



# WILLIAM FRASER RESIDENCE

11511 - 75 AVENUE NW

## CITY OF EDMONTON HISTORIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



### DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The William Fraser Residence, built circa 1908 is a two-storey Foursquare home with a pyramidal roof and clapboard siding. It is located on a residential street and occupies a single city lot mid-block in the Edmonton neighbourhood of Belgravia. The municipal designation applies to the front and side elevations, as well as the original interior wood finishes. The rear addition, completed in 2010, is not included in the designation.

### HERITAGE VALUE

The William Fraser Residence is significant as a rare example of a pre-WWI home in Belgravia and its Foursquare design. Built sometime between 1908 and 1912, possibly by farmer and first owner William Fraser, this residence is a distinctive exception to the average home built in the subdivision of Belgravia. Archival photographs show that as late as 1949 the William Fraser Residence was one of the few buildings in the area. The William Fraser Residence with its two-storey height, foursquare design, and wooden siding and interior finishes is an identifiable and rare pre-WWI home in a neighbourhood characterized largely by post-WWII bungalows.

The William Fraser Residence is significant for its Foursquare design. The Foursquare design was common in Edmonton during the first two decades of the 20th century, and is identifiable by typical characteristics such as a square footprint, two storey height, hipped roof with overhanging boxed eaves and clapboard siding with decorative corner boards and trim, all of which can be seen in the William Fraser Residence.

### CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The heritage value of the William Fraser Residence is expressed in such character-defining elements as:

- + form, scale and massing;
- + symmetrical Foursquare design;
- + hip roof with boxed eaves;
- + clapboard siding, corner boards, and trim board under the eaves and above the foundation;
- + brick chimney;
- + wood single hung 1 over 1 windows;
- + large front main floor window with stain glass detailing; and
- + interior hardwood floors, 12” baseboards, trim work and hallway staircase.

*Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 15168 in May 2009.*



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