

Woodstock, New Brunswick  
**Armoury**  
Chapel Street

## **HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT**

The armoury was constructed in 1904-05, to plans prepared by the federal Department of Public Works under the direction of architect T.W. Fuller. It was intended to serve as the regimental headquarters of the local militia and presently accommodated the 89th Battery. The custodian is the Department of National Defence. See FHBRO Building Report 90-42.

### **Reasons for Designation**

The armoury was designated Recognized because of its historical association with the rise of the Active Volunteer Militia during the period preceding the First World War and particularly, because it contributed to the development of the Town of Woodstock. It is a local landmark and continues to influence the character of the surrounding neighbourhood.

### **Character Defining Elements**

The heritage character of this building is defined by its exterior form, materials, and detailing, by those aspects of the interior substantive of its military function, and by its relationship with the site.

The armoury has a simple, modular form with a dominant centre pavilion. The composition is marked by a rigorous fenestration pattern, a rugged foundation, corbelling, string courses, and a massive doorway. Collectively, these features create a bulky appearance, evincing the military nature of this establishment.

The detailing is highlighted by virtue of the contrasts inherent in the masonry. Throughout, quarry faced stonework is juxtaposed to fields of flat brickwork. The resulting interplay of colours and textures is a fundamental characteristic which should be carefully preserved.

The interior shelters a variety of military activities. The significance of interior components should be evaluated as a preliminary to any proposed intervention. Modifications which alter important spatial qualities, or which affect historic fabric, should be implemented in a reversible manner.

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The armoury has a forceful presence and is a valuable component of the streetscape.

Although the former parade square now serves as a parking lot, the existence of flat, open grounds adjacent to the building perpetuates a traditional relationship with the site.

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