

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY STATION AS A HISTORIC RESOURCE

Issue

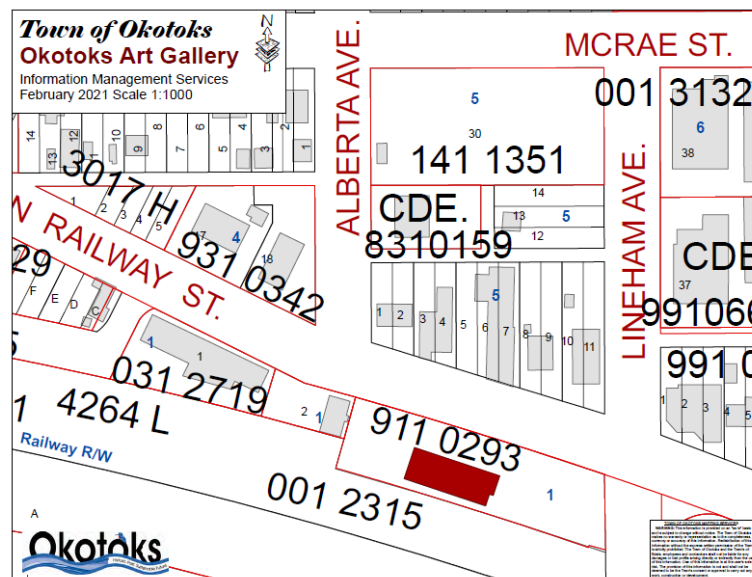
Notice of intention to designate the Canadian Pacific Station as a Historic Resource is provided to the Town.

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the notice of intent to designate the Canadian Pacific Rail Station as a Historic Resource be received as information.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

The Town intends to designate the Canadian Pacific Rail (CPR) Station, currently known as the Okotoks Art Gallery, shown in red on the map below and located at 53 North Railway Street (Plan 9110293, Block 1, Lot Dewdney Park) as a Municipal Historic Resource. The Province of Alberta's *Historical Resources Act (Act)* requires that the Town provide 60 days' notice of the designation to the owner of the property. As the Town owns this property, notification is being provided to Town Council.



Constructed in 1892, the original CPR station burned down in 1928. A new two-story brick station was constructed in 1929 at the cost of \$19,871 dollars. The CPR station provided such services as a telegraph office, mail service and ticket office for passengers. Station agents and their families lived on the second floor. The last passenger train stopped there on July 2, 1971 and the station closed a year later. After sitting vacant for eight years, the Town purchased the building in 1980 and re-opened it in 1981 as a cultural arts facility called the Station Cultural Centre. 2021 is the 40th anniversary of the Town's purchase of the building; this presents a great opportunity to celebrate the facility by designating it an historic resource.

As per the Act, sixty (60) days written notice of the Town's intention to designate an historic resource by bylaw must be given.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input type="checkbox"/>	Manage Community Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide Strong Governance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provide Quality Community Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhance Organizational Excellence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Economic Vitality
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Promote Environmental Excellence

Governing Policies/Bylaws/Legislation or Agreements

Historical Resources Act

Public Participation Strategy

n/a

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

I strongly support this heritage designation. Ensuring the Town preserves our history is an important part of our identity and culture. This will be the third building that the Town has designated since the program was adopted.

Attachment(s)

n/a

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