

BYLAW 6279

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE
TO DESIGNATE THE LANZ RESIDENCE
OF 721 – 3 STREET SOUTH, LETHBRIDGE
AS A MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE

WHEREAS Section 26 of the Historical Resources Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. H-9 permits Council to designate any historic resource within a municipality whose preservation Council considers to be in the public interest, together with any land in or on which it is located, as a Municipal Historic Resource;

AND WHEREAS the preservation of the Lanz Residence, located at 721 – 3 Street South, Lethbridge appears to be in the public interest as described in the attached Schedule "A" Statement of Significance and Description of Character-Defining Elements;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DULY ASSEMBLED, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

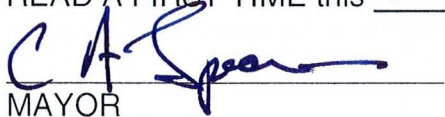
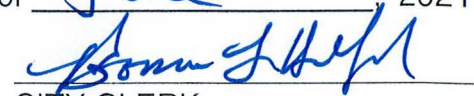
1. The City of Lethbridge hereby designates the Lanz Residence, located at 721 – 3 Street South, in the City of Lethbridge, Province of Alberta, legally described as

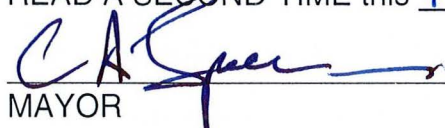
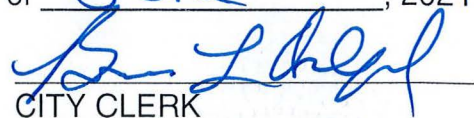
Plan 39910
The south half of lot 12 and all of lot 13
On the east side of Guinness Street
Reserving unto her Majesty all Coal


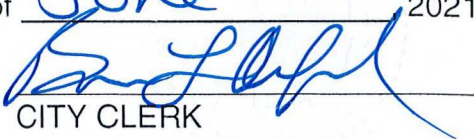
(the "Property") as a Municipal Historic Resource.

2. The specific elements of the historic resource considered to possess historic value are described within Schedule "A" as the Character-Defining Elements.
3. No person shall make alterations or repairs to the designated historic resource which have the effect of diminishing the enumerated Character-Defining Elements without the written approval of City Council or a person appointed by City Council for the purpose.
4. Beverly Lanz, the registered owner of the Property described in section one shall accept total liability and hold harmless The City of Lethbridge from and against all financial and/or economic losses, suits, charges and claims for compensation or damages in any manner arising from the designation.

5. The City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any necessary documents on behalf of the City of Lethbridge in support of the Municipal Historic Resource designation.
6. Schedule "A" is attached to and forms part of this Bylaw.
7. This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect on the date of final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME this 18th day of June, 2021.

MAYOR 
CITY CLERK

READ A SECOND TIME this 15th day of June, 2021.

MAYOR 
CITY CLERK

READ A THIRD TIME this 15th day of June, 2021.

MAYOR 
CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE 'A'
Statement of Significance and Description of Character-Defining Elements

Statement of Significance

721 - 3 Street South Lanz Residence



Description of the Historic Place

The two-storey Lanz Residence is a concrete block foursquare with a hipped roof and an open front porch with four composite Ionic-Corinthian concrete columns. It is located on a residential street in Lethbridge.

Heritage Value

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The Lanz Residence is significant for its association with Lethbridge's early residential development. From 1907 to the beginning of World War One, Lethbridge enjoyed a period of rapid economic and population growth, spurring the development of municipal services and private enterprise. This 1909 house was built near the height of the economic boom, before the slowdown caused by World War One, local droughts, and the recession in the early 1920s.

Its first recorded tenant was D. Ferguson, an insurance broker. The house remained vacant for a few years in the mid-1910s, but was soon occupied by a William R. Pilling, manager of Southern Brokerage Ltd., who assumed ownership in 1917. Other early residents included Paul A. Schendel, a machinist, and Edwin S. Richardson, a fireman at the CPR.

