

Trenton, Ontario

Building 49, Hangar #5 and Building 51, Hangar #3
CFB Trenton

HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

Building 51, hangar #3, CFB Trenton, Ontario, was built in August 1931 and designed by the Engineering Services Branch of the Canadian Army. Building 49, hangar #5, built in 1935-36, was designed by the Royal Canadian Engineers. Both structures are owned by the Department of National Defence. See FHBRO Building Report 89-27.

Reasons for Designation

Building 51, hangar #3 and Building 49, hangar #5 were designated Recognized heritage buildings. Both buildings were designated because of RCAF Trenton's important role during World War II as the Central Flying School for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP) and because they are representative of the early development of RCAF Trenton.

Both structures, as part of the service component represented by hangar row, were a key aspect in the success of the BCATP.

Character Defining Elements

The heritage character of Building 51, hangar #3 and Building 49, hangar #5 is defined by their location as part of a distinct line of hangars dating from the early development phase of RCAF Trenton. Both structures were built according to a standard architectural style and colour scheme.

The clean and simple exterior form, the art deco detailing, the original windows and the standard stucco finish on Building 49, hangar #5 should be retained as should the interior space of the service area which is virtually unchanged.

The exterior of Building 51, hangar #3 has been extensively altered by the addition of metal siding. If future exterior alterations are to be undertaken, removal of the existing metal siding, reinstatement of the original stucco finish, the attractive window pattern and the hangar doors should be considered.

Building 51, hangar #3 and Building 49, hangar #5 contribute to the formation of a distinctive and unified hangar row. The visual line created by the hangar row should not be compromised.

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