

## CITY OF BRANDON MUNICIPAL HERITAGE SITE



**1037 LORNE AVENUE**

(Lots 37- 40, Block 44, Plan 2)

Brandon, Manitoba

Designation Date: November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Designation Authority: The City of Brandon

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**T**he First Baptist Church was constructed in 1904. The decision to build the new church was made when it became clear that the congregation had outgrown its original church, a wooden frame structure that stood on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Princess Avenue.

The cornerstone for the new church was laid on May 24, 1904 by Reverend R.R. McKay. Inside the cornerstone is a box containing a historical sketch of the church as well as a description of the building. The congregation held its first service here on December 4, 1904. The Baptists worshipped at 1037 Lorne Avenue for nearly ninety years; the last service was held in 1992.

Designed in the Gothic Revival style by architect W.A. Elliot, the church features recessed entrances, display windows with pointed arches, and a decorative chimney. The church, which cost approximately \$26,000, also boasts a tower featuring a parapet with a battlement and abatsons.

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