



# MCTAGGART RESIDENCE

11530 - 95A STREET NW

## CITY OF EDMONTON HISTORIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



### DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The McTaggart Residence is a gabled roof, rectangular bungalow with an enclosed front verandah. A wood framed structure clad with wood siding and decorative shingles, it is located on a rectangular city lot in Edmonton's mature Alberta Avenue neighbourhood.

### HERITAGE VALUE

Significant as a well-preserved modest craftsman bungalow, the McTaggart Residence is also representative of a middle-income single-family dwelling of the post-WWI era.

The McTaggart Residence uses a variety of decorative motifs reminiscent of the Craftsman-style such as the square posts with capitals supporting the verandah, exposed rafters with scrolled ends, large eave brackets, and decorative wood shingles in the gable ends.

The house, built circa 1922, is significant for its association with individuals and families who made contributions to

the community through their military and civic participation. Built by a real estate developer, it was first occupied by John Lawson Haight, a WWI veteran and teacher. John Wesley McTaggart, a well-known accountant, and his wife Myril, both active citizens of Edmonton, bought the house in 1925. Mrs. McTaggart continued to live in the house until 1971.

### CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The Craftsman-style influences of the McTaggart Residence are expressed through character defining elements such as:

- + the form, scale, and massing;
- + the gabled roof and enclosed verandah with a gabled roof on the front façade;
- + the materials such as the clinker brick foundation, wood siding, and wood shingles;
- + the window patterns and window styles;
- + the bay windows with clinker brick foundation and hipped roof;
- + decorative elements including the square posts with capital, projecting rafters with scrolled ends, large eave brackets, diagonal lattice work beneath the verandah, decorative trim boards at the corners, capped clinker brick posts flanking the front steps, timber trim, and moulded crown on all windows; and
- + the contrasting trim and exterior wall colours.

*Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 13979 in July 2005.*

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