


<div>Medicine Hat The Gas City</div> <h1>Heritage Evaluation Form</h1>	Site Number	Category
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	Community District Downtown	
Designation		

Site Name(s):										GROCERY WAREHOUSE (Hargrave-Sissons Block Addition)									
Municipal Address:					659 2nd Street S.E.					Date Of Construction:					Y c.1910				
Consultant(s):					Lorne Simpson and Harry Sanders					Evaluation Date:					Y M D 1 0 1 0 1 8				
Heritage Committee:															TOTAL				
Heritage Planner:					Jeanie Gартly					38.0									

History (H)	E	VG	G	F	P	(H) SCORE
H.1 Associations/Patterns		X				20
H.2 Age		X				10
<div>Comments:</div> <div>H.1 Constructed between 1907-1910, the building originally functioned as a grocery warehouse, likely serving the adjacent general store in the Hargrave-Sissons Block. The addition of this warehouse space indicates the growth of the business and the need for expansion. As such, it is effectively illustrative of the pattern of the economic growth and development of the downtown business district.</div> <div>H.2 c.1910</div>						

Architecture (A)	E	VG	G	F	P	(A) SCORE
A.1 Style/Type/Design			X			10
A.2 Designer/Builder					X	0
A.3 Construction Technology					X	0
A.4 Interior Details					X	0
A.5 Alterations			X			-10
<div>Comments:</div> <div>A.1 Although a small/simple building, it was a good example of Edwardian Commercial featuring: load bearing brick structure, sandstone trim, central pediment, and stylized cornice.</div> <div>A.2 Not identified.</div> <div>A.3 Typical example.</div> <div>A.4 Not accessed.</div> <div>A.5 The facade was modified to create a storefront which is in keeping with the Edwardian Commercial style.</div>						

Urban Context (C)	E	VG	G	F	P	(C) SCORE
C.1 Landmark/Character				X		3
C.2 Streetscape/Landscape			X			5
<div>Comments:</div> <div>C.1 A small building "sandwiched" between two significant early commercial buildings.</div> <div>C.2 The building, although simple, is compatible with the dominant character of the block.</div>						

Statement of Significance	Site Number	Category
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<p><b>Description of Historic Place:</b></p> <p>The building is a single storey, load bearing brick structure with a flat roof. It is designed in the Edwardian Commercial style and features; sandstone details at the plinth, and an abstracted cornice. It is a small infill structure situated between two significant Edwardian Commercial buildings which are located on a prominent street in the downtown business district.</p>
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<p><b>Heritage Value of Historic Place:</b></p> <p>The heritage value of the Grocery Warehouse (Hargrave-Sissons Block Addition) lies in its rarity as an unusually placed Main Street warehouse, and in its later conversion to retail storefront. Both developments in the history of this building reflect the economic growth of Medicine Hat's business district. The addition of this warehouse suggests increased business for the general store in the Hargrave-Sissons Block. Ordinarily, Main Street frontage should have been too valuable for warehouse purposes, but in this case, the warehouse site had been a small undeveloped part of the building's property. Conversion of the warehouse to retail use by the 1920's reflects a correction in the economic use of Main Street frontage.</p>
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<p><b>Character Defining Elements:</b></p> <p>The character defining elements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- load bearing brick structure</li><li>- sandstone detailing at plinth</li><li>- cornice detail</li></ul>
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