

Trent-Severn Waterway, Ontario
Lockmaster's House
Sidney Lockstation

HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

The lockmaster's house at Sidney Lockstation was built in 1922 to provide accommodation for the lockmaster. The designs were prepared by the office of the Superintending Canal Engineer. Environment Canada Parks Service is the custodial department. See FHBRO Building Report 88-82.

Reason for Designation

The residence was designated Recognized because it is a rare example of a lockmaster's residence on the Trent-Severn Waterway from the 1920s and because it is an important element in the heritage environment of the lockstation.

Built to a standard plan, the building is a storey-and-a-half bungalow executed in the manner of the Arts and Crafts movement and is reflective of mainstream residential architecture of the period.

Character Defining Elements

The heritage value of the building resides in the overall visual character of the building's exterior, details and materials and in its setting.

The design of the building is dominated by the steep gable roof with its long central dormer, and by the full width porch and central doorway. The porch posts and other craftsmanlike touches add detail. Reinstatement of the porch rail and balcony would considerably enhance the heritage character. Any surviving interior layout and finishes that relate to the building's original function should be identified and preserved in future renovations.

The lockmaster's house is still somewhat isolated from the other structures of the lockstation - the lock, dam, and the lock office. The park-like setting and the visual integrity of the lockstation should be maintained.

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