

Federal Building
130 Syndicate Avenue South



Year Built: 1935

Architect: T. W. Fuller

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Description:

The Federal Building is closely associated with the 1934 Public Works Construction Act (PWCA), which was designed to stimulate the economy during the Depression and to relieve unemployment. The building represents a turning point in the development of Fort William. Its construction is part of a national effort to consolidate government accommodation and upgrade public services, while stimulating the economy of the early 1930s. The Federal Building was constructed between 1934 -1936.

It is valued for its very good aesthetics. It is an example of the Beaux-Arts style that employs classical decorative elements to achieve a monumental effect. The building shows attention to symmetry, proportion and detail throughout. Excellent craftsmanship and materials are seen in the rich detailing of the exterior stonework and also in the opulence of the interior finishes.