

**BY-LAW NO. 2950  
OF THE  
COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1**

A by-law of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of designating the site known as the Bob Williams Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource.

**WHEREAS** Section 26 of the Historical Resources Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter H-, as amended, permits Council to designate any Historic Resource within the County of Grande Prairie, whose preservation Council considers to be in the public interest, together with any land on which it is located as a Historical Resource upon giving 60 days notice to the owner of the Resource in accordance with the Act; and

**WHEREAS** the preservation of the Bob Williams Residence in the County of Grande Prairie is deemed to be in the public interest; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the County of Grande Prairie, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

**BUILDING AND LANDS DESIGNATED AS A MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE**

The 1910 Bob Williams Residence is located on land legally described as:

Part of the Southwest Section of 6, Township 74, Range 7, West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meridian.

The lands and building shall not be destroyed, disturbed, altered, restored, removed or repaired other than with the written approval of Council or a person appointed by Council.

The Director of Planning is hereby appointed and has absolute discretion to refuse to grant an approval or make the approval subject to any conditions the Director considers appropriate.

Maintenance or repairs to the facility, if applicable, with an estimated value of \$1,000.00 or less, do not require the approval of the Director of Planning.

**READ A FIRST TIME THIS** 3rd **DAY OF** December

**,A.D. 2012.**

  
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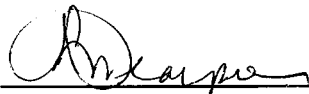
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**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

BYLAW 2950  
BOB WILLIAMS RESIDENCE  
HISTORICAL RESOURCE

READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS  
3rd DAY OF December A.D.  
2012.

  
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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

## Bob Williams Residence

SW-6-74-7-W6M



### Description of the Historic Place

The Bob Williams Residence is a one-storey log cabin with a pyramid roof. It is located in the Buffalo Lakes District of the County of Grande Prairie near the intersection of Highway 59 and Township Road 740, approximately thirty-five kilometres northwest of the City of Grande Prairie.

### Heritage Value

This structure is significant because of its associations with Bob Williams, and with the theme of initial settlement in the Peace River Country.

The Bob Williams Residence is significant because of its association with its namesake, Bob Williams. Bob Williams was born on the Island of Anglesey, which is located off the west coast of Wales. He worked as a miner and sailor before he crossed the Atlantic to settle in Pennsylvania. Eventually Williams arrived in Manitoba, where he joined Walter McFarlane's survey crew. In 1909 Williams, McFarlane, and two other men went to the Peace River Country under commission for the Dominion Land Survey, to subdivide the area's seventeen townships into quarter sections for homesteading. In 1910, when the land was opened to settlement, Williams applied for his quarter section and built this small home.

The Bob Williams Residence is significant due to its association with the theme of initial settlement in the Peace River Country. Built by Bob Williams in 1910, this home was one of the first homes built during the initial settlement and first land rush in the Peace River Country, and is one of the few remaining structures from this period. The land boom was enabled though the hard work of the home's builder, Bob Williams, who assisted in surveying a vast amount of land in preparation for greater settlement.

*County of Grande Prairie*

### **Character Defining Elements**

The character defining elements as expressed in the form, massing, and materials of the 1910 one-storey Bob Williams Residence include:

- The log construction with half-dovetail notches
- The pyramid roof
- The pattern, style and construction of door and window openings