

	HISTORICAL MARKERS FOR SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND CEMETERIES		<i>Issued: APRIL 2014</i>
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General

Often the common history of a community or area is not formally recognized. Through local historical marker programs that are operated by communities or non-profit organizations, the historical significance of an area is preserved by erecting historical markers.

Historical markers could be a plaque or small sign mounted on a post or attached to a monument. Generally, historical markers are displayed to visitors reading its history in a standing position and not from a moving vehicle.

Historical markers under this recommended practice guidelines are strictly meant for preservation of the history of schools, churches and cemeteries that are located along rural provincial highways.

This recommended practice guidelines does not apply to heritage markers and heritage initiatives opportunities with Alberta Culture.

Standard

Historical markers are custom designed plaques or signs consisting of a panel containing a text message of the historical significance of the facility being preserved. They can be designed with various types of materials and can be of unique shape.

One marker is allowed for each area or facility being recognized.

Marker size cannot be greater than 1 square metre.

Eligibility

A community or a non-profit organization operating a historical markers program can apply for permission to install markers within the highway development control zones.

The highway development control zones are those areas that are outlined under Section 11(1) Permit Required for Signs of the Highway Development and Protection Regulation. Historical markers are treated as signs under these guidelines.

Historical marker permit application is to be submitted to one of the Alberta Transportation district offices for approval. A listing of Alberta Transportation district offices, general instructions, and an example of the permit application form are provided at the following link:

<http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/613.htm>

A typical historical marker application should include:

- the name and address of the community, association or organization
- marker details (including the size of the plaque or sign), the details of the message wording and symbols, the size and colour of lettering, and the marker background colour
- marker location details including the legal land description and distances to the highway right-of-way

After reviewing and accepting an application for a marker to be installed within the highway development control zone, the department may issue a Letter of Approval.

A Letter of Approval is a document that binds the proponent and the department through mutual agreement for the use and placement of a marker.

Guidelines for Placement

Community historical markers under these guidelines are permitted within the highway development control zone. They are not permitted within highway right-of-way.

Generally, markers should be located in an area where the travelling public has access to the site by a short walk.

Installation and Maintenance

The requirements for fabricating, installing and maintaining historical markers are the proponent's responsibility.

References to Standards

Highways Development and Protection Act	Highways Development and Protection Regulation
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