



## CITY OF EDMONTON HISTORIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Edmonton

# PHILLIPS BUILDING

10169 - 104 STREET

### DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Phillips Building is a five-storey rectangular brick commercial building located a block north of Jasper Avenue on 104th Street in Edmonton's original historic warehouse district.

### HERITAGE VALUE

The Phillips Building is architecturally significant as a representative example of the commercial warehouse design that characterized Edmonton's growth during the pre-WWI economic boom. Originally leased to the Western and Cartage Company, it was built to store manufactured goods for regional and northern distribution.

Completed in 1913, and touted to be a made in Edmonton building, it was designed and constructed by Purcell and Foote, local architects and builders, and the Edmonton firm of Aslip and Company supplied locally made sand-lime brick. A unique feature of this building was the

former arcade, which provided an access opening through the centre of the building to the loading docks at the rear. The main façade was redesigned in the 1960s and subsequently restored in 2001.

The Phillips Building, an important element of the historic warehouse area streetscape, is consistent in scale and character to neighbouring buildings on 104th Street and strengthens the transition between Jasper Avenue and the commercial warehouse district.

### CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The commercial warehouse architecture of the Phillips Building is expressed in character defining elements such as:

- + the original 1913 west façade;
- + recessed window bays defined by pilasters with cast stone base and corbelled brick beneath the cornice at the parapet level;
- + the four recessed entrances with articulated quoin surrounds and cornice, the centre two entrances defining the original arcade of the building;
- + detailing of window surrounds including cast stone sills and headers;
- + the dentilled cornice at the upper level and the storefront level;
- + brick corbelling and parapet projections; and
- + the two date plaques on the west façade.



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