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Green Island, Newfoundland
Green Island Lighthouse

HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

The lighthouse at Green Island was built in 1857 to designs prepared by Robert Oke, Inspector of Lighthouses in Newfoundland from 1855 to 1871. The property is owned by Transport Canada, Canadian Coast Guard. See FHBRO Building Report 89-197.

Reasons for Designation

The lighthouse at Green Island was designated Recognized because of its historical association and its environmental value.

The lighthouse represents the first navigational aid erected in Newfoundland after it received full colonial status in 1855. The lighthouse, with its associated secondary structures, is part of a picturesque cluster of buildings in the maritime setting. The site adds value to nautical tourism, an increasingly important industry in Newfoundland.

Character-Defining Elements

The heritage character resides in the original 1857 stone construction and subsequent concrete covering, and in its setting.

The lighthouse is characterized by an original round stone tower encased in an octagonal concrete form. The triangular-paned lantern with a red and white domed cap is an original feature that should be preserved.

Establishment of a regular maintenance program and frequent whitewashing of the tower will contribute to the longevity of this heritage lighthouse.

The lighthouse and its surrounding secondary buildings, of a variety of volumes and silhouettes, and a fence, form a picturesque grouping. The repetition of red and white colours for roofs, walls and other features enhances the aesthetic qualities of the buildings, and creates a visual unit. Any new building should respect the scale and colour of the existing buildings and should not mar the profile of the prominent lighthouse.

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