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Jasper, Alberta
Jackman Residence and Garage
411 Patricia Street

HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

The Jackman Residence and Garage were built in 1921-23 to the designs of Alf Broadhurst of Jasper. They occupied a double lot directly behind the Post Office (operated by Mr. Jackman) and adjacent to the Administration Building. There were numerous delays in construction due largely to labour shortages, but the residence when completed was considered "the most attractive and costly private residence in Jasper." Even today, due in large part to its boulder construction, it is among the most substantial and attractive of Jasper houses. The lease is held by Environment Canada. See FHBRO Building Report 87-1 36.

Reasons for Designation

The Jackman Residence and Garage have been designated Recognized primarily because of their architectural design and craftsmanship, and their contribution to the character of the townsite, particularly the Athabaska Park area.

Designed to the approval of the Park Superintendent, the residence and garage were part of a conscious attempt to develop a "rustic" style of architecture appropriate to the beauty of the area, with its recreational and health-giving potential. Not restricted by rigid adherence to a single style, the guiding aesthetic was manifested in a variety of architectural detailing. It emphasized the use of natural materials - logs, fieldstone, cedar shingles - and compatible traditions such as half-timbering and the wood architecture of Switzerland. The Jackman Residence and Garage feature fieldstone walls, projecting bracketed eaves, imitation half-timbered gables, and compatible detailing.

The Jackman property forms part of the attractive grouping of buildings in the central area of the townsite, important both historically and architecturally and acting as a significant draw for visitors. The residence and garage are important elements in establishing and maintaining the heritage character of this focal area.

Character Defining Elements

The heritage character of the Residence and Garage are defined primarily by the exterior treatment of the buildings and by their associated landscape setting.

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Jackman Residence and Garage (Continued)

The residence is a one-and-a-half-storey, gable-roofed structure with projecting eaves.

It is clad with fieldstone up to eave level, and with imitation half-timber of stucco and wood in the gable ends. On the right front elevation is an enclosed stone porch with a separate roof, echoing the design of the main building. The front and side elevations are relatively symmetrical, with local variations in fenestration and detail. The windows are small paned.

The two-car garage, a single storey gable-roofed structure, has similar materials and detailing. There is fieldstone cladding up to eave level, and imitation half-timbered gables above.

Inside the residence, the massive fieldstone fireplace and the stone detailing on the interior of the porch are the most significant elements. These and related elements of trim and detail are important in providing continuity with the exterior.

Given the care used in the original selection of materials and detailing, it is important that these be carefully maintained. A program of regular maintenance and periodic repointing, repair or replacement, should be undertaken using accurate documentation and qualified conservation staff. Repair of existing materials is always preferable to replacement. Repainting should be done to the existing colour scheme, or to an earlier scheme established through historic paint colour analysis. Additions or alterations, if required, should be modest and should enhance the heritage character of the property.

The landscaping of the grounds is an important component of these buildings in the "rustic" style. The evolution of the landscape treatment over the years should be documented and recorded, and used as a basis for any changes or modifications that are required. Surviving original features of the landscape should be identified and preserved.