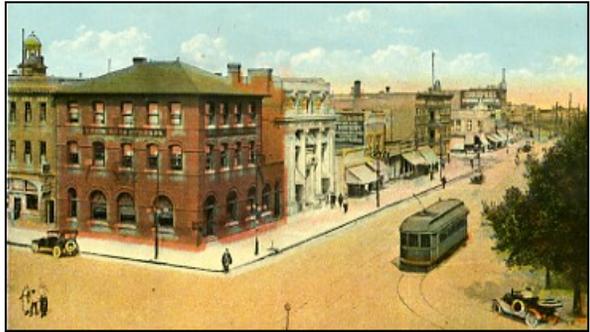




DOWNTOWN LETHBRIDGE HISTORIC PLAQUE TOUR



26 Bow On Tong

316 2 Avenue S.
Chinese pharmacy

27 Manie Opera Society

318 2 Avenue S.
Store

28 Nakagamas

322 2 Avenue S.
Store

29 Fire Hall No 1

Provincial Historic Resource, 1979.
402 2 Avenue S.

Municipal Building/Restaurant

30 Whitney Block/Owl Acoustic Lounge

411 3 Avenue S.
Hotel/Store/Restaurant

31 Bells Welding/Mocha Cabana

Municipal Historic Resource, 2011.
317 4 Street S.

Welding shop/Restaurant

32 Oddfellows Building

401 4 Avenue S.
Fraternal Organization

33 The Point

West end 4 Avenue S.
Red Light District

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A FREE walking tour, compliments of the City of Lethbridge, the Heart of Our City Revitalization Committee and the Lethbridge Historical Society.

Downtown Lethbridge is truly the Heart of Our City

The City of Lethbridge (Heart of Our City Committee) and Lethbridge Historical Society, working with organizations and building owners, have placed plaques on many of our downtown treasures.

Historic Buildings Matter

Historic buildings provide a tangible link to our past, providing us with a sense of time and place. They evoke memories and are an irreplaceable part of our collective history and community identity. Historic buildings – reflective of the local materials, ideas and architecture of Lethbridge – create a community unique from any other. When you see these iconic, historic structures, you know you are home! Further, every building re-used is one less building crowding our landfills.

History of Lethbridge's Downtown

In 1885 Lethbridge moved from the river-bottom to the prairie and a number of commercial and residential buildings were constructed. This was the start of Lethbridge's Downtown. Lethbridge grew quickly, becoming a town in 1891 and a city in 1906.

Between 1906-1913 many wooden buildings were replaced by two and three-storey brick and stone structures. Several buildings underwent expansions. Residences were built above stores and businesses. Downtown held sway as the business, commercial, artistic and political centre of Lethbridge.

This position slowly changed after the Second World War. Fewer people lived in the Downtown. Vacancy rates rose in the Downtown as many businesses moved.

The 1980s saw a dramatic change in the Downtown with the removal of the CP Rail marshalling yard. Today Downtown Lethbridge is a vibrant, place that needs to be protected for the people of today and the future.

1 Galt Hospital/Galt Museum & Archives

Provincial Historic Resource, 1978.

502 1 Street S.

Hospital/Museum

2 Lethbridge City Police/Mongolie Grill

502 5 Street S.

Police Station/Restaurant

3 Buchanan Building

504 7 Street S.

Newspaper office

4 Cleary House

420 7 Street S.

Residence

5 Paramount

342 8 Street

Theatre/Bank & Offices

6 Vendome Hotel

Municipal Historic Resource, 2009.

110 8 Street S.

Hotel

7 St. Patrick's Rectory

105 8 Street S.

Residence/Commercial

8 Union Station/Health Unit

Provincial Historic Resource, 1987.

801 1 Avenue S.

Train Station

9 Hick Sehl Building/Catwalk

Municipal Historic Resource, 2009.

618 3 Avenue S.

Store/Salon

10 Acadia Block

Municipal Historic Resource, 2009.

616 3 Avenue S.

Office Building/Store

11 Burns Building/Shanghai Chop Suey

608/610 3 Avenue S.

Store/Restaurant

12 Public Library/SAAG

601 3 Avenue S.

Library

13 Bank of Montreal/The Gate

522 3 Avenue S.

Bank/Church

14 CP Telegraph Office

310 6 Street S.

Telegraph Office/Office

15 McFarland Block

517 4 Avenue S.

Office Building

16 Alec Arms

332 5 Street S.

Hotel/Apartments

17 Kresge Building/Draffins

321 5 Street S.

Store

18 Hotel Dallas

312 5 Street S.

Hotel/Apartments

19 Henderson & Downer Block/Club Cigar Store

301 5 Street S.

Hotel/Store

20 Union Bank/Express Coffee

222 5 Street S.

Bank/Store

21 Lethbridge Hotel

202 5 Street S.

Hotel

22 Hudson Bay Company/Trianon Building

104 5 Street S.

Store/Restaurant

23 Chinatown

3 & 4 Street – 2 Avenue S.

Area Description

24 Chinese Freemasons

Provincial Historic Resource, 1987.

310 2 Avenue S.

Fraternal Organization

25 Sang Mang Sang

312 2 Avenue S.

Store/Restaurant