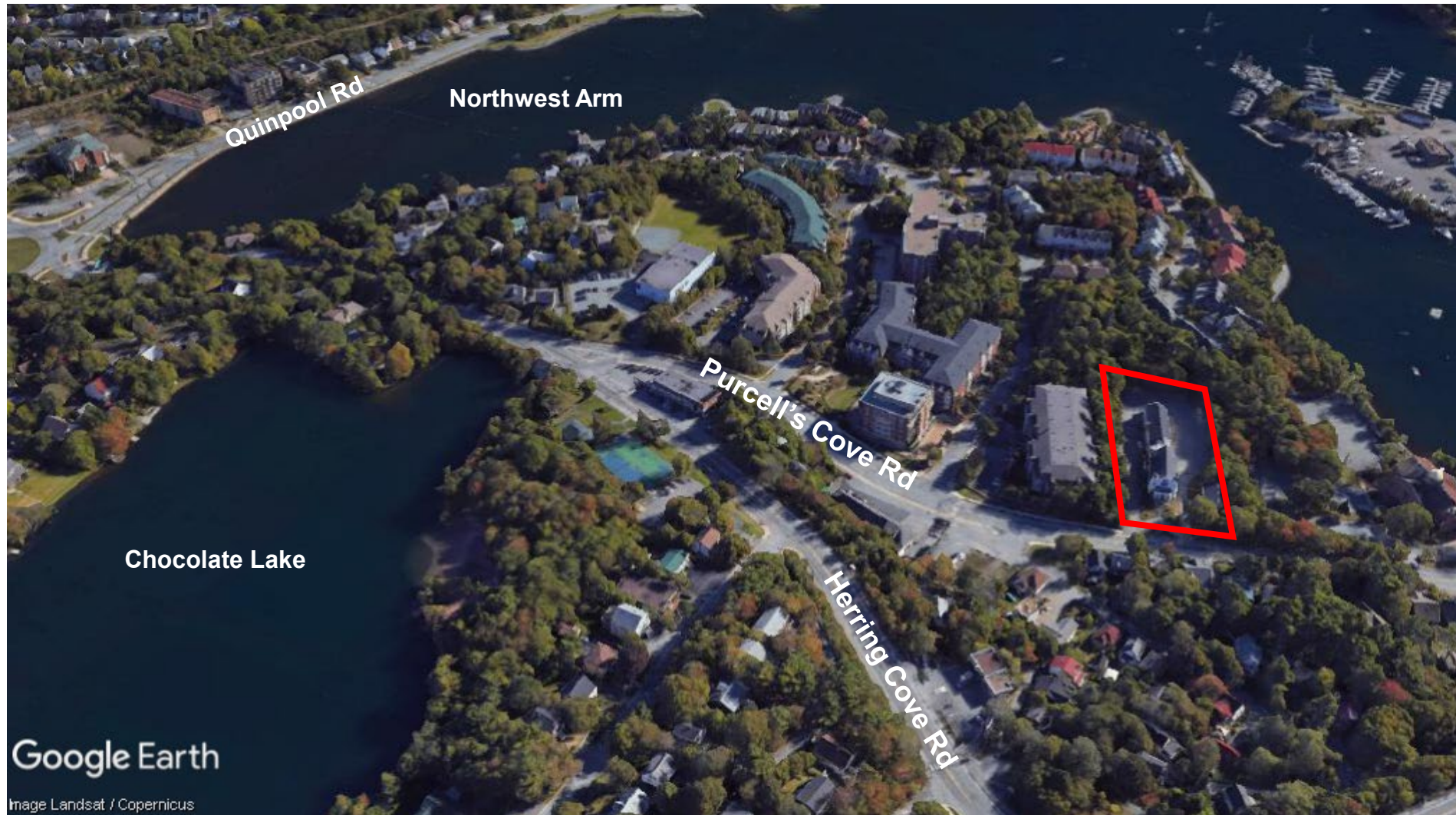


# **H00537 – 1102 Purcell's Cove Road**

Request to Include Property in the Registry of Heritage  
Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Heritage Advisory Committee  
June 22, 2022

