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UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY THE PROTECTRESS

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Date of Construction: 1925

Building Permit: 1840/1925 (Plans at City Storage)

Architect: Kowlel, S.

Contractor: Kowlel, S.

ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

This beautiful Ukrainian church is one of the better examples found in Winnipeg's North End. It features a large central onion dome flanked by two smaller domes, its dark red brick superstructure resting on a raised concrete foundation. Concrete is used as accenting around the many arched windows.

The building appears to be in good structural condition and major alteration have not occurred on the exterior.

According to the original City of Winnipeg Building Permit, S. Kowlel is the architect and contractor of this church.¹ Nothing is known about Mr. Kowlel, it is the only time his name appears in the City of Winnipeg Building Permit Ledger Books, 1899-1926.



Front (north) and west façades, 1978

HISTORICAL INTEREST:

The building has served this Ukrainian Orthodox congregation for over 80 years.

RECOMMENDATION TO HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

Under the Historical Buildings By-law, this building meets a number of important criteria:

- its historical importance- one of the older Ukrainian churches in Winnipeg's North End;
- its associations- its long-term connections to the St. Mary the Protectress congregation;
- its design- an excellent example of a Ukrainian church;
- its architect- S. Kowlel was the named designer/builder;
- its location- defines an important intersection and contributes greatly to the historic streetscape of two major arteries within the North End; and
- its integrity- its main façades continue to display many of their original elements and design.

ENDNOTES:

¹ City of Winnipeg Building Permit, #1840/1925.