FEDERAL HERITAGE BUILDINGS REVIEW OFFICE

BUILDING EVALUATION REPORT

File No. 2.5.9

**I** | IDENTIFICATION

| BUILDING | P A N P | Ad Hoc FHBRO (CDA) | |
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| – City/Prov: | WASKESIU, Sask. | – Meeting: | 84-06 |
| – Name: | Community Hall | – Date: | 11 DEC 84 |
| – Address: | Prince Albert National Park | – BER No.: | 84-30 |
| – Owner: | DOE | – Date: | JUN 27 1985 |

**II** | HERITAGE CHARACTER

SUMMARY

The Community Hall was completed in 1934. Its "Recognized" designation is based mainly on the architectural design and typicality of the building as well as on its environmenta setting.

ARCHITECTURE

The community Hall, situated on Waskesiu Drive in the town of Waskesiu, is built out of T-shaped log and rough fieldstone, with a hip or cottage roofed main section built in 1933-34, and a gable-roofed addition made two years later to join the main building at right angles. It has a pedimented main entrance constructed of rough fieldstone with large double doors, and a large fireplace and chimney situated at the side. In its use o log and fieldstone as the main building fabric, the design of the Community Hall in Waskesiu is a very good example of the national park image. The fact that it remained intact since its construction attests the quality of its craftmanship. It projects the typical "rustic" image of national parks buildings of the 1920's and 30's, when common architectural features consisted of the use of peeled logs, obtained locally in this case fieldstone and half-timber construction. Now that genuine log construction is being replaced by imitation log veneer, the value of such buildings that remained intact such a the community Hall is being enhanced.

ENVIRONMENT

The Community Hall served as the social centre both of the Waskesiu town and the park from the time of its construction. Throughout is existence, it has served as a visual and social centrepiece for the whole park. At the same time, the building blends in with its environment and fellow buildings (e.g. the residence and office of the park super-intendant, the medical centre, the park nature centre and now museum etc.).