# Location





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# 1. Age

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1961 aerial photo of Armdale

- Present church building was constructed in 1929

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Date of Construction	Points	Timeline
1749 - 1785	25	Halifax Garrison Town to the Loyalist migration
1786 - 1830	20	Boom period following construction of Shubenacadie Canal
1831 - 1867	16	From Boom to Confederation
1868 - 1899	13	Confederation to the end of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century
1900 - 1917	9	Turn of the Century to Halifax Harbour Explosion
1918 - 1945	5	The War Years
1945 - Present	3	Post-War

## 2a. Historical Importance *(Historical Relationships)*



THE FIRST CHURCH—FORMERLY A POWDER MAGAZINE



Former Powder Magazine  
on the Site



Rev. Peter F. Martin

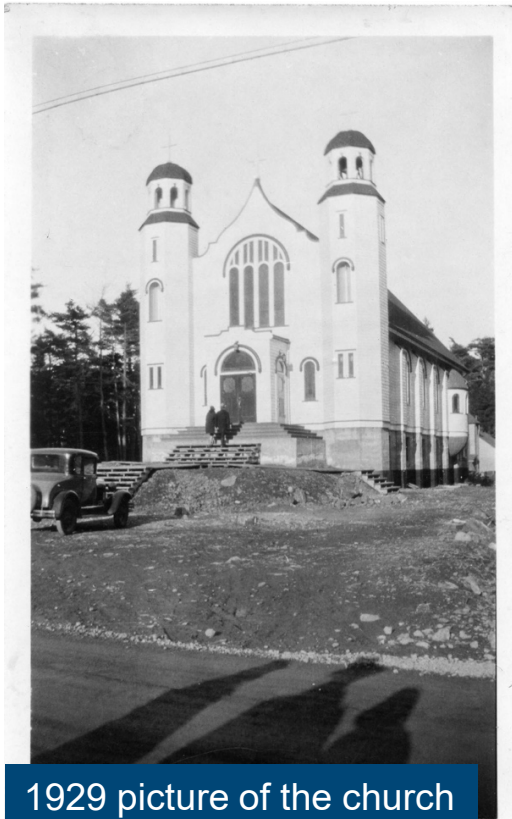
REVEREND PETER F. MARTIN  
PASTOR OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,  
ARMDALE, N. S.

- John Egan (1839-1921)
- Reverend Peter F. Martin (1892-1954)

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## 2b. Historical Importance (*Architectural Style*)



1929 picture of the church



2022 picture of the church

- Constructed in the Spanish Mission Revival style
- Only example of this style in an ecclesiastical building in Atlantic Canada, and one of only few in Canada
- Defined by dual octagonal belltowers, decoratively shaped parapets, and use of round/roman arches in windows and mouldings.

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## 2b. Historical Importance *(Architectural Style)*

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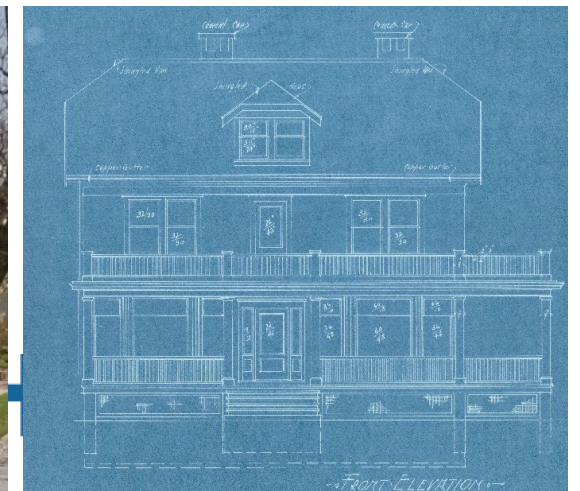
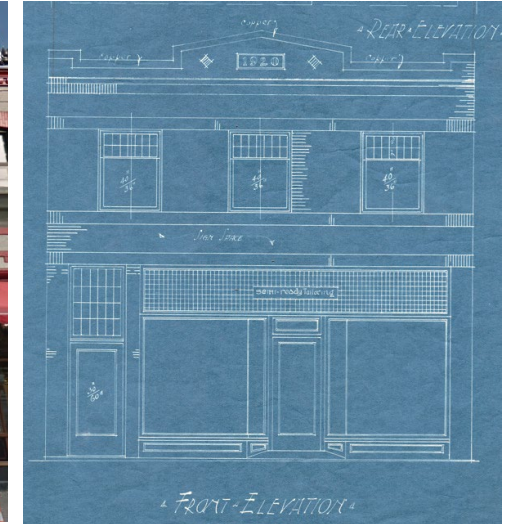
Importance	Points
Highly important, Unique, or representative of an era	16 - 20
Moderately important, Unique, or representative of an era	11 - 15
Somewhat important, or representative of an era	10 - 1
Not important, Unique, or representative of an era	0

