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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
342 Banff Avenue: Webb Residence



DESCRIPTION OF THE HISTORIC PLACE

The Webb residence at 342 Banff Avenue is a fair example of a 1940's era duplex built to accommodate a growing population in need of rental accommodation. The building was constructed in 1941 and occupied for most of its existence by Martha Webb and various renters. The Webb duplex has a minor presence on the block as it is located between the more prominent Barrie House to the south and a modern apartment building to the north.

HERITAGE VALUE

The resource at 342 Banff Avenue retains a good level of heritage integrity due to regular maintenance and a lack of major alterations, however the home itself is not historically significant. The home is a broad, one storey square building with a basement and separate garage to the rear of the property. It features a wide pyramidal roofline with two separate symmetrical gabled building entrances that extrude from the otherwise low-pitched roof. The coarse stucco finish of the home is reflective of the architectural trends in the 1930's and 1940's, as are the original sash windows, exposed rafters, large eave overhang, and front gable corbels— all common elements of mid-century wide pyramidal homes in Banff. The front-gabled two-car garage to the rear of the property is clad with vertical wooden siding and a stringcourse, and wood paneled garage doors. Overall, the exterior of the home is in good condition.

CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES

- Low-pitched pyramidal roof with two small front gables
- Front gable corbels
- Decorative front gable fascia
- Exposed rafters and shiplap soffit
- Coarse stucco finish
- All original half-centre bar and three-light sash windows
- Large eave overhang