Medicine Hat — The Gas City

Heritage Evaluation Form

Site Number	Category
	A

Community District
Downtown

Designation

Site Name(s): HULL BLOCK (Eatons)

Municipal Address: 579 - 3 STREET SE

	Date Of Construction:	Y	1912

Consultant(s):	Lorne Simpson and Harry Sanders	Evaluation Date:	Y 0 9	M 0 3	D

Heritage Committee:

Heritage Planner: Jeanie Gartly

	TOTAL	80.0

History (H)

	E	VG	G	F	P	
H.1 Associations/Patterns	X					40
H.2 Age		X				10

	(H) SCORE
	40.0

Comments:

H.1 Constructed for William Roper Hull, well known Alberta pioneer rancher, who operated ranches, a slaughter house, and retail butcher shops. He sold his business to Patrick Burns and went into developing commercial real estate.

H.2 1912

Architecture (A)

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

	(A) SCORE
	30.0

Comments:

A.1 Edwardian Commercial style featuring; load bearing brick construction, symmetrical window pattern on upper levels, engaged pilasters, and pressed metal entablature.

A.2 Architect F.L. Lawson.

A.3 Typical example.

A.4 Interior totally renovated.

A.5 Ground level storefronts renovated.

Urban Context (C)

	E	VG	G	F	P	
C.1 Landmark/Character		X				10
C.2 Streetscape/Landscape	X					15

	(C) SCORE
	20.0

Comments:

C.1 A large commercial block with Eatons store from 1927-1991, located on prominent intersection in the centre of downtown; it is/was a particularly conspicuous and familiar structure for the City.

C.2 Large block on prominent intersection; established dominant character of the block/area.

Statement of Significance

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Description of Historic Place:

The building is a three storey, load bearing brick structure. It is designed in the Edwardian Commercial style and features; engaged brick pilasters, symmetrically placed upper level windows, and pressed metal entablature. It is located on a prominent intersection in the centre of the downtown core.

Heritage Value of Historic Place:

The building is significant because it was developed by a prominent Albertan, William Roper Hull. Occupying a very prominent corner location in the centre of the downtown core with an Eatons store as a long time owner, it was a focal point in the central shopping district.

Character Defining Elements:

The character defining elements include:

- load bearing brick structure
- engaged brick pilasters
- symmetrical window pattern on upper floors
- pressed metal entablature
- pattern of ground floor display windows