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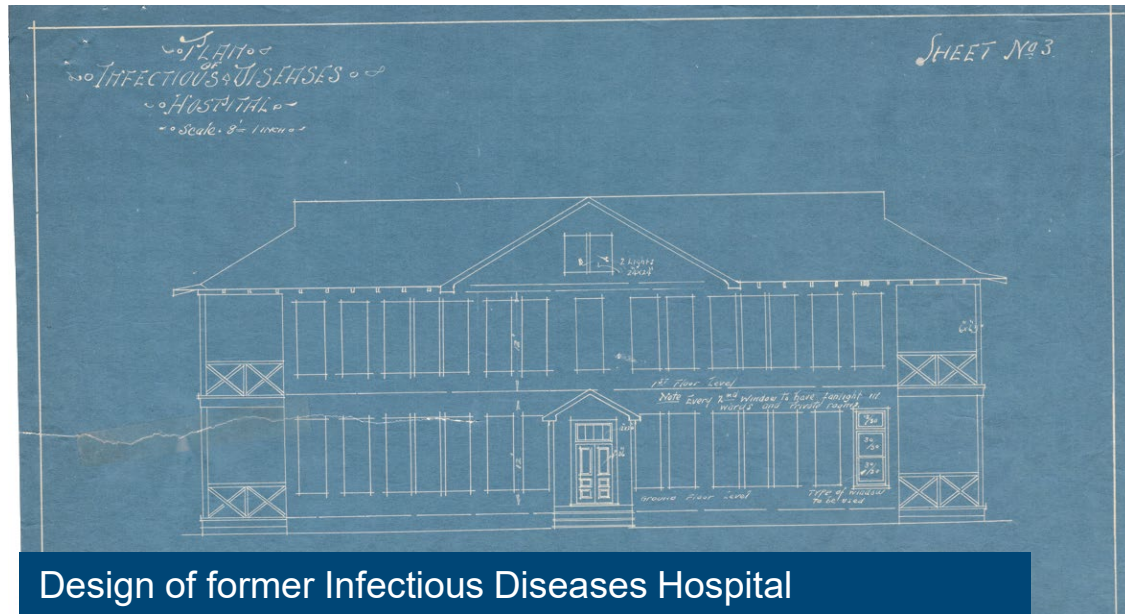


# 3. Significance of Architect/Builder

- Designed by architect David Francis Saxton
- Locally significant with a career that spanned five decades (1920-1962) including work as a draughtsman, architect, and instructor
- Designed other locally-known buildings, some of which are still standing



# 3. Significance of Architect/Builder



Status	Points
Nationally	7 - 10
Provincially Significant	4 - 6
Locally Significant	1 - 3
Not Significant	0

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# 4a. Architectural Merit (*Construction Type*)

- Heavy timber framed construction
- Exterior faced in white Dutch lap siding, wood-framed windows, and asphalt shingled roof

<b>A) Construction type</b>	<b>Points</b>
Very rare/ early example	7 - 10
Moderately rare/ early	4 - 6
Somewhat rare/ early example	1 - 3
Not rare/ common example	0



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## 4b. Architectural Merit *(Style)*

- Spanish Mission Revival style, inspired by architecture of the Spanish Missions in California.
- Exceedingly uncommon in ecclesiastical buildings in Atlantic Canada. Many of the traditional Spanish Mission Style materials were translated to locally-available materials.
- Also present on the site is a pre-1845 statue of St. John the Baptist, brought from Rome



