

Statement of Significance

The Woyat-Bowie Building, 660 Clyde Ave, West Vancouver, BC



Description of Historic Place

The Woyat-Bowie Building is a one storey structure located on the south side of the 600 block of Clyde Avenue in the District of West Vancouver. It was built in 1966 to accommodate three medical-dental practices and offices for the architectural partnership of Fred T. Hollingsworth and Barry V. Downs. The low-slung structure features an inward-looking design of white stuccoed walls and dark cedar trim arranged around a central corridor emphasized by a dramatic monitor roof.

Heritage Value

The Woyat-Bowie Building is significant as an early and intact example of a commercial building designed by a partnership better known for their residential and institutional work; for its

expression of the West Coast aesthetic in a non-residential form; and its association with the architects Fred Hollingsworth and Barry Downs.

Constructed in 1966, the Woyat-Bowie Building is valued for its West Coast aesthetic expressed in the simple but striking form designed by Hollingsworth and Downs. The building originally provided space for three medical-dental offices and their own architecture practice.

With its white walls, illuminated corner piers, dark stained cedar trim, and raised monitor roof that 'floats' over the central corridor, the design for the Woyat-Bowie Building drew inspiration from the work and ideas of Frank Lloyd Wright, while the interior displayed a Japanese sensibility with each office, enclosed within the stuccoed walls, opening out onto a series of private walled courtyards.

Frank Lloyd Wright's work and Japanese design ideas were major influences in the development of the West Coast aesthetic found on the North Shore, and in particular in Hollingsworth's designs.

Social and cultural value is found with the building's association with Hollingsworth and Downs who formed a productive partnership between 1962 and 1967. Hollingsworth continued to work out of the Woyat-Bowie Building for a number of years before moving his practice to a home office.

The building is considered a primary heritage resource and was nominated for the West Vancouver Heritage Register in 2008.

Character Defining Elements.

The elements that define the Woyat-Bowie Building are:

- continuous commercial use
- relationship to the street with a landscaped setback
- single storey form of wood frame construction with stucco clad walls capped by dark stained cedar
- raised monitor roof with unpainted wide lapped cedar boards on the underside supported on narrow posts creating a clerestory to illuminate the central corridor and waiting area.
- arrangement of rooms and internal courtyards
- tall wooden front door set in a glass wall divided horizontally by thin muntins
- translucent plexiglass and wood corner piers which illuminate the building's corners in the evening
- wood and plexiglass sconces on the walls of the corridor and at the entrance
- translucent wall of white plexiglass with horizontal bands of dark stained wood at the rear entrance
- shallow reflecting pool on the west side of the front entrance
- Japanese style rock garden at the rear entrance
- terrazzo floor
- exposed aggregate concrete path at the front and rear entrances
- exposed aggregate concrete base for the rear wall
- plexiglass and wood address and tenant's sign facing the street on the east side of the front entrance

