

Ste-Marthe de Gaspé, Québec  
**Lighthouse**

**HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT**

The Ste-Marthe de Gaspé Lighthouse was constructed in 1906 by the Department of Marine. The building is the property of the Ministry of Transportation. See FHBRO Building Report 87-93.

**Reasons for Designation**

The Ste-Marthe de Gaspé Lighthouse was designated Recognized because it is a representative example of wooden octagonal lighthouses dating from the 19th and 20th centuries and on the basis of its role as a highly distinctive historical and visual landmark valued by the local community and the tourist.

**Character Defining Elements**

The heritage character resides in the well proportioned eight-sided timber and frame tower, its classically inspired designs, and its materials and color.

Elements which derive from the classical architectural vocabulary are the strongly defined plinth and string course, the pedimented porch over the entrance way and the triangular shaped lintels capping the windows.

The building stands out clearly against the horizon because the shingles that line the outside walls are painted bright red. As a daymark for mariners it is easily distinguishable because of the white vertical stripe painted on the seaward side of the tower.

Maintenance and repair should be carried out strictly within the context of existing architectural vocabulary, materials and design. The Ste-Marthe Lighthouse and its associated outbuildings provide an effective, striking and visual landmark. The picturesque quality of the area must be preserved.

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