



DR. MINISH RESIDENCE

11222 - 123 STREET NW

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Dr. Minish Residence, built in 1932, is a single storey clinker brick home with an intersecting gable roof and an “L” shaped footprint. It is located on a residential street and occupies a single city lot in Edmonton’s mature Inglewood neighbourhood. The municipal designation includes the exterior elevations and the interior wooden trim and mouldings: the remaining interior features are considered non-contributing elements.

HERITAGE VALUE

The Dr. Minish Residence is significant for its use of clinker brick and as a type of infill development in the community of Inglewood.

The Dr. Minish Residence built in 1932, is valued due to its association with modest inter-war infill residential development in the community of Inglewood. The Dr. Minish Residence is representative of this style of infill through its modest size, the use of wood frame construction with brick cladding and simple inexpensive detailing, and the presence of wooden windows and interior trim and moulding.

These style of homes were popular at the time because the modest detailing gave the home a modicum of style which afforded the owner a sense of pride and respectability, while the small size made them affordable and easy to heat in the winter.

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Built during the twenty year period between the World Wars, the Dr. Minish Residence is valued as a type of residential infill development in Inglewood, a community in which the majority of the development has occurred since the end of the Second World War.

The Dr. Minish Residence is also significant for its use of clinker brick. Clinker bricks were originally discarded as waste material unsuitable for construction because they were over-fired, burnt, and misshapen. The firing process gives every clinker brick a slightly different colour and texture. As a result, every clinker brick structure, including the Dr. Minish Residence, is provided a unique appearance.

Builders in Edmonton began to use clinker bricks as early as 1913. The continued presence of clinker brick structures like the Dr. Minish Residence are important in preserving one of Edmonton’s few regional construction materials.





CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

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

- + use of clinker brick as the cladding material for the exterior walls;
- + clinker brick chimney;
- + the clinker brick soldier courses that runs across the gables to interrupt the basic stretcher bond;
- + the clinker brick soldier courses serving as lintels and the projecting clinker bricks used as window sills;
- + exposed rafter tails with the prominent bargeboards/ fascia boards having diagonal cut ends;
- + tongue and groove timber sheathing in the eaves;
- + the simple parged relief patterns to look like stone over the concrete foundation;
- + the main windows are single hung timber sash windows in tripartite groupings, two of which are on the east elevation and one on the south. The south elevation also has a single sash window of the same height. The north elevation has a single sash window and a picture window;
- + timber front door in the L shape facing south onto the front porch; and
- + interior trim and mouldings.



Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 15559 in November 2010.

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