

Heritage Register

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Southampton

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- McNabb Point Lighthouse

Saugeen River Front Range Lighthouse



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In the 1800s, the front light at the river's mouth was originally a lantern attached to a mast, fastened to a crib about 50' from the outer deck of the pier. It was later replaced by a square tapered wooden building, painted white with a red top. Electrically operated, it is mounted on the end of the pier and is unmanned. A working fog horn adds a soulful, romantic touch to foggy shoreline weather. At one time, the automated fog horn came on whenever fog rolled in from the Lake. Today, it is operated by boaters with a signal from their marine radios.

It is currently owned by the Town of Saugeen Shores.

Saugeen River Rear Range Lighthouse



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The back range light started its life as a green lantern raised up 45' above the water on a tall mast. It hung on the land opposite to the present location of Saugeen River Light. It was replaced the same year as the front range light, and constructed in a similar fashion. It sits upriver, about 2,300 feet from its sister light, just past the bridge. It is a small structure, standing only 31' high, but because of its hill location, it sits 61' above water level. Its fixed automated light is electrically powered.

It is currently owned by the Town of Saugeen Shores.

McNabb Point Lighthouse



Year Built: 1870s

Legal Description: Plan 443 Pt Lot 18

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Point Lighthouse is a very good example of the system of marine aids for navigation developed for the Great Lakes.

Constructed as part of a refuge harbour established in the lee of Chantry Island in the 1870s, the McNabb Point Lighthouse was an integral component in the port's economic development and illustrates Southampton's development into a regional hub for the north east shore of Lake Huron.

The McNabb Point Lighthouse is a very good example of the 'pepper pot' design favoured for Canadian lighthouses through much of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Designed without a gallery, the lighthouse's square iron lantern forms a well-proportioned and balanced apex to the tapered tower.

Adaptable, light and easy to relocate, the McNabb Point Lighthouse proved very well suited for its role as a rear range light and, later, as an independent harbour light. Having withstood more than a century of exposure to Lake Huron weather, the McNabb Point Lighthouse is a tribute to its materials, craftsmanship and maintenance.

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