

Site Name:

Okanagan Gleaners

Alternate Name: Tobacco Barn, Wright's Tobacco Barn

Physical Address:

10103 Road #3

RDOSCHR007

Photograph by Zyanva MacKenzie**Description of Site:**

This red, gable-end Folk Victorian barn with white accents is located on Road 3 near the South Okanagan Lands Project canal. This site consists of the barn only, and may be found at 10103 Road #3, (District Plan 1728) at 49 degrees, 9' 48.6" N, 119 degrees, 34' 16.7" W.

Heritage Value of Site:**Social:**

This site is a reminder of the commitment of the Provincial Liberals under John Oliver to the success of the South Okanagan Lands Project, which was the major social engineering project in this part of the Province. At a time when trees had not yet matured for a significant crop, and transportation of soft fruits out of this portion of the Valley was suspect, a ground crop that was stable and minimally affected by transportation was sought as a source of transitional income. The Provincial government responded by financing the construction of tobacco curing barns like this throughout the area. While anticipated returns were not realized, this barn is the best preserved survivor in the Okanagan Valley for the processing of a foundational crop grown throughout the Okanagan and Similkameen from 1896 to 1927.

The site has redeveloped its character as a social engineering location as the headquarters for the operation of the Okanagan Gleaners. The Gleaners are a non-profit cross-denominational group which takes discarded fruit and vegetables grown in the area, and creates dehydrated foods for distribution to disadvantaged groups throughout the Province and around the world. The cross-denominational nature of the Gleaners provides an outlet for social cooperation towards a common goal.

Character Defining Elements:

- The appearance of a Folk Victorian Tobacco Barn as evidenced by:
 - o Moderate pitch side gabled roof
 - o Patterned stick work on walls
 - o Roof ridge roof ventilator extending nearly the entire length of the building
 - o Slight eave overhang
- The presence of charitable social engineering projects in using the site

BC Register of Historic Places (Mandatory)

Okanagan Gleaners

Unique FPT Identifier

LOCATION

Address #	Street	Community	Postal	Cadastral
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Functional Type

Contributing Resources

Type	Era	#	Type
Tobacco Manufacturing Facility	Historic	1	Building
Food and Beverage Manufacturing F	Current		

FORMAL RECOGNITION

Statute	Enactment	Date
Community Heritage Register	B185/09A	March 19, 2

COMMENTS and INFORMATION (not used by registrar)