

## BYLAW 29-21 - CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY STATION MUNICIPAL HERITAGE RESOURCE DESIGNATION

### Purpose

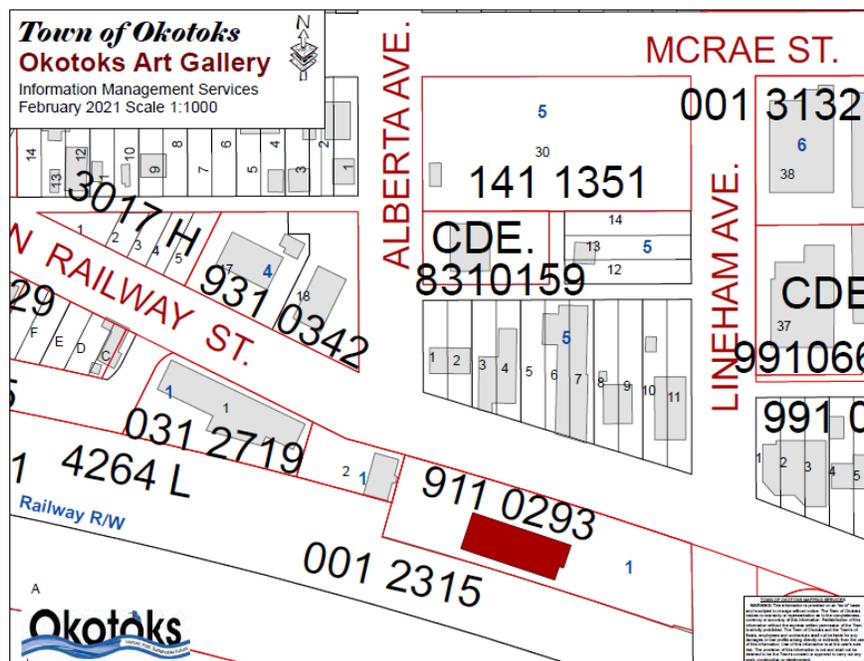
The purpose of Bylaw 29-21 is to designate the Canadian Pacific Railway Station (Okotoks Art Gallery) as a Municipal Heritage Resource.

### Readings

This Bylaw is ready for three readings.

### Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

On May 10, 2021, Culture and Heritage presented a Notice of Intent to Council to designate the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) Station as a Municipal Heritage Resource. Currently known as the Okotoks Art Gallery and shown in red on the map below, the heritage value of the Historic Property is significant for Activity, Style and Symbolic values.



The CPR Station is valued for its association with railway transportation, the early establishment and continued growth of the town and surrounding rural area in the early 20th century. As explained in the Inventory Evaluation Summary (2018, Town of Okotoks) of the CPR Station, the building played a:

key 'transportation hub' role for its function to establish, produce and grow primary resource and agricultural development in the area [...] Being the nearest railway hub, the station was also central to the movement of both oil

exploration equipment and the oil that was produced in the surrounding area. The Okotoks CPR Station was significant during the 1914 Turner Valley oilfield boom as all supplies and people first came to Okotoks on their way to Turner Valley with the oil production brought back to Okotoks to be shipped.

The 1892 CPR Station was lost to fire in 1928.



*Original 1892 wood-constructed CPR Station.  
1902, Okotoks Museum and Archives*

In 1929, at the cost of \$19,871, a new one- and two-storey brick station was constructed to continue its role of moving goods and passengers [...]



*Fred Bye and family on the wooden platform of the Canadian Pacific Railway Station at Okotoks, AB looking north at the south side of the Station and platform. ca 1948, Okotoks Museum and Archives*

The last passenger train stopped in Okotoks on July 2, 1971 with the station closing one year later. After which time it sat vacant until it was purchased by the Town in 1980 and was re-opened in 1981 to the community as a cultural arts facility. (p 5-6)

Financial implications are related to the designation of the property as a Municipal Historic Resource. The Municipal Heritage Resource status protects the heritage value of the property by limiting interventions to the portions of the building described in section 2.4, Regulated Portions, of the Bylaw. Once designated, the Town registers the building with the Province of Alberta; and after acceptance, the property becomes eligible for grants to assist with maintenance.

**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

**Public Hearing / Participation Strategy**

Conducted during the creation of the Municipal Heritage Designation Program.

**Alternatives for Consideration**

n/a

**CAO Comments**

I strongly support this Bylaw. It is important to support the Municipal Heritage Designation Program and the art gallery is a key community asset.

**Attachment(s)**

1. Draft Bylaw 29-21

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