

**FHBRO HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT
ENDYMION ISLAND PICNIC SHELTER,
ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK**

FHBRO number: **93-35**
DFRP number: **09431**
Resource name: **Endymion Island Picnic Shelter**
Address: **Endymion Island, St. Lawrence Islands National Park, Ontario**
FHBRO status: **"Recognized" Federal Heritage Building**
Construction: **1947**
Designer: **unknown**
Original function : **picnic shelter**
Current function : **picnic shelter**
Modifications: **new roof**
Custodian: **Parks Canada Agency (PCA)**

Reasons for Designation

The Endymion Island Picnic Shelter is a "Recognized" Federal Heritage Building because of its historical associations, and its architectural and environmental values:

Historical value:

The Endymion Island Picnic Shelter is associated with the establishment of national parks through the subtheme of growth of the parks in the 1950s. At St. Lawrence Islands National Park (SLINP) this necessitated the construction of additional recreational facilities, including picnic shelters.

Architectural value:

The Endymion Island Picnic Shelter is a good example of national park picnic shelters, the design of which had changed little since the 1930s. The simple, open plan of the picnic shelter is appropriate to its intended use, permitting a view of the surrounding scenery while providing protection from sun and inclement weather. The unpartitioned interior space allows for flexible use. Standard components include a hipped roof with exposed rafters, vertical wood support posts with wood brackets, and a concrete slab foundation. The surrounding half-wall is composed of a section clad in horizontal overlapping boards and a section of vertical posts and rails.

Environmental value:

The Endymion Island Picnic Shelter, together with a small privy, reinforces the picturesque character of the setting and stands alone on a heavily treed island site in the St. Lawrence River. It is conveniently located near a dock and is well-known and well-used.

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Character-Defining Elements

The following character-defining elements of the Endymion Island Picnic Shelter should be respected:

Its role as an illustration of the increased visitorship to national parks during the postwar period is reflected in:

- its simple, open design, in keeping with its role as a public picnic shelter;

Its rustic aesthetic and conformity to the standard design for national park picnic shelters as manifested in:

- the open design and unpartitioned interior space;
- the hipped roof, vertical wood support posts, wood brackets, surrounding half-wall and concrete slab floor.

The manner in which it reinforces the rustic, yet accessible character of the setting as evidenced in:

- its remote location on a heavily treed island, with privy and dock nearby.

For guidance on interventions, please refer to the FHBRO Code of Practice. For further information contact FHBRO.

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