



SPECIAL PLACES

Birtle's Heritage Sites: Heritage Overview

Introduction

Over the course of its Special Places project, undertaken in 2008 through 2010, the Birtle Heritage Advisory Group, with assistance from Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, developed observations, conclusions and recommendations that are grouped by the following two entries:

- Architectural Heritage
- List of Significant Sites

Architectural Heritage

Every community in Manitoba has its own distinct origins, its own unique form and layout, and often its own distinct personality. And most Manitoba towns also have a particular heritage personality, one defined by remaining physical elements (buildings mostly, as well as cemeteries, memorials, parks and sites of community import), but also by an ineffable local attention to the past, and an honouring of predecessors. The following Architectural Heritage section explores Birtle through this large lens, and examines the whole community's distinct and authentic heritage qualities and character.

List of Significant Sites

A major goal of the Birtle Special Places project has been the identification of those few places that effectively sum up the history of our community. These are the buildings and sites that we can collectively point to as our most important and authentic heritage sites. These sites most clearly define the various aspects of our history, telling that story via attractive and interesting places. It is these sites that also allow people to appreciate the town's historic architecture through buildings that retain original architectural forms, materials and details.