



OTTO REHER COTTAGE

11845 - 52 STREET NW

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DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL PLACE

The Otto Reher Cottage consists of a modest one-storey, wood frame bungalow on a rectangular corner lot on a residential street in the Newton neighbourhood. The Otto Reher Cottage is significant as an example of simple Craftsman-style influenced architecture and for its association as a working man's house typically built by the miners who worked in the nearby Beverley coal mines.

HERITAGE VALUE

The Otto Reher Cottage is valued because of its modest cottage-style architecture which is a restrained example of the Craftsman style. The design was likely taken from a builders' yard or a design book and consists of simple timber frame construction finished in lapped siding with wide corner board edges. The architecture is an example of typical construction for the area. There are very few examples of this vintage and type of structure remaining in the community of Newton.

The cottage was built in 1937 by, or for, Otto Reher who worked in the Beverly Bush Coal Mine. The Town of Beverly grew out of the coal industry that was based in the area and the Newton neighbourhood was settled mainly by the working classes at the time, while the professionals lived in the wealthier Highlands neighbourhood. The Otto Reher Cottage is typical of the scale and style of residential builders constructed by miners and their families.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

The heritage value of the Otto Reher Cottage is expressed in such character defining elements as its:

- + location in the Newton neighbourhood;
- + form, scale and massing;
- + gable roof configuration with exposed rafters and eaves;
- + exterior brick chimney;
- + large sunroom with windows divided into 4 sections with 2 panes each;
- + wooden front door and simple timber window casings with edge framing;
- + 3-over-1 wooden sash windows with the central window being wider than the two side windows on the main portion of the home; and
- + two 3-paned casement windows and one 3-over-1 single hung wooden window on the south elevation; and three 3-over-1, single hung wood windows on the north elevation.

Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource through Bylaw 14379 in December 2006.

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