

Saint John, N.B.  
**Postal Station "A"**  
126 -40 Prince William St.

FHBRO 83-59

## HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

Postal Station A, built between 1913 and 1915 is part of the Prince William Streetscape designated of national historical and architectural significance by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada in 1981. The original structure is four storeys high, with basement, and has a sandstone front, with the less visible side and rear walls made of brick (the rear was extended in the 1950s). Designated in the Beaux Arts style, the facade is typically buff-coloured, rusticated in the lower storey and dressed in the upper levels. The classical tripartite facade consists of a slightly recessed central section, with a pavilion at either side, surmounted by a prominent, denticulated cornice. A range of attached ionic columns separates the window openings in the seven-bay front, and gives an illusion of greater than actual height as well as depth and sculptural contrast. The colonnade is appropriately reminiscent of classical palaces and temples from which the style is derived. The present interior layout of the building appears to be similar to the original. Although lighting and other fixtures have been modernized or replaced, the marble dado in the public service areas at the front of the building is intact, as is the facade and much of the interior.

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