



ALEX CORMACK RESIDENCE

11231 - 65 STREET NW

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DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Alex Cormack Residence is a one and one-half storey residence with a gable roof and shed roof dormer and a shed extension over a partially enclosed full-length porch. It is clad in a combination of wood shingles and timber clapboard siding. It is located on a residential street and occupies a single city lot in today's Highlands residential neighbourhood.

HERITAGE VALUE

The Alex Cormack Residence is significant due to its association with the theme of ongoing settlement and residential development in Bellevue.

This home was built in 1923 by Alex Cormack, a wood-worker for Canadian National. Situated in what was originally the community of Bellevue, the houses along this street were never subject to the caveats put in place by Magrath & Holgate Co. As a result, they are generally much more modest than those houses just a few blocks east in the original Highlands area. Alex Cormack is one of only two owners to live in the house since it was built and was typical of the residents at the time who saw Bellevue, with its affordability and proximity to the Highlands' services and prestige, as a good place to live and raise a family. The Alex Cormack residence represents the variety of domestic architecture that emerged around the Highlands through infill development. As a tradesperson, Alex Cormack was among a growing number of non-professionals who settled around the Highlands community during a period when numerous post-World War One infills were being built.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The character defining elements of the Alex Cormack Residence include such features as:

- + the gable roof with shed roof extension over a full length porch with one end open and slightly offset doorway;
- + the shed roof dormer with balcony on the second floor;
- + the wood shingle and timber clapboard exterior;
- + the four posts of the front verandah with arched tops;
- + the extended exposed rafters; and
- + the paneled wood door with sidelights.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 16677 in April 2014.



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