



HUGH DUNCAN RESIDENCE

8520 - 104 STREET NW

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Hugh Duncan Residence is a prominent two and one-half storey house, located on a corner lot at 104 Street and 86 Avenue in Edmonton's Old Strathcona area.

HERITAGE VALUE

The 1911 Hugh Duncan Residence is significant as an example of growth, development, and the socio-economic values associated with Strathcona prior to WWI. A neighbourhood of affluent upper-middle class citizens, the social aspirations of many of its prominent residents is reflected in the strong, formal, and stylish architecture. This residence is a prominent Edwardian-era structure that implies stature, grace, and civility through its classical revival building elements and strong symmetry. It is part of a grouping of prominent houses along 104 Street. The Hugh Duncan Residence is also an excellent example of the Four-square style, popular during the Edwardian era and typified by the use of symmetry as an ordering element, generous proportions, and restrained detailing.



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The Hugh Duncan Residence is valued for its association with early Strathcona residence who were representative of the type of entrepreneurial and professional families that began to populate the city of Strathcona early in the twentieth century. Hugh Duncan was a pioneer pharmacist in Strathcona and owned and operated his Whyte Avenue Pharmacy until his death in 1935.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

Key elements that define the heritage character of the Hugh Duncan Residence include its:

- + residential form, scale and massing as expressed by its two and one-half storey plus basement height, one-storey bay window at side, and bellcast hipped roof with broad overhangs and closed eaves;
- + masonry construction, including red brick cladding, parged window sills, precast keystones, and tall, internal corbelled red brick chimneys;
- + two-storey, open front verandah with lathe-turned columns on the ground floor;
- + fenestration pattern, including the double-hung one-over-one wooden sash windows and arched roof dormers; and
- + interior features such as the staircases with square newels and balusters, wooden panelling, wooden floors, doors and window trim, and plaster walls.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 13464 in August 2004.

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