Research Summary

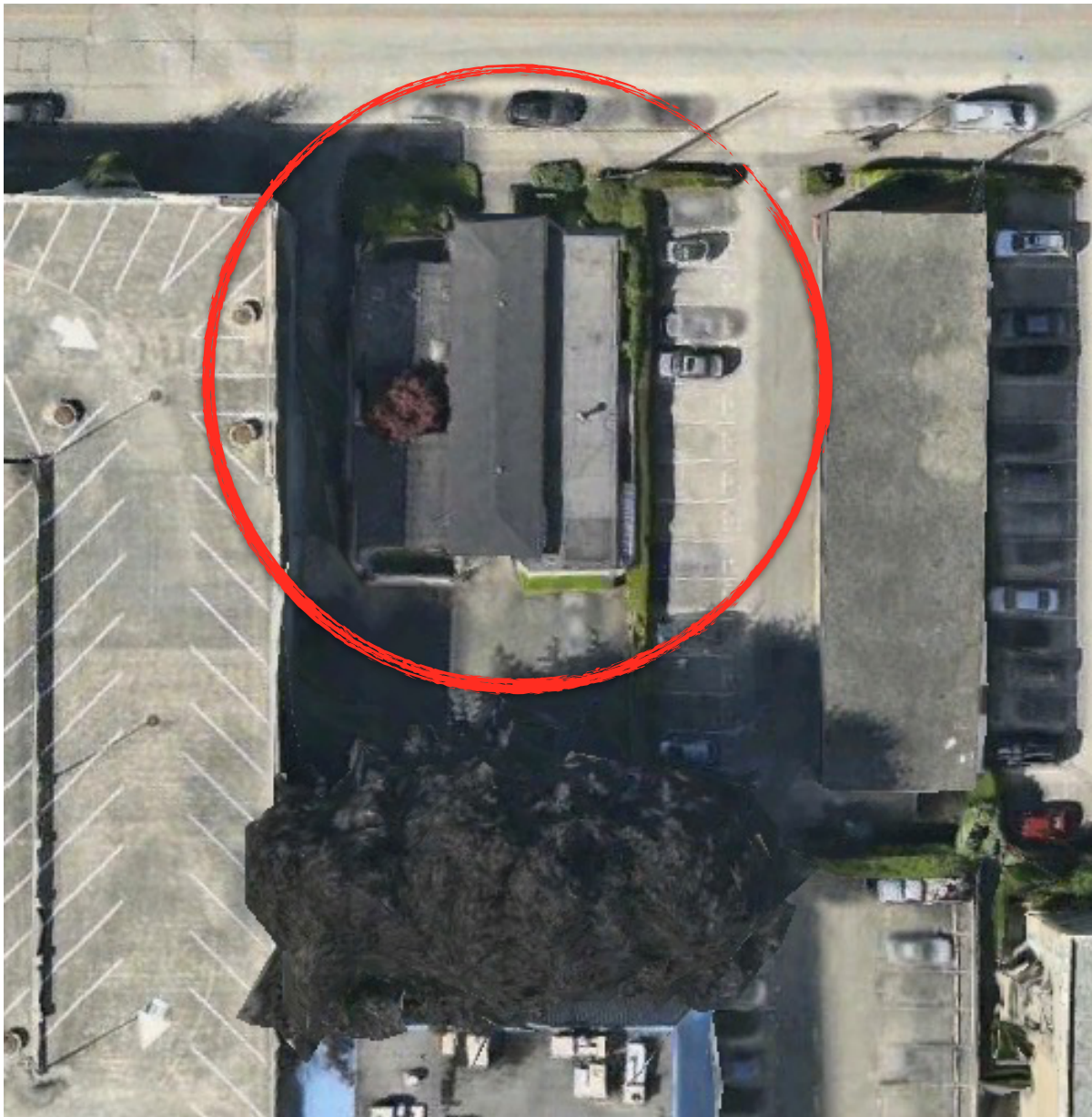
Civic Address: 660 Clyde Avenue, West Vancouver, V7T 1C9

Legal Address: District Lot 1039 Lot 44

Historic Name: Woyat-Bowie Building

Date of Construction: 1966

Aerial Photo 2015



AERIAL FROM APPLE MAPS (2015) SHOWING THE WOYAT-BOWIE BUILDING IN ITS CURRENT SURROUNDINGS WITH THE PARK ROYAL PARKING GARAGE ON THE WESTERN PROPERTY LINE

References

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Photographs



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THE FRONT ENTRANCE

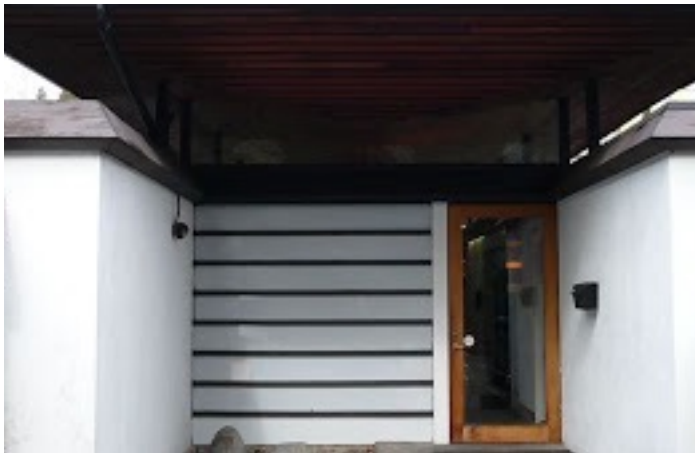




FRONT DOOR



WOOD AND PLEXIGLASS PIERS WHICH ILLUMINATE THE BUILDINGS CORNERS IN THE EVENING



REAR ENTRANCE



**REAR OF THE BUILDING ABOVE: LOOKING NORTH BELOW: LOOKING ACROSS THE REAR
NOTE THE CONCRETE SILL UNDER THE WEST WALL**





REAR OF THE BUILDING



LIGHTING SCONCES AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE AND IN THE CENTRAL CORRIDOR



INTERNAL COURTYARD OPEN TO OFFICES AND THE WAITING AREA.

BELOW: ONE OF THE PRIVATE COURTYARDS





ROOF AND CLERESTORY



ROOF DETAILS