



*Sault Ste. Marie
Municipal Heritage Committee*

911 Wellington St. E. –Designation Report

Description of Property -911 Wellington St. E.

This is a Prairie-style single-story residence, noticeably located at the south-west corner of Wellington and Woodward in the city's east-central area. It encompasses part of Lot 15, Plan 568 and Lot 29, Plan 930. GIS coordinates: 705,711.336 5,154,111.585 Meters

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

This handsome, distinctive, well maintained home is the best example of a Prairie-style residence to be found in Sault Ste. Marie. It is an elegant Craftsman style bungalow with a variety of gently pitched roof slopes and a small hipped dormer. The eaves are deep and bracketed. The columns are plain with square abacuses and no base. The inclusion of classical modillions in a residence is rare in Sault Ste. Marie and to Prairie-style homes. A variety of rustic building materials have been utilized: stucco, wood, brick and stone. The window groupings consist of both casement and sash with inner muntin bars. Those windows on the front have been replaced with modern aluminum windows but the windows around the sunroom on the east side and those on the partial second floor are original. Many of the original storm windows are stored in the garage. Craftsmanship in the building is excellent yet simple and functional. Even the interior fireplace sports hand-carved brackets of similar design to those supporting the overhanging exterior eaves. With the exception of the kitchen and bathroom, the main floor rooms are still finished with the original oak trim and floors. An old photo of the house indicates that cedar shingles once adorned the roof.

This residence was constructed, in its present form, in 1914 for Richard H. Carney who was District manager for Canada Life Assurance Co. It was the Carney family who was responsible for construction of the Carney Block on Queen St. It thus reflects the affluence of an upper middle class business family which was profiting from the Clergue industrial expansion of the day. A 1914 date and initials of the stone mason builder may be found in the basement wall mortar between the sandstone pieces. It is likely this sandstone was quarried from the locks as was typical for the day. This house was purchased in 1939 by the MacIntosh family who owned it until 2004.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key exterior features that embody the heritage value of 911 Wellington St. E. include:

- Variety of gently pitched roof slopes provide horizontal emphasis reflecting the Prairie-style bungalow
- Clerestory lighting that provides light to a half story loft
- A hipped dormer and deep bracketed eaves
- Columns with abacuses and no base but adorned with modillions
- Rustic building materials including stucco, wood, brick and stone
- Original casement windows with sash and inner muntin bars on the sunroom (east side) and on the half story loft
- Home and property have been well maintained in traditional style with little change to the exterior
- An interior with oak trim, baseboards and flooring unchanged save for the kitchen and bathroom
- A beautiful fireplace with brackets supporting the mantle matching those under the eaves on the exterior
- The best example of a classical Prairie-style residence in Sault Ste. Marie distinctively located in a prominent east-central location
- A residence which reflects the affluence of a prominent Sault business family built during the heyday of the Clergue industrial empire