

MOUNTAIN AVE.

CONTINUE EAST DOWN MOUNTAIN AVE. YOU WILL PASS THE BERGTHALER CHURCH PARKING LOT WHICH USED TO BE THE SITE OF THE ORIGINAL WINKLER LIBRARY. ON YOUR LEFT, IS THE CURRENT POST OFFICE AND KITTY CORNER FROM THAT, THE OLDEST BUILDING IN WINKLER, THE FORMER POST OFICE BUILDT IN 1938.
MARKER 8

6TH STREET SOUTH

TURN SOUTH ONTO 6TH ST AND UNTIL YOU PASS STANLEY AVE. NOTE THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING ON YOUR LEFT, OPENED IN WINKLER'S CENTENNIAL YEAR IN 2006. ON YOUR RIGHT, ARE 2 OF THE OLDEST HOMES IN WINKLER. YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED THE WALKING TOUR AND WILL FIND YOUR VEHICLE BY CROSSING THE LIBRARY PARKING LOT.

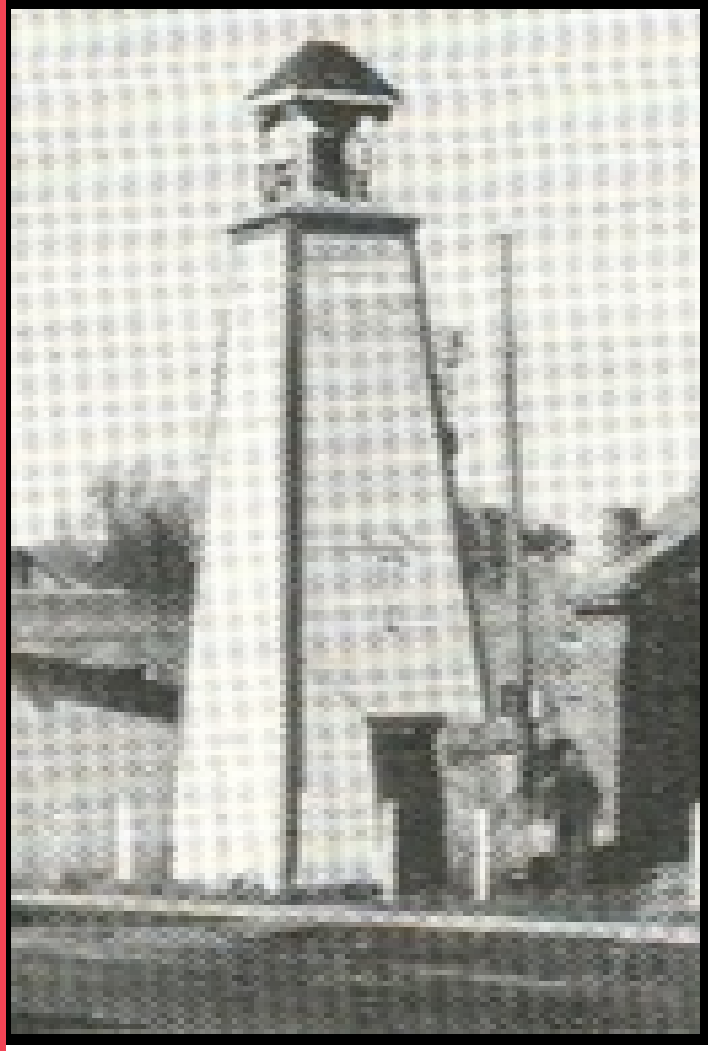
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City of Winkler

SELF-GUIDED HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR



WEST SIDE OF MAIN ST. IN WINKLER LOOKING SOUTH FROM SOUTH RAILWAY AVE. (NOW CROCUS PLACE)

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TOUR, ALL HISTORICAL POINTS OF INTEREST REFER TO WINKLER IN 1916.

CITY HALL, 185 MAIN STREET

PARK YOUR VEHICLE ON THE SOUTH PARKING LOT OF CITY HALL AND START YOUR TOUR. MARKER 1

THIS BUILDING HOUSES THE WINKLER ADMIN OFFICES, POLICE AND CHAMBER. IF IT'S OPEN (M-F, 9-5) WALK INTO THE LOBBY TO SEE MORE THAN 70 FLAGS ON DISPLAY REPRESENTING THE HOME COUNTRIES OF OUR CITIZENS.

