

City designates grocery and Westmount house as historic resources

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The City of Edmonton has formally designated two more buildings as Municipal Historic Resources. The Shop-Easy Grocery in the Calder neighbourhood and Hunt Residence in Westmount are now protected as historic buildings after approval from City Council.

Built in 1948, the Shop-Easy Grocery is architecturally significant because of its late Art Deco style which includes a flat roof and canopy along the south and east façades. Other defining elements include brick and stucco finishes and large display windows. The grocery's original sign still hangs over its entrance door. The Shop-Easy Grocery is located at the northwest corner of 129 Avenue and 116 Street.

"These type of small scale commercial building were generally intended to serve the needs of the nearby community, and were quite common," says David Johnston, principal heritage planner. "It's hard to find one that's still intact, so we are really happy to have this building designated as a Municipal Historic Resource."



The Shop-Easy Grocery, built in 1948

The Hunt Residence, built in 1922, is a one-storey wood frame bungalow. Defining features include a medium pitch gable roof, front facing open porch with two slightly-tapered pillars and a five paned eyebrow window in the gable over the porch. The house still has most of the original windows and two exposed brick chimneys.

"The Hunt Residence is a good example of Craftsman design influences, and is representative of the heritage resources remaining in Westmount" said Johnston. "The City of Edmonton is making a concerted effort to sustain Edmonton's built heritage and this designation is part of that ongoing effort."



The Hunt Residence, built in 1922

The City's [Historic Resource Management Plan](#) outlines the City's mission to identify, protect and promote the preservation and use of historic resources. The plan contains 24 policies and 88 action items that direct how Edmonton's heritage should be preserved and celebrated.

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