



# CHANDLER RESIDENCE & BARN

10828 - 125 STREET NW

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### DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Chandler Residence and Barn are situated on a single residential lot in the Westmount Architectural Heritage Area. The property features a two and one-half storey wood frame house and a one and one-half storey barn-carriage house, both built in 1912.

### HERITAGE VALUE

The Chandler Residence and Barn-Carriage House are significant for their association with pre-WWI development in Westmount, one of Edmonton's oldest neighbourhoods. Lots in Westmount were marketed to the professional class who built relatively large homes of simple design. They also normally built an outbuilding to house a horse and store their carriage. Although once common in the area, few carriage houses survive today.

The Chandler Residence is representative of the simplified residential design popular among middle class Edmontonians prior to and during the First World War, and makes an important contribution to the character of the community of Westmount

Although this was designed with a basic Queen Anne form, including hipped roof with cross gable, wrap around verandah and rectangular bay window on the north elevation, when the Chandler Residence was constructed, homes with crisp lines and little ornamentation were fashionable. The house is finished with simple and inexpensive material evidenced in the use of shiplap siding, boxed eaves, solid verandah railing and rectangular porch supports. The use simple materials reflect the widespread values of frugality and pragmatism popular at the time.

The Chandler Barn-Carriage House is valued for its ability to illustrate the transition from equestrian to automobile based transportation in Edmonton. The barn-carriage house was constructed in 1912 with a single door on the west elevation to admit a horse and carriage. A large hay loft door in the half-storey above allowed easy access for feed for the horse. Although the first automobile in Edmonton arrived in 1904, cars were uncommon and were used mostly for sport until the mid-1910s. The primary form of urban transportation was the horse and carriage until automobiles became an affordable alternative. The Chandler Barn-Carriage House had been converted to a garage by the 1930s; by then a door and two garage door openings had been made on the north elevation and the original entrance on the west elevation had been sealed. The change in use from barn and carriage house to garage reflects the gradual introduction and eventual prevalence of the automobile.

The Chandler barn was designated as Municipal Historic Resource in 2008, while the Chandler Residence was designated shortly after in 2011.





## CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

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

- + wood-frame construction;
- + location on its original lot;
- + two-storey height;
- + wood shiplap siding;
- + wrap-around verandah;
- + solid, shiplap clad balustrade and square, tapered porch supports on the wrap-around verandah;
- + pyramidal roof;
- + offset gable roof dormer with wooden shingles in the gable end;
- + boxed eaves;
- + rectangular bay window on the north façade; and
- + pattern, style and construction of the wooden windows on the main floor of the north, east and south elevations and the double hung wooden windows on the second floor of the north, east and south elevations.

*The Chandler Residence was Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 15671 in March 2011.*



The heritage value of the Chandler Barn-Carriage House is expressed in such character-defining elements as:

- + gambrel roof clad in sawn cedar shingles;
- + wooden shiplap siding;
- + two garage door openings on the north façade;
- + sealed carriage door opening on the west façade;
- + square wood framed windows on the east, south, and west façades;
- + large wooden hayloft door; and
- + door opening on the east end of the north façade.

*The Chandler Barn was Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 15105 in December 2008.*

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