

FHBRO HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT BUILDING 42, GARRISON LONGUE-POINTE, CFB MONTREAL

FHBRO number: **96-11**
DFRP number: **06710**
Resource name: **Building 42, Administration Building**
Address: **Garrison Montréal (Longue Pointe), CFB Montreal, Montreal, Quebec**
FHBRO status: **“Recognized” Federal Heritage Building**
Construction: **1941**
Designer: **Department of National Defence**
Original function: **administration building**
Current function: **administration building**
Modifications: **roof, windows and main entrance doors replaced; some windows blocked in; extensive interior alterations**
Custodian: **Department of National Defence**

Reasons for Designation

Building 42 is a “Recognized” Federal Heritage Building because of its historical associations, and its architectural and environmental values:

Historical value:

Building 42 is associated with the establishment of Garrison Montréal (Longue Pointe) during the Second World War as a supply depot. As such, it helps demonstrate the growth of Canada's military during the war.

Architectural value:

Building 42 is typical of federal architecture during the 1940s in its combination of modern and classical features. It is similar to the Administration Building, HMCS Carleton, Ottawa (1943, FHBRO 01-095) and reminiscent of buildings in the National Research Council Laboratory complex, Montreal Road, Ottawa (1939-43). Modern characteristics include horizontal massing and detailing, smooth wall surfaces and a flat roof. Classical characteristics include its monumental entrance and overall symmetry.

Environmental value:

Building 42's is a known building on the base due to its prominent location along the base's eastern perimeter, its street orientation, and its modern classical styling that contrasts with the utilitarian cinder-block construction of other neighbouring buildings. It would be familiar to anyone who has lived or worked on the base, and might also be recognizable to those using the adjacent public roadway.

Character-Defining Elements

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The following character-defining elements of Building 42 should be respected:

Its role as in the establishment phase of Garrison Montréal (Longue Pointe) is reflected in:

- its modern classical design, in keeping with federal architecture of the 1940s.

Its modern classical styling, as manifested in:

- the horizontal massing, smooth wall surfaces and flat roof;
- the narrow, horizontal bands running continuously at sill and lintel level, framing the windows and emphasizing the building's horizontal orientation;
- the overall symmetry of the building, including the symmetrical placement of the front wings and the fenestration on all four elevations;
- the monumental entrance, in which long, narrow windows are recessed to create hard-edged column-like shafts.

The manner in which it dominates the setting as evidenced in:

- its prominent location, street orientation and modern classical styling.

For guidance on interventions, please refer to the FHBRO Code of Practice. For further information contact FHBRO.

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