

**BYLAW NO. 4-2013**

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF HOLDEN  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
TO DESIGNATE THE VILLAGE GARAGE AS A MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 26 of the *Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000, as amended, permits Council to designate any historic resource within a municipality, whose conservation it considers to be in the public interest, as a Municipal Historic Resource; and

**WHEREAS** the conservation of the VILLAGE GARAGE, located at 4904-50 Street, appears to be in the public interest;

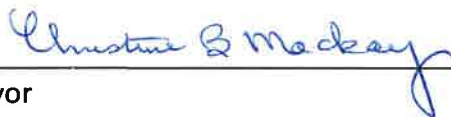
**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Village of Holden, in regular meeting, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the "Village Garage Designation Bylaw".
2. The historic resource commonly known as the Village Garage, together with the land on which it is located, being legally described as Plan 3940W, Block 11, Lot 10-12, is hereby designated as a Municipal Historic Resource.
3. The Village Garage, and its heritage value, is specifically described in Schedule "A", which is attached to and is a part of this Bylaw.
4. The Municipal Historic Resource hereby designated in Section 2, and as described in Schedule "A", shall not be removed, destroyed, disturbed, altered, rehabilitated, repaired, or otherwise permanently affected unless the proposed changes to the property are approved by the Village of Holden before the work proceeds.
5. Alterations proposed under Section 4 will be evaluated by the Village of Holden using the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*.
6. This bylaw takes effect as of the date of third and final reading.

**READ A FIRST TIME** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013

**READ A SECOND TIME** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013

**READ A THIRD TIME** and passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

4904 50<sup>th</sup> Street

Village Garage



### Description of the Historic Place

The Village Garage is a one-storey commercial building with a front-facing gable roof and shiplap siding on the 1926 rear portion, and a large, irregular 1954 front addition with a flat roof, parapet and stucco finish. It is located on a corner lot on 50<sup>th</sup> Street (Main Street) in the Village of Holden.

### Heritage Value

The Village Garage is significant as a landmark on Main Street, for its role in the continuing commercial development of Holden, and for its Moderne-style influence on the front addition.

This building is a landmark on the northwest corner of 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 50<sup>th</sup> (Main) Street. Beginning in 1926 and expanding in 1954, this building has been in continuous use for many decades, whether privately owned or occupied by the municipality. Its long-term presence, prominent location, and combination of construction styles cause it to stand out as an unusual building.

The Village Garage is valued for its role in the continuing commercial development in Holden. The original rear garage section that was constructed in 1926 has double doors facing the laneway, indicating that it offered a drive-in service area. This was a time of transition from horse-drawn to motorized transportation and the building could have accommodated and serviced either type of vehicle. With the growing popularity of car ownership in the 1940's the building was adapted for local sales by adding a front portion. The existing circa 1954 front addition was designed as a sophisticated automotive sales centre with show cars protected indoors and displayed in the large, store-front windows. A vehicle service area continued to operate in the spacious back section. The building was finally purchased by the Village of Holden in 1967 to serve as a public works garage, retaining its primary use as a centre for vehicle storage and maintenance. Retail outlets were in decline at the time, and expectations for municipal

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services were growing. The building was significant for its adaptation to fit the changing commercial landscape. The front section has been leased by the Village to various small businesses over the years, helping to meet the new commercial need for small-scale office or retail rental space. Because the Village Garage has been in constant use from 1926 to present, it has continued to serve as an important part of Holden's Main Street development.

The Village Garage is also significant for its Moderne influenced design. Moderne style was particularly popular after the Second World War, and emphasized a simplification and streamlining of design, new building materials, and the elimination of ornament. The 1926 vernacular, gable-roofed rear section was retained as a service area, but the new, updated front addition helped to visually communicate the building's function as a progressive garage through its design while providing space and large front windows to display new cars. Moderne design influences were added to this service station and car dealership because the 'futuristic' appearance reflected the modern functions of the business within. The Moderne style influences are incorporated into the Village Garage through elements such as the smooth stucco finish, the irregular footprint, the large display windows, and the rectangular parapet. The style of this front addition indicates that Holden was keeping up with the times. The commercial district displayed an optimistic attitude about the community by investing in contemporary architecture.

### **Character Defining Elements**

The character defining elements of the Village Garage include:

- form, massing, and materials of the 1926/1954 commercial structure
- front-facing gable roof with exposed rafters beneath the eaves
- shiplap siding with corner boards
- windows with multiple panes and plain, flat wood surrounds
- original wood double garage doors at the rear of the building
- concrete foundation
- front addition with an irregular footprint
- smooth stucco finish on the addition
- rectangular parapet on the addition
- wood doors with three panels and a glass window
- pattern, style and construction of all original window and door openings
- location; on the northwest corner of 50 Street and 49 Avenue