In the 1930s the Colin H. and Harriet Catherine Ford family moved in and would reside at the house for the next four decades or so. Colin Ford was born in October 1883. He worked for the City, initially with the Street Railway as a motor man and later as a bus driver as the City moved to get rid of street cars. This home would have been very conveniently located near the old street car barn. Harriet Ford was born in September 1875 and passed away in December 1947.

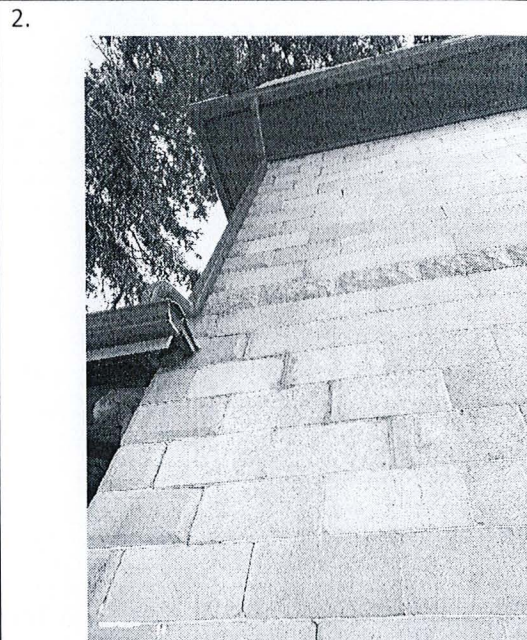
The Lanz Residence is also significant for its foursquare design. Prior to 1918 the foursquare

house was one of the most popular residential building plans in Alberta, and they proliferated in urban and rural locales throughout the province. Foursquare homes are typically two storeys in height and feature a symmetrical façade that hints at the four-rooms-per-floor design within. The Lanz Residence is unusual in that instead of using wood or brick, which were common building materials in Lethbridge at that time, it was constructed from concrete blocks fashioned to look like stone. The choice of building material may have been influenced by the strong, dry winds and the prevalent use of timber at that time which made fire a very real threat in Lethbridge. The unusual building materials, as well as the offset open front porch with classical Ionic columns combine to make this residence a unique part of Lethbridge's built heritage.

Character-Defining Elements

The character-defining elements as expressed in the form, massing, and materials of the 1909 two-storey Lanz Residence include:

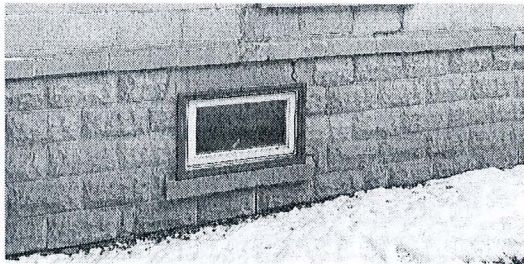
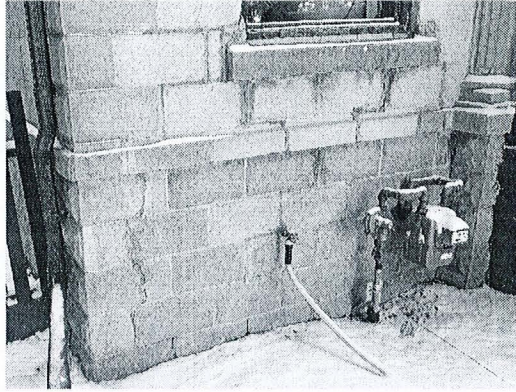
1. The hipped roof
2. The concrete block construction
3. The cast stone lintels and sills
4. The rusticated concrete block foundation
5. The composite Ionic-Corinthian columns atop rusticated concrete block piers supporting the hipped roof on the front porch
6. The brick chimney
7. The pattern, style and construction of all original window and door openings



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