

**MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS**

**BY-LAW NO. 972-2016**

**A BYLAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS, TO DESIGNATE**

**FORMER BARBOUR PHARMACY: 2413 – 213 STREET, BELLEVUE (PLAN 6099AQ, BLOCK 6, LOT 8)**

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**AS A MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE**

WHEREAS Section 26 of the *Historical Resources Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, c.H-9, as amended, permits Council to designate any historic resource within the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass 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 structure located at 2413 – 213 Street, known as the Barbour Pharmacy, in the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass appears to be in the public interest;

AND WHEREAS the owner of Lot 8, Block 6, Plan 6099AQ has agreed to waive compensation now and in the future;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS, DULY ASSEMBLED, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

The former Barbour Pharmacy, located on Lot 8, Block 6, Plan 6099AQ in the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, is hereby designated as a Municipal Historic Resource. Refer to Schedule A – Statement of Significance and Schedule B – Location Map.

This Bylaw shall come into effect on the date of the final passing thereof.

Read a first time this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2016.

Carried

Read a second time this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

Carried

Read a third and final time, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

Carried



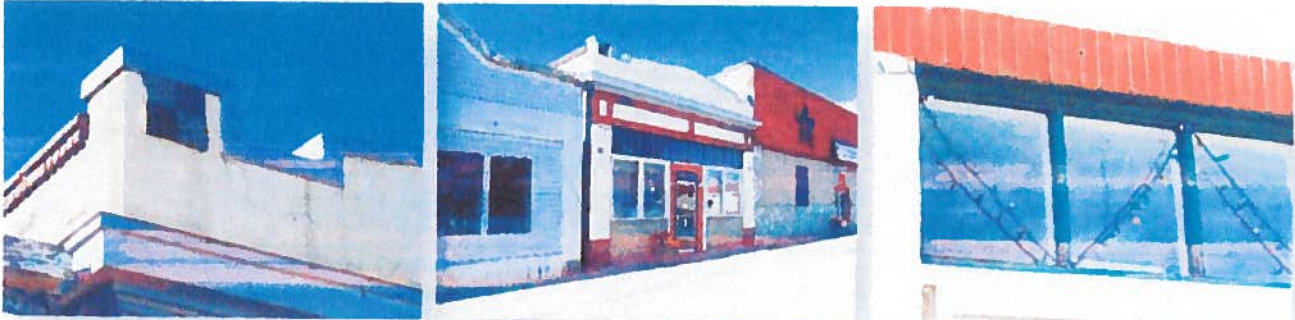
Blair Painter  
Mayor



Lorraine O'Brien  
Chief Administrative Officer

### BARBOUR PHARMACY

2413 213 Street  
Bellevue, Alberta



#### Description of Historic Place

The Barbour Pharmacy is a 1917 one-storey commercial building with an angled parapet, a mid-level cornice, and central entry with two large display windows on both sides. There is decorative brick detailing in the recessed space above the transom windows. The building is located mid-block on the main commercial street.

#### Heritage Value

The municipal heritage value of the Barbour Pharmacy lies in its association with retail development in Bellevue; with pharmacist Alf Barbour; with contractor Jake Wheeler; and in its early commercial design and construction.

The Barbour Pharmacy is significant for its association with the development of the retail sector in Bellevue. After West Canadian Collieries began to develop its mines at Byron Creek and Bellevue, people began to build homes on the bench above the coulee where the Bellevue Mine was located. Prior to a devastating fire in 1917, Bellevue had commercial development on two streets, Main Street and Front Street. After the fire, Main Street became a residential street while business owners re-built on just Front Street, which is today's 213<sup>th</sup> Street.

There is significance in the association of the resource with prominent Pharmacist Alf (Doc) Barbour. E.C. McDonald operated a drug store in Bellevue that survived the 1917 fire. However, that same year he hired Jake Wheeler of Hillcrest to build this new store. In the early 1920s he sold the business to Alf Barbour. In 1923, Barbour also had a store in Hillcrest that was managed by his brother-in-law, Fernie Beck. Alf and his wife Lou (Beck) left Bellevue that year, but returned in 1924. He operated the drug store until 1934, at which point he sold it to the Haysom brothers, who then named the business Bellevue Rexall Drugs. Barbour's reputation as a professional hockey player on the west coast followed him to Bellevue. He was enticed to play on the local team, a team that went on to win two Alberta Cups.

The Barbour Pharmacy is significant for its association with contractor Jake Wheeler. Wheeler lived across the Crowsnest Valley in Hillcrest where he constructed several commercial buildings. He was also active in Bellevue where he constructed the Union Bank building.

Significance in the Barbour Pharmacy can be found in its early commercial design and construction. After the 1917 fire, many new commercial buildings were built using hollow clay brick. The parapet has a slight angle with decorative tile details in the projections on either end. There is a cornice above a recessed space over top of the wood frame transom

windows. On either side of the central entry are two large display windows. The pilasters on both sides of the façade have decorative brick details at their base.

### Character-Defining Elements

The key elements that define the heritage character of the Barbour Pharmacy include its:

- Mass, scale, and form of the one-storey brick building;
- Early commercial façade with angled-parapet, and decorative tile detailing;
- Cornice below parapet;
- Central entry with two large display windows on either side;
- Transom windows;
- Recessed space above transom windows with decorative brick detailing;
- Pilasters on either side of façade with decorative brick detailing at the base;
- Wood trim on windows and door frames;
- Location mid-block on main commercial street; and
- Set flush to public sidewalk.

#### Sources:

1. Crowsnest Pass Historical Society (Canada), *Crowsnest and Its People*, Coleman, AB: Crowsnest Pass Historical Society, 1979.
2. Bellevue Driving Tour Guide.



**Bylaw 972, 2016**

**Schedule B**

**Barbour Pharmacy**

**Lot 8, Block 6, Plan 6099AQ / 2413 – 213 Street**