ACROSS THE STREET TO THE EAST IS BETHEL HERITAGE PARK. THIS PARK HAS A FOUNTAIN MODELLED AFTER THE BETHESDA FOUNTAIN IN NEW YORK CITY, STORYBOARDS, HISTORIC CAIRNS AND A HERITAGE OAK TREE. TAKE SOME TIME TO STROLL THROUGH HERE NOW, OR AT THE END OF YOUR TOUR.

THIS ENTIRE AREA IS THE FORMER SITE OF THE BETHEL HOSPITAL WHICH WAS BUILT IN 1937 AND DEMOLISHED IN 2006 SEVERAL YEARS AFTER REGIONAL BOUNDARY TRAILS HOSPITAL OPENED 2 MILES TO THE WEST OF THE CITY.

MAIN STREET POINTS OF INTEREST - STANLEY AVE TO MOUNTAIN AVE

BEGIN WALKING NORTH ALONG MAIN STREET. IN 1916, THIS AREA HAD NOT YET BEEN DEVELOPED AND WINKLER'S BUSINESS DISTRICT WAS BORDERED BY SOUTH RAILWAY AVE TO THE NORTH, MOUNTAIN AVE TO THE SOUTH, 4TH ST TO THE EAST AND 6TH ST TO THE WEST. MARKER 2



MAIN STREET POINTS OF INTEREST - MOUNTAIN AVE TO SOUTH RAILWAY

ONCE YOU'VE REACHED THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN ST AND MOUNTAIN AVE YOU WILL SEE A SMALL PARK ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER. THIS MARKS THE LOCATION OF THE FIRST TOWN HALL WHICH ALSO HAD A BELL TOWER TO SOUND ALARMS. A REPLICA OF THE TOWER NOW STANDS AT THE FIRE HOUSE AT 290 PEMBINA AVE. (A SHORT WALK TO THE SOUTH) MARKER 3

LOOKING NORTH ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF THE STREET WHICH IS NOW THE WINKLER CO-OP PARKING LOT, BUSINESSES INCLUDED THE NITIKMAN AND CO. GENERAL STORE, WM. GRAEFER BLACKSMITH SHOP, J.J. LOEWEN MACHINE & IMPLEMENT SHOP AND WINKLER LIVERY. MARKER 4

ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET, NOW OCCUPIED BY THE ALG PROFESSIONAL CENTRE, FROM SOUTH TO NORTH , BUSINESSES INCLUDED A SECOND HAND STORE, MAX GLADSTONE'S SHOEMAKER SHOP, 2 HARDWARE STORES, THE J.A. KROEKER HARNESS SHOP, AND THE ARON COHEN GNERAL STORE. THE STANLEY HOTEL STOOD ON THE CORNER OF MAIN ST AND SOUTH RAILWAY. THE CPR STATION WAS DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM IT AND THE AREA NORTH OF THE RAILWAY TRACKS HAD AT LEAST FOUR GRAIN ELEVATORS. MARKER 5

SOUTH RAILWAY AVENUE

NOW MAKE YOUR WAY NORTH TO THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN ST AND SOUTH RAILWAY AVE. CROSS THE STREET TO THE WEST SO YOU ARE FOLLOWING SOUTH RAILWAY. IMAGINE THE AREA TO YOUR RIGHT BUSTLING WITH THE BUSINESS OF TRAINS AND PASSENGERS, GRAIN AND CARGO. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THIS STREET BUSINESSES INCLUDED THE BANK OF HAMILTON, A GENERAL STORE, BUTCHER SHOP AND THE STANDARD MEDICINE COMPANY. ONCE YOU REACH 8TH ST, TURN SOUTH.
MARKER 6

PW ENNS CENTENNIAL CONCERT HALL, 783 MOUNTAIN AVE.

PROCEED DOWN 8TH ST AND TURN LEFT ON MOUNTAIN AVE. THIS CORNER IS THE SITE OF THE FORMER WINKLER MENNONITE CHURCH WHICH IN 2006 WAS CONVERTED INTO A PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE. THE VENUE HAS 520 SEATS AND HAS HOSTED RITA MACNEIL, TOMMY HUNTER, GEORGE CANYON, EMERSON DRIVE, THE OAK RIDGE BOYS, THEATRE PRODUCTIONS, BALLETS AND MORE.
MARKER 7

