

Professional Building

Address: 1705 3rd Avenue

Date of Construction: 1953

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Courtesy of Trelle Morrow (2018)

Description

This office building was constructed by the Schlitt Brothers, John and Joe, who were also the proprietors of sawmill operations in the Prince George area. The building consists of two floors of office space above grade and a basement level, also outfitted for office accommodation. The site is at the corner of Third Avenue and Prince Rupert Street in downtown Prince George. Building massing has approximately 60 ft frontage and 100 ft depth.

Heritage Value

The heritage value of the building lies with it being the first office building in Prince George catering exclusively to a professional clientele. The building has maintained this type of tenancy from inauguration to present day.

Design of the building has heritage value in being a notch above the vernacular of the day, as exemplified in the formal entrance.

The interior of the building also has heritage value in offering a particularly high-quality regarding finishes in the public areas, much desired for attracting professionals. High quality floor finishes, such as the terrazzo stair finishes both leading to the lower level and on the exit stairs. Exhibit heritage value resulting from the ideals of construction brought to the project by the Schlitt Brothers initially.

Character-Defining Elements

- Identifying main entrance façade.
- Quality finishes at main entrance and front hallway.
- Terrazzo stair finishes to lower level.
- Ambience suits professional occupancies throughout.

Images

Front and Side View - 2018



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Front and Side View - 1954



Courtesy of The Exploration Place (1954)

Entrance



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Terrazzo Stair Finishes



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Other Information

- Architect/Contractor: Unknown/ Schlitt Bros. (Owners)
- Legal description: Lot 11 Block 128 District Lot 343 Plan 1268 Lot 12, Block 128, Plan 1268, District Lot 343, Cariboo Land District, Parcel A, Lot 9, block 128, Plan 1268, District Lot 343, Cariboo Land District (76805M), Lot 10, Block 128, Plan 1268, ditrict Lot 343, Cariboo Land district.
- Level of Heritage Recognition: Heritage Register

Sources:

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