



City Designates Ira W. Stephens Residence

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The City of Edmonton has formally designated the Ira W. Stephens Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource. Constructed in 1914, The Ira W. Stephens Residence is a one and a half storey wood structure designed with Craftsman Style influences. It is located at 6526 -111 Avenue, on a corner lot in the historic neighbourhood of Highlands.



Between 1911 and 1915, Highlands developed rapidly, fuelled by a booming provincial economy. This period of prosperity saw the paving of streets, the extension of the streetcar line from Edmonton, provision of running water, telephone service and electricity. These modern amenities combined with the pastoral setting and scenic vistas over the river valley made Highlands an attractive location for homebuyers who could afford to purchase there. In fact, Highlands was subdivided and developed by the Magrath-Holgate Co. with the intent of establishing it as a bedroom community for Edmonton's more affluent residents.

Though the Ira W. Stephens Residence would have been consistent with Magrath and Holgate's vision for Highlands, it is more modest than many of the grand homes built in the community during this period. Some of the defining features include the gable roof with exposed rafters, the Clinker Brick chimney and the enclosed porch with shed roof, exposed rafters and paired wood columns in the corners.

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 the preservation and celebration of Edmonton's heritage.

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