

## CRONQUIST HOUSE

### Minimum Documentation

**1. Unique f/p/t identifier**

**2. Jurisdiction**

Alberta

**3. Name of Historic Place**

Cronquist House



*Figure 1: Cronquist House, 1999*

**4. Location of Supporting Documentation**

Red Deer and District Archives

Archivist

City of Red Deer

PO Box 5008, 4914 - 48 Avenue

Red Deer, AB T4N 3T4

File:

Biographical Files - Emmanuel Peterson Cronquist

Research File - RG39-2

Alberta Community Development

Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources

Old St. Stephen's College

8820 - 112 Street

Edmonton, AB T6G 2P8

Provincial Heritage Inventory Data Base

Cronquist House

PO Box 24001

Red Deer, AB T4N 6X6

Photo Collection

**5. Formal Recognition Authority**

Local Governments (AB)

**6. Statute**

Historical Resources Act

City of Red Deer Bylaw No. 2789/82

**7. Formal Recognition Type**  
Municipal Historic Resource

**8. Formal Recognition Date**  
1982/10/25

**9. Owner Notification and Owner Response**  
Notification: yes  
Response type: yes

**10. Specific Location of Historic Place**

4707 Fountain Drive  
Bower Ponds  
Great Chief Park  
Red Deer, AB

Lat 52.26945 / 52 degrees 16 min 10 sec

Long -113.83188 / -113 degrees 49 min 55 sec

**Mandatory Documentation**

**11. Specific Location**

4707 Fountain Drive  
Bower Ponds  
Great Chief Park  
Red Deer, AB

**12. Description of Boundaries**

Plan 2333P, Block X

Excepting thereout: all that portion which lies to the east of a straight line drawn parallel to the east boundary of Block A as shown on said Plan 2333P, through a point in the north westerly boundary of said Block X distant 344 feet south westerly from the north easterly terminal point of the course designated as south 66 degrees and 23 minutes west on said plan, continuing 4.70 acres, more or less the land hereby described containing 45.50 acres, more or less excepting thereout all mines and minerals.

**13. Area of Historic Place**

184138.5 m<sup>2</sup>  
18.41 hectares  
45.5 acres

#### **14. Number and Type of Contributing Resources**

One building

#### **15. Historic Place Functional Category (original)**

Residence

#### **16. Historic Place Function Type(s) (original)**

Single Dwelling

#### **17. Description of Historic Place**

Cronquist House is a solid two and one-half storey brick Queen Anne Revival style building, featuring a prominent high round turret with conical roof, bay windows, and front veranda. It was moved to its present location at Bower Ponds recreation area in 1976.

#### **18. Heritage Value of Historic Place**

##### Historical Value

Cronquist House is historically significant as the home of Emanuel Petterson Cronquist and his family, who arrived with the first wave of Swedish immigrants to Central Alberta in 1893. A successful farmer, horse and cattle dealer, and businessman, Cronquist built this spacious farm home overlooking the Red Deer River in 1911–1912. Cronquist House was occupied by members of the family until 1974.

##### Social Value

Cronquist House is a valued Red Deer landmark. In 1976 the community rallied to save Cronquist House when it was threatened with demolition. It was relocated from the Cronquist farm across the river to its current location. The restored Cronquist House, now operated by the Red Deer Cultural Heritage Society, has significant value as a venue for Red Deer's ethnic groups and the arts community.

##### Architectural Value

Cronquist House is a rare example of a restrained Queen Anne Revival style residence in Red Deer. It is significant for its use of quality, local materials including Red Deer Brick and local sandstone from the quarry on Cronquist's land.

#### **19. Character-defining elements**

- Form, massing and siting that define the silhouette of the Cronquist House
- All Queen Anne Revival style design elements including: the prominent three-storey round turret, capped by a steep conical roof with decorative finial; high pitched gable

roofs; skirting on turret and front gable; and the covered wrap-around verandah featuring turned wood Doric supports and an upper balcony.

-All exterior features including the original windows and doors; brick voussoirs; sandstone window sills; cedar shingle roofing, wall finish, and gable ends; and painted decorative trim, including soffits, eaves, and railings.

-All original interior features including the staircases; doors; the fir window and door trim; wooden floors and baseboards.

## 20. Photographs/Images

### Contemporary Photograph

Image Description: Southeast exterior view of the Cronquist House, Bower Ponds, February 2004

Image Caption: Southeast view of the Cronquist House, February 2004

Image Copyright: City of Red Deer, 2004

Image-Misc. Info. : N/A

Image Type: Exterior Photo



*Figure 2: Contemporary Photo, Cronquist House*

### Historic Photograph

Image Description: Exterior north view of the Cronquist House on its original location, 1975

Image Caption: North view of Cronquist House, 1975

Image Copyright: Cronquist House Archives, A 87.122

Image-Misc. Info. : N/A

Image Type: Historic Photo



*Figure 3: Historic Photo, Cronquist House*

### **Optional Documentation**

**21. Other name(s)**

**22. Cross-reference to Historical/Archaeological Collection**

Cronquist House  
PO Box 24001  
Red Deer, AB T4N 6X6

**23. Ownership of Historic Place (category)**

Municipal

**24. Historic Place functional category and type(s) (current)**

Leisure, Recreation Centre  
Education, Museum

**25. Construction date range**

1911 to 1912

**26. Significant Dates**

1911 –1974

1976

**27. Associated event/person/organization/architect/builder**

Emanuel Petterson Cronquist (owner)

Red Deer Cultural Heritage Society (organization)

**28. Theme category**

Peopling the Land; Expressing Intellectual and Cultural Life

**29. Theme type**

Settlement; Architecture and Design

**30. Web-site link**

<http://www3.telus.net/cronquist/chs2.html>

Website Title: The Cronquist House

Website Description: This web site provides extensive information about the Cronquist House including its location, physical description, historical background, current use, and contact information. In addition, the history of the Cronquist family and their immigration from Sweden is detailed on this website. A photo gallery with a series of historical and contemporary photographs of the interior and exterior of the house is also available for viewing.

Website Link Type: Other