The Buena Vista Apartments is one of Winnipeg’s most unusual multi-tenant developments- 16 separate bungalow units, all approximately 300 cubic metres with full basements all originally heated by a central boiler.

The development was the brainchild of David Campbell, lawyer and mayor of St. Boniface in 1931 and 1932, dying in office in August of that year.

The Buena Vista fit into an irregular piece of property bordered by St. Mary’s Road, Eugenie and Walmer streets and Ferndale Avenue in the Norwood neighbourhood, St. Boniface’s Anglophone area that had slow development in the early 20th century. The St. Mary’s Road side
of the complex features a newer solid wall fence built by the City of Winnipeg along the sidewalk.

The exterior of all the buildings, which form a circle enclosing a small grassed area, are clad in stucco and feature newer aluminum windows and flat roofs with raised sections. Raised entrances protected by modest hoods are located on the long walls of the apartments and there are some original wrought iron railings remaining.

On the interior, much of the interior space has been renovated by the individual owners, although examples of the original hardwood floors and finishes and living room fireplaces are found in some of the buildings. Each building included a basement garbage incinerator, many of which are still present although disconnected.

Elements of the building that would require approval if alterations were planned are:

**Exterior-**
- The sixteen, one-storey units built around a central greenspace located on an irregular piece of property (St. Mary’s Road, Eugenie Street, Ferndale Avenue and Walmer Street), with stucco cladding and modest geometric embellishments and flat roofs with raised sections;
- Each unit with a raised, centrally-located entrance and windows in rectilinear openings; and
- Original wrought iron railings where existing.

**Interior-**
- None.