



DUNCAN CAMERON RESIDENCE

10727 – 126 STREET NW

CITY OF EDMONTON
HISTORIC RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Duncan Cameron Residence is a two-storey Craftsman style building in the historic Westmount neighbourhood, as well as the Westmount Architectural Heritage Area.

HERITAGE VALUE

The Duncan Cameron Residence is significant for its association with early residential development in Westmount and its Craftsman design influences. Architect and contractor, D. Sewell, applied for a building permit in 1912 to initiate construction.

A succession of owners and renters resided here until Duncan Cameron purchased the house in 1923. Duncan was a locomotive engineer for CN Rail between 1911 and 1943. He was known for piloting the Royal Family on the Royal Train in 1939, as well as the engineer on several trains bearing the governor general and other high dignitaries. He was the longest living resident in this house until 1948.

The residence is valued for its Craftsman design influences, including the horizontal wood siding on the lower level and wood shingle siding on the upper level and in the gable peaks. The open front verandah has an enclosed railing with wood shingle siding. The façade is characterized with a large gable dormer with a medium pitch roof. The dormer originally had an open porch that has since been enclosed. The large picture window has two side windows that are operable. The shed roof and dormers are cedar shingled. The rear elevation has an open verandah on one half of the house with the other half enclosed.

A brick chimney is located at the centre of the house. Interior elements include hardwood floors, baseboards and

window/door trim, fireplace, heart registers, doors and handles, claw foot bathtub and plaster walls.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The character defining elements expressed in the Craftsman influenced Duncan Cameron Residence include:

- + form, scale and massing;
- + wood frame construction;
- + side gable roof with cedar shingled roof;
- + open verandah with enclosed railing and four wood columns;
- + front gable roof dormer;
- + fenestration pattern;
- + windows with storms attached;
- + centre brick chimney (exposed); and
- + clapboard horizontal siding on main level and wood shingle siding in the gable peaks and front verandah.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 127667 in August 2016.

