

## WATERTON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

“Royal Canadian Mounted Police Detachment”  
202 Waterton Avenue

#11 on the History Walking Tour

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R.C.M.P. Barracks, Waterton Glacier International Park, Alberta, Canada.

This lovely building benefits by being built during the building boom of the late 1920's, using the same crew that built the Prince of Wales and associated buildings. It is considered the best design by W.D. Cromarty of the Park Branch Architectural Division. The second building on the lot was originally the stable and jail cell, imported at the time from the Kingston Penitentiary. These buildings are now on the designated federal heritage register.

**BUILT:** 1927-1928

**BUILDER:** Oland & Scott Construction

**OF NOTE:** In 1928, Oland & Scott were given a budget to landscape the building with a stone fence and flagstone walkway. The deer repellent peonies shrubs are thought to have been first planted in 1937.

### ***Parks Canada Heritage Character Statement:***

Built in 1927-28 for the seasonal RCMP Detachment in the park, the building represents the maturity of the park townsite in the 1920s and the important symbolic role the police played in the mountain parks. The design, by W.D. Cromarty of the Architectural Division of the Parks Branch, is one of the best examples of his work.

The building has been placed on the 'A' list because of its connection with the historic role of the RCMP in the park, because it is one of the best examples of Cromarty's work, influencing the design of other buildings in the townsite, and because it is a local landmark. The stable is historically associated with the RCMP mounted patrols in the park. It has been designated as a "Recognized" Federal Heritage Building.

### **Character Defining Elements**

The character defining elements include the cedar shingle roof, fieldstone foundation and chimney, and white stucco exterior. The double light, double hung sash windows also contribute to the rustic appearance and should be preserved if possible. As with the FHBRO designation, the former stable (garage) is included with this listing.

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Original "Big Bend" Detachment, North East of the park. 1920-1921



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