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# 4b. Architectural Merit (Style)

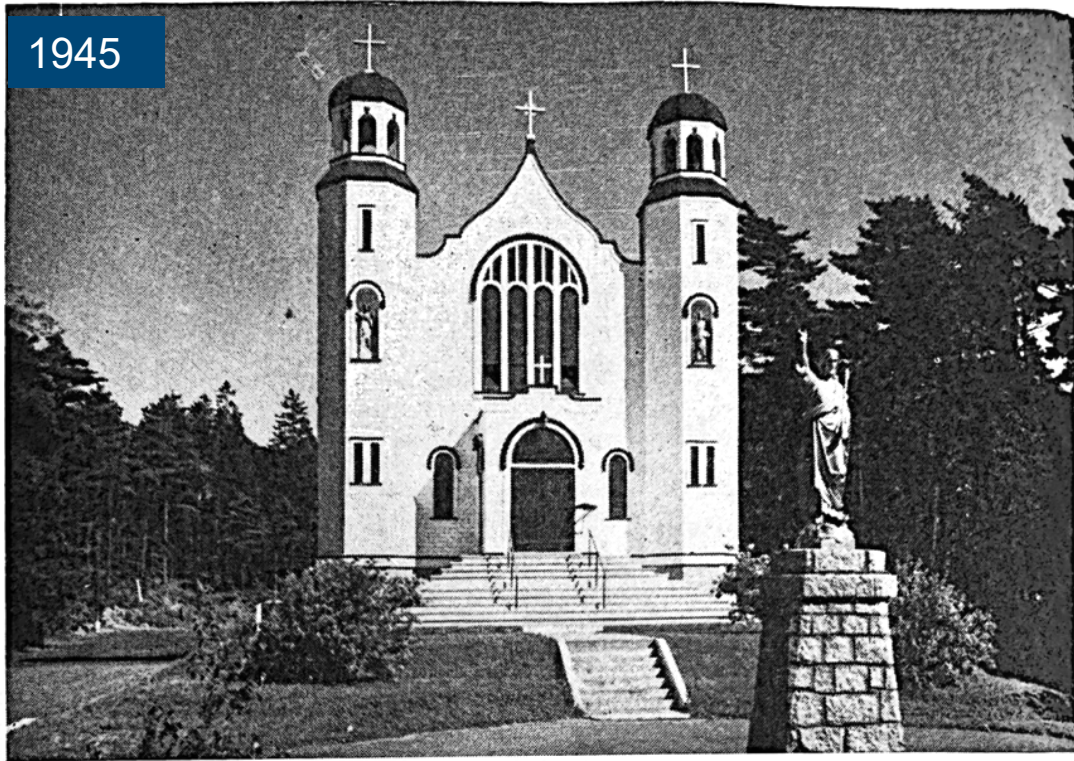


B) Style	Points
Very rare/ early example	7 - 10
Moderately rare/ early	4 - 6
Somewhat rare/ early example	1 - 3
Not rare/ common example	0

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# 5. Architectural Integrity



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<b>Exterior</b>	<b>Points</b>
Largely unchanged	11 - 15
Modest changes	6 - 10
Major changes	1 - 5
Seriously compromised	0

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# 6. Relationship To Surrounding Area



- Church has been the tallest and most prominent architectural building in the neighbourhood
- Original Brae Burn Subdivision, created in 1914, is directly across from and intimately related with the former church building
- Neighbourhood and the church together represent a remarkably intact early 20<sup>th</sup> century neighbourhood.



# 6. Relationship To Surrounding Area

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Points	Comments
6 - 10	The building is an important architectural asset contributing to the heritage character of the surrounding area.
1 - 5	The Architecture is compatible with the surrounding area and maintains its heritage character.
0	Does not contribute to the character of the surrounding area.



# Recommendation

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It is recommended that the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Regional Council:

1. Set a date for a heritage hearing to consider the inclusion of the subject property in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality; and
2. Approve the request to include 1102 Purcell's Cove Road, Halifax in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

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**Thank You**