

## CPR STATION

### Minimum Documentation

- 1. Unique f/p/t identifier**
- 2. Jurisdiction**  
Alberta
- 3. Name of Historic Place**  
CPR Station
- 4. Location of Supporting Documentation**  
Red Deer and District Archives  
Archivist  
City of Red Deer  
Box 5008, 4914-48 Avenue  
Red Deer, AB T4N 3T4

Files:

Research File MG-250-5(2)  
Photo collections P-125-P-1-2  
Red Deer Historical Walking Tours, 1990

Alberta Community Development  
Cultural Facilities and Historical Resources  
Old St. Stephen's College  
8820-112 Street  
Edmonton, AB T6G 2P8

Files:

Designation File 696  
Heritage Inventory Programme Date Base

- 5. Formal Recognition Authority**  
Local Governments (AB)
- 6. Statute**  
Historical Resources Act (AB)  
City of Red Deer Bylaw No.3035/91
- 7. Formal Recognition Type**  
Municipal Historic Resource (AB)



*Figure 1: CPR Station*

**8. Formal Recognition Date**

1991/05/13

**9. Owner Notification and Owner Response**

Notification: yes

Response type: yes

**10. Specific Location of Historic Place**

5000 – 51 Avenue, Red Deer, AB

Lat N. 52 Degrees 16.14 Min

Long W 113 degrees 49.00 Min

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**11. Specific Location**

5000 – 51 Avenue, Red Deer, AB

**12. Description of Boundaries**

Units 1 - 3, CDE Plan 962 2413  
(previously Lot 19, Plan 952 4241)

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**13. Area of Historic Place**

1619 m<sup>2</sup>  
0.16 hectares  
0.4 acres

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

One building

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

Transport, Rail

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

Rail Station

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

The former Canadian Pacific Railway Station, built in 1910, is a rectangular, one and one-half storey structure with a distinctive Chateau Style design characteristic of classic CPR train stations. This dominant landmark is situated at the west end of Ross Street, where its horizontal silhouette demarcates Red Deer's historic downtown core.

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

### Historical Value

The historical significance of the CPR Station lies in its association with the establishment of a divisional point at Red Deer in 1907. The CPR Station is historically important as the sole remaining structure of the city's extensive railway landscape. It played an important role in the settlement and subsequent growth of Red Deer as an agricultural distribution centre. The CPR Station also has significant social value to the community as a principal meeting place, a reception centre for visiting dignitaries, and as the point of departure and return for troops in both World Wars.

### Architectural Value

The CPR Station is of architectural significance as an example of the CPR's divisional station plan CPR X-20B. It retains most of its definitive design elements and materials, including sandstone and local brick.

### Landmark Value

The station is significant as a community landmark with a prominent location in the view plane of downtown Red Deer. It continues to influence downtown design, surrounding modern infill development, and the city's arterial road system. Its location and orientation give it sentimental value through a memorial link with the Cenotaph on Ross Street.

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

- Distinctive form and massing of the CPR Station
- Balanced composition of all elements across the entire building and uniform rhythm of structural openings including the window patterns
- The classic CPR railway design elements such as the Chateau Style central octagonal turret, hipped roof with large flared overhang eaves supported by wooden brackets and dormer windows.
- Combination of original materials such as wood, masonry, carved sandstone, plinth, wooden brackets, and sandstone trim

- View plane and unimpeded view which preserve the station's distinctive silhouette and its relationship with the streetscape and the scale of surrounding buildings

## 20. Photographs/Images

### CPR Station

Image Description: Exterior east view of the CPR Station from Ross Street, December 2003

Image Caption: East view of the CPR Station from Ross Street, December 2003

Image Copyright: City of Red Deer, 2003.

Image-Misc. Info.: N/A

Image Type: Exterior Photo



*Figure 2: Contemporary Photo, CPR Station*

### Historic Photo

Image Description: Exterior east view of the CPR Station, 1912

Image Caption: East view of the CPR Station looking west from Ross Street, 1912

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Image-Misc. Info.: N/A

Image Type: Historic Photo



*Figure 3: Historic Photo, CPR Station, Ross Street View*

### **Historic Photo**

Image Description: Exterior southeast view of the CPR Station, gardens, and rail yards, Red Deer, 1912

Image Caption: Southeast view of the CPR Station, gardens, and rail yards, 1912

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Image-Misc. Info. : N/A

Image Type: Historic Photo



*Figure 4: Historic Photo, CPR Station and Gardens*

## **Optional Documentation**

### **21. Other name(s)**

The Train Station  
Canadian Pacific Railway Station

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

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

Private, Corporate

### **24. Historic Place functional type(s) (current)**

Commerce – Commercial Building

### **25. Construction date range**

1910 to 1910

### **26. Significant Dates**

1910 to 1985

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

Frederick Crossley (architect)  
Canadian Pacific Railway (organization)  
World War I and World War II (events)

### **28. Theme category**

Developing Economy

### **29. Theme type**

Communication and Transportation

### **30. Web-site link**

No