

Bagot Bluff, Québec
Lighthouse
Ile d'Anticosti

HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

The Bagot Bluff lighthouse was built in 1912 by the Canadian Department of Marine and Fisheries. It is the property of Transport Canada, Canadian Coast Guard. See FHBRO Building Report 89-1 73.

Reasons for Designation

The lighthouse was designated a Recognized heritage building because it exhibits the functional precision and scale of the buttressed reinforced concrete tower design developed and employed by the Department of Marine and Fisheries between 1906 and 1912. While isolated and inaccessible by land, the Bagot Bluff lighthouse is a physically prominent structure from the water.

Character Defining Elements

The heritage character of the lighthouse is defined by the visible exterior elements of the structure, its functional design, and its location and setting.

The exterior elements are characterized by the six "flying" buttresses that encircle the hexagonal, concrete structure. The appearance has been compromised however, by the loss of the original lantern. The exterior should be maintained so that the distinctive and pleasing form of the buttressed tower and its crisp simplified lines are retained. Regular whitewashing will protect the concrete from the harsh elements and help maintain the incisive line of this type of lighthouse.

The physical prominence of the lighthouse from the water is increased by the lack of vegetation and other visual obstructions. The overall barrenness of the site should be maintained. The profile of the lighthouse is marred currently by the intrusive steel skeleton tower immediately adjacent. Should it be feasible from a functional point of view, the steel tower should be moved away from the lighthouse.

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