

Heritage Property Details

Name of Historic Place: Post Office

Current Name: Humboldt & District Museum and Gallery

Other Name(s): Humboldt Post Office

Date of Origin: 1911

Historic Use: Post Office

Current Use: Museum

Location: Humboldt

Street Address: 602 Main Street

Architect: David Ewart

Formal Recognition

Type of Recognition: Municipal Heritage Property

Date of Recognition: October 9, 1984

Statement of Significance



The Post Office is a Municipal Heritage Property which occupies ten city lots on the corner of Main Street and 6th Avenue in the City of Humboldt. The property features a two-storey, brick-and-stone building with projecting clock tower, constructed in 1911.

The heritage value of the Humboldt Post Office lies in its architecture. Constructed in 1911, the Humboldt Post Office exemplifies the Romanesque Revival style public buildings which were designed by the federal Department of Public Works in the early decades of the twentieth century. Designed by the chief architect, David Ewart, the distinctive Romanesque Revival style buildings led to the creation of a large group of recognizably similar buildings which were variants on a common theme rather than identical structures shaped from a single standard plan. The Humboldt Post Office is similar to the post offices in Battleford and Melfort and together the three are the only surviving post office of this type in the Prairie Provinces. These public buildings symbolized the federal government's presence in smaller prairie communities such as Humboldt. Situated on the corner of Main Street and Franklin Avenue (now 6th Avenue) the Post Office is one of the oldest structures in Humboldt and stands as a landmark in the community.

Source:

Town of Humboldt Bylaw No 20/84.