

Municipal Heritage Resource Designation



Vintage colourized Prairie postcard of Bow River bridge. Courtesy: Glenbow Archives PC007637.



Three significant resources were designated in 2016. Designation preserves the Town's heritage: no person shall destroy, disturb, alter or repair a designated municipal heritage resource without council's approval.



Bow River Bridge present day.



Single-lane iron truss Bow River Bridge.



First Nations concrete-cast reliefs.

BOW RIVER BRIDGE

- Built 1920-21, a historically significant design as a two-lane automobile and pedestrian bridge in the grand boulevard City Beautiful style
- Replaced a single-lane iron truss dated back to 1887
- Automobiles first permitted in the Park by 1910s; today, millions of vehicles cross the bridge annually
- Offers iconic views of Banff Avenue, Cascade Mountain, the river and soaring mountain peaks in every direction
- The grand span, globe lamp posts and First Nations concrete-cast reliefs feature prominently in photographs and postcards for almost a century

“The citizens of Banff and the broad dominion could take pride in such a bridge, and it would be an additional object of interest to tourists.”

– Banff Crag and Canyon, 1914