

Esquimalt, Dockyard  
**Building D77** (former Ordnance Stores)  
Esquimalt, British Columbia

Building D77 was constructed by the Royal Navy in 1901 for storage of naval weapons and supplies as part of the 1895-1904 Dockyard rebuilding program. It has been used as a drill hall, dormitory, and barracks. It now contains offices. The Department of National Defence is custodian of the building. See FHBRO Building Report 89-202 (volume 1).

### **Reasons for Designation**

Building D77 was designated Recognized because of its association with the principal function of the Dockyard, for its architectural design and for its importance in the urban environment of the Dockyard.

Constructed for the storage of naval weapons, Building D77 was directly associated with with the central function of the Dockyard, ship repair operations. It was constructed toward the end of Royal Navy's 1895-1904 rebuilding program.

The Dockyard derives much of its character, visual interest and sense of place from the form and materials of and relationships among its many brick buildings. Constructed in brick and detailed with corbels, friezes and arches, Building D77 is a good example of a stores building constructed as part of this group.

With its elongated massing and prominent siting at the edge of Hospital Road, Building D77 is a strong element in the streetscape.

### **Character Defining Elements**

The heritage value of Building D77 resides in its historical associations, its architectural value and its place in the urban environment of the Dockyard.

Building D77 is a large two-storey gable-roofed brick structure of austere design. Its principal characteristics are its brick construction, general symmetry, large regularly spaced arched windows, corbelled friezes in the gables, rubbed brick and stone sills. The integrity of the exterior of the building is very high. Its features should be carefully maintained, and appropriate expertise consulted for any masonry work including repointing or cleaning.

The interior of the building has been much altered due to ongoing changes in functional requirements. Although this area could be managed with some flexibility, historic

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surfaces and structural elements should be investigated and any evidence of historic finishes and details documented prior to further work on the interior of the building. Surviving early materials and features should be incorporated into new work.

Prominently sited on Hospital Road, Building D77 is a significant feature in the streetscape and the urban environment of the western end of the Dockyard. Existing site relationships should be respected.

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For further guidance, please refer to the *FHBRO Code of Practice*.

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