

TOWN OF WADENA

BYLAW No. 03-2010

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF WADENA TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE WADENA & DISTRICT MUSEUM AT WADENA, SASKATCHEWAN AS BEING A SITE OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE.

WHEREAS Section 11 and 12 of *The Heritage Property Act* authorize the Council of the Town of Wadena to enact bylaws to designate real property, including all buildings, features and structures thereon, to be of heritage value; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Wadena has determined that the property known as THE WADENA & DISTRICT MUSEUM and located at 299 and 302 Main Street South East is a site of architectural, historical, cultural, environmental, archaeological, paleontological, aesthetic and/or scientific value; and,

WHEREAS not less than thirty (30) days prior to consideration of this bylaw, the Council of the Town of Wadena has:  
Served a Notice of Intention on the property and all owners of the property included in the proposed bylaw; and published a Notice of Intention in at least one issue of a newspaper in general circulation of the municipality; and registered an interest in the Land Titles Registry against all titles for the parcels of land included in the proposed bylaw; and

WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Council of the Town of Wadena;

THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Wadena enacts as follows:

There is designated as Municipal Heritage Property the real property legally described as:

Parcel "F" Plan: 90H08296 Ext. 0  
Title No. 122010646  
Parcel No. 113293379

The reasons for the designation are as follows:

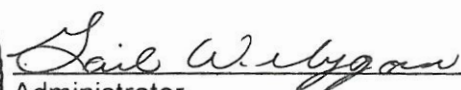
- 1) The property is of distinct architectural design
  - 2) The buildings serve as a museum
  - 3) The buildings are a landmark in the community
  - 4) The buildings are some of the oldest in the district
- \*\*\*\*See attached letter from the Wadena & District Museum  
Dated February 19, 2010\*\*\*\*

This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final reading and passing thereof.

Read a third time and passed this 27 day of April, 2010

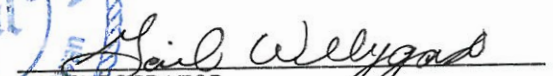


  
Mayor

  
Administrator

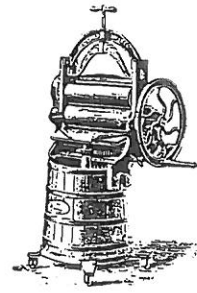


CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY of  
Bylaw No. 03-2010 adopted by  
resolution of Council on the  
27th day of April, 2010.

  
ADMINISTRATOR



*Wadena and District Museum  
Box 1208, Wadena Sask.  
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February 19, 2010

Town of Wadena

Box 730

Wadena, Saskatchewan

S0A 4J0

Attention: Town Council

Re: Heritage designation of the property and buildings located at the Wadena and District Museum.

Located at 299 and 302 Main Street South, Wadena, Saskatchewan.

Please consider the following buildings and property for Municipal Heritage Designation:

The Brice Farmstead and House, the 1905 Canadian Northern Railway Station, Sunderland #1 School House, Doukabour Banya, Boles Blacksmith Shop, General Store, Saint Paul's Anglican Church.

**Brice Farmstead and House:**

Brice family purchased a half section of land south of the CNR Railway in 1914. There were no buildings so they built the house and a large barn that year.

Family was involved in the community. Mrs. Ethel Brice was a Charter Member of the IODE, who during World War I, worked for the soldiers and their families welfare. She was involved in many cultural activities in town. The Brice children belonged to the Children of the Empire, an organization for the children of the IODE members.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brice were both very active in the Wadena Agricultural Society. Mr. Brice also served on the School and Hospital Boards. Brice farm had a huge gravel pit, and they donated the gravel to cover the main street of Wadena.

George Brice, eldest son of Henry and Ethel, and his wife Helena (a former Wadena School Teacher) took over the farm and continued in the farming tradition of his father and mother, until his death in 1976. Mrs Brice continued to live in the house until 2000.

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One of the few remaining houses left from the early era of Wadena. It is in very good condition and has much of George and Helena's furniture.

### **Canadian Northern Railway Station House (Later Canadian National)**

Built in 1904/05 by John Skoglund and C. A. Nelson, as soon as the steel was laid.

The building was a 3<sup>rd</sup> class depot, with renovations. This was a standard building across the western lines, with slightly over 250 of this design built. It featured a perfectly pyramidal roof, and lack of track side waiting room windows. Revisions to the depot were made in 1909 by extending the freight shed and adding an addition for a ladies waiting room with a rear door access. At the same time they extended the station platform. In the 1940's they renovated again, and eliminated the ladies waiting room to facilitate more freight. There are now very few of this type left, as many fell into disrepair and were destroyed. (See attached sheet for a original plan of a 3<sup>rd</sup> class depot.)

In 1904 when the CNR realized that the CPR was going to beat them to Wadena, the crew jumped ahead, and build tracks across the CPR right of way. The site of the crossing is the reason the town of Wadena is situated where it is, people wanted it moved 1 mile west but the CNR refused, so Wadena was built in a swampy area.

The first passenger service was on April 2<sup>nd</sup> of 1905.

The train brought settlers, and much need supplies. This helped to open up the area to many homesteaders.

June 4, 1916 the 214<sup>th</sup> Wildcat Battalion left Wadena for training at Camp Hughes.

