

Heritage Planner's Statement of Significance

Description of Historic Place

The Cameron Block is a two storey, brick clad commercial building. The building is located on a prominent corner location on 97 Street in Edmonton's China Town.

Heritage Value

Constructed in 1910, the Cameron Block is significant because of its architecture, which reflects Edmonton's commercial architecture during the Edwardian era.

The Cameron Block is significant for its association with early commercial development on 97 Street, formerly Namayo Avenue, one of Edmonton's principal commercial thoroughfares in the early 1900s.

The Cameron Block is significant as a visible reminder of the work of Edmonton Architect J.H. Rudy, who practiced in Edmonton between 1909 and 1914.

Character Defining Elements

The Edwardian Commercial Architecture of the Cameron Block is expressed in character defining elements such as:

- form scale and massing;
- flat roof;
- retail units at ground level with large wood framed glazing and transom windows, central recessed entry and wood panelled bulkheads;
- pressed metal cornice at parapet level;
- red brick cladding;
- brick corbelling below the parapet;
- recessed bays above the first storey on the south and west elevations separated by brick pilasters; and
- original window openings, some with brick voussoirs, keystones and cement lug sills.