



# Architectural & Engineering Services TOR Appendix 4 – Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office Character Statement For Stony Mountain Institute

CSC SMI Administration Building  
Renovation

For:  
Correctional Service Canada  
Stony Mountain Institution  
Stony Mountain, Manitoba



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**FHBRO HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, MANITOBA (STONY MOUNTAIN) PENITENTIARY (89-035)**

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**FHBRO number:** 89-035  
**DFRP number:** 12746  
**Resource name:** Administration Building  
**Address:** Manitoba (Stony Mountain) Penitentiary  
**Construction:** between 1931 and 1947  
**Designer:** Dept. of Justice, Chief Engineer W.S. Lawson  
**Original function:** Administration Building  
**Current function:** Administration Building  
**Modifications:** Enclosed stairwell have been added to the exterior of building at either extremity; extensive renovations to interior  
**Custodian:** Correctional Services Canada  
**FHBRO status:** Recognized Federal Heritage Building



***Reasons for Designation***

**The Administration Building of the Stony Mountain Penitentiary is a Recognized Federal Heritage Building because of its historical associations, and its architectural and environmental values:**

**Historical value:**

The construction of the Administration Building is associated with the development of a system of corrections as a response to the need for a graduated tier of penalties to enforce the law. In particular, it reflects the modernization of the Canadian correctional system through the upgrading of 19<sup>th</sup> century administrative and cellular facilities. Modernizing policy initiatives promoted a larger and better trained staff, increased inmate services and training, resulting in increased administrative requirements. The building also reflects a significant phase in the development of the adjacent community whose population greatly increased as a result of the institution's growth.

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**Architectural value:**

The Administration Building is a very good, albeit late, example of classically-derived institutional architecture, whose balanced proportions, symmetrical composition and detailing are executed with a high level of craftsmanship in local stone and concrete. The building possesses a dignified and imposing character, appropriate as the most visible element of the Stony Mountain Penitentiary.

**Environmental value:**

The Administration Building is an important reinforcing element of the institutional character of the area, and due to its prominent location atop the ridge overlooking the highway, it is a familiar landmark.

***Character-Defining Elements***

**The following character-defining elements of the Administration Building should be respected.**

The classical derivation of the building's architecture is manifested in:

- its balanced proportions and massing;
- the symmetrical composition of end pavilions on either side of the central templefront entry;
- the regular rhythm of vertically-aligned window openings;
- ornamental details such as belt courses, the tri-partite window above the entry, pilasters, window and entry keystones, and a large ornate cupola; and,
- the skilled execution of the stone facing and concrete ornamental work.

The character of the relationship between the imposing building and the surrounding environment is manifested in:

- the consistency of materials used for the building, the adjacent walls and towers which reinforce the institutional character; and,
- prominence of the building on its unobstructed site overlooking the highway.

**For guidance on interventions, please refer to the *FHBRO Code of Practice*. For further information contact FHBRO.**

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