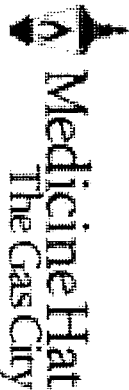


<div><h1>Heritage Evaluation Form</h1></div>	Site Number	Category
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	Community District Downtown	
	Designation	

Site Name(s):		ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	
Municipal Address:	504 - 2 Street SE	Date Of Construction:	Y 1902
Consultant(s):	Lorne Simpson and Harry Sanders	Evaluation Date:	Y 019 03 1
Heritage Committee:		TOTAL	
Heritage Planner:	Jeanie Gartly	90.0	

History (H)	E	VG	G	F	P	(H) SCORE
H.1 Associations/Patterns	X					40
H.2 Age	X					20

Comments:

H.1 The first religious services held in the community in 1883; formed the first formal congregation, and constructed their first permanent church which was located on the site in 1884. Prominent members of the early congregation included; James Hargrave, W.J. Cousins, and J.H. Yull.

H.2 1902. Additions in 1955 and late 1960's.

Architecture (A)	E	VG	G	F	P	(A) SCORE
A.1 Style/Type/Design	X					40
A.2 Designer/Builder	X					20
A.3 Construction Technology					X	0
A.4 Interior Details		X				8
A.5 Alterations			X			-10

Comments:

A.1 Designed in Gothic Revival style, it features; load bearing brick structure on rock faced sandstone plinth creating a polychrome effect, prominent corner square tower with spire complete with finial, four (4) square pinnacles at each corner of the tower, corbelled detailing at tower capital, larger free standing pinnacle on octagon column complete with spire, buttresses, lancet windows, pointed arch at main doors, stained glass windows, and small rose window(s).

A.2 Architect - George M. Lang. Builder - Charles Purnal.

A.3 Typical example.

A.4 Pipe organ installed 1919.

A.5 Building addition of hall in 1955 wraps around east side.

Urban Context (C)	E	VG	G	F	P	(C) SCORE
C.1 Landmark/Character	X					15
C.2 Streetscape/Landscape	X					15

Comments:

C.1 First Presbyterian religious services in the town on June 3, 1883, held in store tent of G.F. Tupper; it is a symbolic landmark in the community/city. Believed to be the first religious services in the town.

C.2 The building established and maintains a dominant characteristic of the streetscape.

Statement of Significance	Site Number	Category
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<p>Description of Historic Place:</p> <p>The St. John's Presbyterian Church is a brick and sandstone structure executed in Gothic Revival style with a prominent square tower, and octagon pinnacle which frame the main facade with its pointed arch doorway and upper windows. It is located on a prominent intersection in the City's centre. The front facade, although intact, is largely concealed by a later addition which wraps around the south, east and north sides of the Church. The front facade has a recently added brick mural by local artist James Marshall.</p>

<p>Heritage Value of Historic Place:</p> <p>The heritage value of St. John's Presbyterian Church lies in its status as the oldest church building in Medicine Hat, and the home of the City's oldest religious congregation. Presbyterians held Medicine Hat's first religious service in 1883, and this congregation was formally organized in 1884 and began services on the present site. The current church building was constructed in 1902. St. John's is also valued as the congregation to which many of the community's founders and their families belonged.</p>

<p>Character Defining Elements:</p> <p>The character defining elements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gothic Revival style detailing executed in load bearing brick and sandstone structure- prominent corner square tower with central spire and four (4) corner pinnacles- prominent, but smaller, octagon pinnacle- pointed arch lancet windows with cathedral leaded glass- pointed arch main entry doors- engaged buttresses- small rose window- recent brick mural (James Marshall)