People gathered at the station to watch the train come into town, to meet family, to send parcels, to travel to other areas, and during two wars, to wave the soldiers off and welcome the ones that returned. It was the hub of our community for 58 years. It ran its last passenger train on Saturday, May 18, 1963.

Motion by town council to purchase the station for the museum on October 7, 1985. It was relocated adjacent to the Brice farmyard in 1990. It was opened as a museum in June 6, 1991.

### **Sunderland #1 School House**

This was built in 1907 when the Sunderland School District #817 was formed. Situated east of Wadena,

The school was closed in 1958, was moved to Wadena and used as a classroom, and later for band instruction and practice.

In 1987 moved to Recreation Park Area, and became the initial building for the Wadena and District Museum.

From 1907-1958 approximately 400 children attended classes in this one room school. This school had the distinction of being of the few rural schools that had indoor bathrooms.

During its first 50 years, it was also used as a church, Sunday School, elections, meetings, whist drives dances, etc. were held for social get togethers.

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### **Saint Paul's Anglican Church**

Build in 1911, with the first recorded service held on August 11, 1912 in the community of Margo, Saskatchewan.

It is a small clapboard structure that reflects its Anglican heritage with its pointed Gothic windows and a decorative wrap-around eaves design at the front entrance.

Regular services were held until the 1970s. In March 1998 it was given Municipal Heritage status.

In 2007, the remaining parishioners requested that the Wadena Museum accept the church so it could be preserved. On July 22, 2008 it was moved to the museum grounds. As a result of the move, it needs to be re-designated.

### **Kylemore District Doukabour Banya (Bath House)**

One of the few remaining Doukabour Buildings from the settlement at Kylemore that was salvageable, this building was removed from the Peter Malekoff farm and brought to the museum grounds in May of 2008. This building was used for bathing, and washing clothes. It contains the original stove used to heat the water. Water was emptied into a trough located along the wall opposite of the door.

### **The Osachoff General Store, Kylemore, Sask.**

The store was built and opened for business in 1953 by Louis Osachoff . It served the community of Kylemore as a general store until its closing in the early 1970s. In 2006 it was moved from a field, in which it was deteriorating, to the museum grounds in order to preserve a piece of the Kylemore history.

### **Bole's Blacksmith Shop**

The blacksmith shop was owned by James A. Bole and located close to the Nut Lake and Touchwood trails at the turn of the century. The blacksmith shop was used by settlers, the North West Mounted Police, and the CPR to shoe their horses, sharpen plows, and manufacture of basic tools. It was moved to the museum in 2005 in an effort to preserve the building and the tools and forge which it contained.

We feel that the above mentioned property and buildings were an integral part of our community's history and as such should be designated as Municipal Heritage property.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

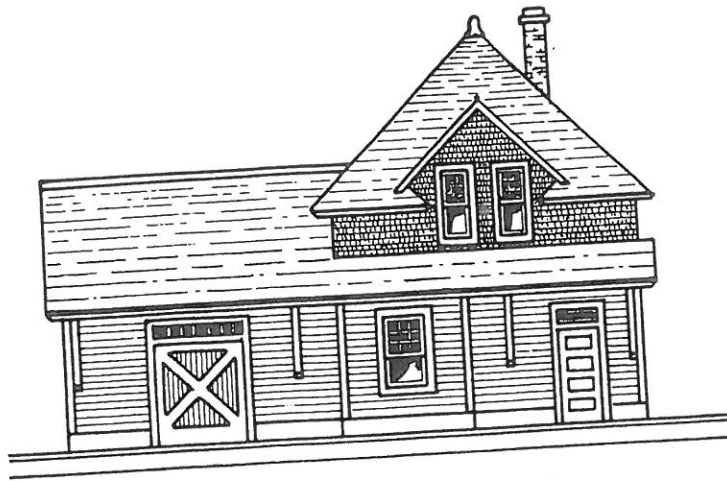
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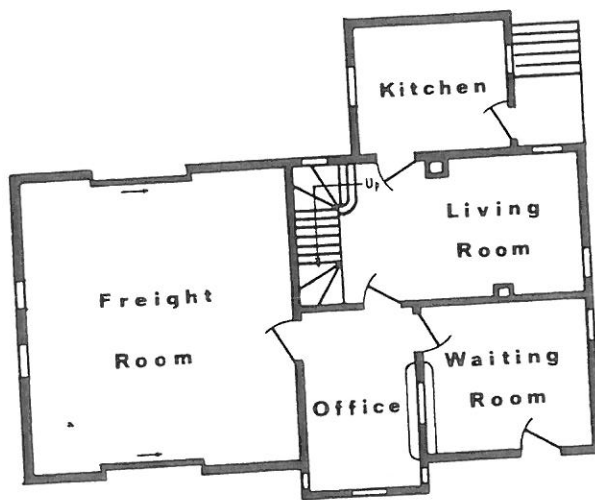
Wadena & District Museum Board

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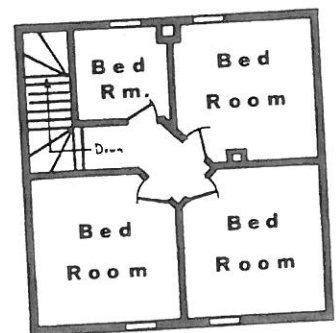
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TRACK SIDE ELEVATION



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



UPPER FLOOR

Fig. 57 Canadian Northern Standard 3rd Class Depot (1901 Version).