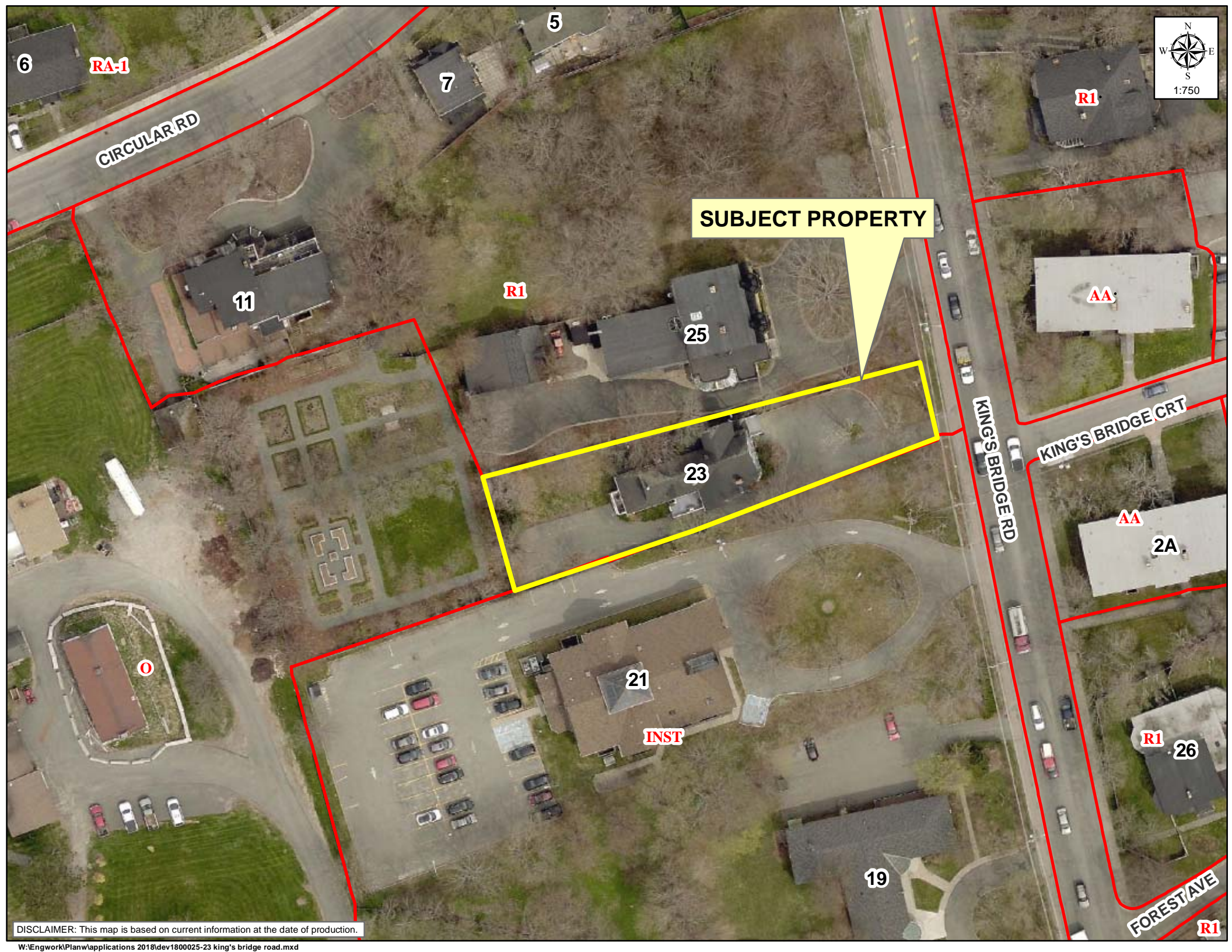




SUBJECT PROPERTY



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No Parking



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Statement of Significance



23 King's Bridge Road

Description of Historic Place

23 King's Bridge Road, Everton House, is a two and a half storey wooden dwelling located along the historic area of King's Bridge Road in St. John's, NL. The house was built between 1891 and 1892 and is an example of a Queen Anne Revival design. The designation is confined to the footprint of the building.

Heritage Value

23 King's Bridge Road has been designated because of its historical and aesthetic values.

The property was purchased from the Imperial Government by John Bemister in 1891. Bemister had entered politics in 1855, and was appointed to the Cabinet as Receiver General in 1861, and Colonial Secretary in 1865. He retired from politics in 1870 and was appointed a Sheriff of the Northern District until 1891. Following his death in 1892, his daughter Hannah and her husband the Honourable Henry J.B. Woods inherited the house. Woods was a partner in the importing company John Woods & Sons, and later was elected to represent the district of Bay de Verde. He also held the positions of Hon. Secretary to the Board of Governors of the Methodist College and superintendent of the Sunday school at Cochrane Street Church. Hon. Henry J.B. and Hannah Woods are the grandparents of Harry Mews, long-time mayor of the City of St. John's from 1949 to 1965.

Aesthetically, 23 King's Bridge Road is a great example of a Queen Anne Revival style home in St. John's. Features of this style include: an asymmetric façade; a multi-gable roof with front facing gable; use of texture which includes narrow clapboard and a decorative gable; double bay windows, wooden single-hung windows and eave brackets. In 1995, architect Robert Mellin designed an extension to the home which doubled its size. The extension is complementary to the

building and includes a gable roof with dormers, and multi-pane storm windows, both of which are typical of this style.

Source: Designated at a regular meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council held March 5th, 2018, Council Directive #R2018-03-05/1.

Character Defining Elements

All elements that define the building's Queen Anne Revival design including:

- asymmetrical façade;
- number of storeys;
- front facing gable;
- detailed textures;
- narrow clapboard
- two storey bay window;
- double hung windows;
- decorative gables;
- eaves brackets; and
- corbelled chimney.

Location and History

Community	St. John's
Municipality	City of St. John's
Civic Address	23 King's Bridge Road
Construction	1891-1892
Builder	Unknown
Style	Queen Anne Revival
Building Plan	Rectangular

Additional Photos:

