

Heritage Evaluation Matrix

Property Address	12 Helen Street, Fenelon Falls (Handley Lumber Planing Mill)
Resource Type	Built heritage resources
Geographic Context	Fenelon Falls
Thematic Context(s)	Industrial and Commercial Development; Lumber Industry

Design and Physical Value**Criteria**

Is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.

Yes/No

Yes

Significance

The property is a rare and unique example of an early twentieth century planing mill in Fenelon Falls. The building was constructed in 1940 and is one of the only industrial structures remaining from the community's past as a lumbering centre in the region.

Displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.

No

The property displays a typical degree of craftsmanship for a property of this type.

Demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

No

There are no specific technical or scientific achievements associated with this property.

Historical and Associative Value**Criteria**

Has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.

Yes/No

Yes

Significance

The property has direct associations with the lumber industry in Fenelon Falls. The building is a planing mill constructed in 1940 as a replacement for an older building and reflects the importance of this industry in the history of the community. The property also has direct associations

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with the Handley family who have operated the business since 1936 and are well-known in the local community.

Yields, or has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture

Yes

The property yields information regarding the history of the lumber industry in Fenelon Falls as an extremely important example of an early mill in the community.

Demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.

No

The architect or builder of this property is not known.

Contextual Value

Criteria

Defines, maintains or supports the character of an area.

Yes/No

Yes

Significance

The property maintains and supports the historic small town character of Fenelon Falls.

Is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings

Yes

The property is historically related to its surroundings as part of the historic fabric of Fenelon Falls, particularly with regard to those structures related to the lumber industry which was a key economic driver in the community beginning in the mid-nineteenth century.

Is a landmark.

Yes

The property is a landmark as a longstanding local business.