
C.2 Part of a grouping of buildings of the era when the area on the east side of the railway was developed, it maintains the dominant character of the area.

Statement of Significance

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Description of Historic Place:

The building is a three storey, brick structure and is the original hotel portion of the building built in 1912. The theatre was an early addition completed in 1913. Although the front facade is heavily modified, the building mass and upper level profile remains discernible. It is located in the commercial district which fronts the railway station on the east side of the railway yards.

Heritage Value of Historic Place:

The heritage value of the Corona Hotel lies in its status as a unique or extremely rare example in Alberta of a combination hotel-theatre complex. It is also valued as a rare extant historic hotel in Medicine Hat, as an example of the work of pioneer Medicine Hat architect William T. Williams, and through its association with the personality of owner George Cantalini, who owned several hotels in the City. Located in the commercial district on the east side of the railway yards, where it evolved as a working class/railway men's hotel.

Character Defining Elements:

The character defining elements include:

- three storey brick structure
- symmetrical pattern of upper level wood windows
- hand painted signage on west brick wall
- parapet profile