

WATERTON HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

“Fireside Lounge/Chophouse Bistro/Glacier Bistro”
109 Waterton Avenue

#6 on the History Walking Tour



This lovely building features a façade of colourful and unusual stones, selected from the Waterton environment. It opened in the 1930's as the Ballinacor Hotel. For many years, it operated as The Kootenai Brown Lodge, with the very popular Kootenai Brown Dining Room. The building also features the half-timbering details common in Waterton architecture, and compliments the heritage feel of the commercial district.

BUILT: 1935

BUILDER: Architectural Division, Parks Branch

PREVIOUS USES: These desirable lake front lots were some of the first to be developed, as early as 1911 when the Hazzard Hotel was built here by Jack Hazzard, along with other cabins and sheds.

OF NOTE: The confusion caused by multiple owners of these lots and structures were simplified in 1928 when it all came together under the name Associated Breweries of Canada.

Parks Canada Heritage Character Statement:

HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

The building forms an important element in the Main Street streetscape. It is visually connected to the convention centre and the two support the heritage character of the Stanley Hotel across the street.

Character Defining Elements

Character defining elements include the stone facade and pillars, the stucco dormers and the symmetry of the design. The half timbering details on the dormers could be better done but are compatible with an architectural motif of the townsite.

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Circa 1946:



Circa 1980's:



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