



Mel's Tea Room, Sackville (HO Scale 1:87)



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Summary

Mel's Tea Room was a 1950s style diner in Sackville, NB, Canada that was open until 2022.

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This is an HO Scale (1:87) model that I made to fit in a shadow box for a nostalgic display of a recently closed down local landmark.

Mels' Tea Room

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Mel's Tea Room is a distinctive brick and stone landmark on Bridge Street in downtown Sackville. This large Classical Revival two-storey building, with large display windows and recessed doorway, has a neon sign and green Carrera glass, symbolic of the Art Moderne period.

Mel's Tea Room is recognized as a landmark in the Sackville business district. This district was developed shortly after the construction of the great bridge over the Tantramar River in 1840. A major fire in 1912 burned the original buildings on lower Bridge Street. Cahill Block, now known as Mel's Tea Room, was built for C.W. Cahill the next year. The building is a

twin with the adjoining Fawcett Block. C. W. Cahill had a stock of dry goods, carpets and home furnishings. He also made a specialty of millinery. The second floor, accessed by an interior stairway, housed the Cahill Millinery Parlours and had the patronage of many of the ladies of Sackville. Melbourne Goodwin, owner of Mel's Tea Room which first opened its doors in 1919, purchased Cahill Block in 1944 and relocated the Tea Room to this location in 1945. The tea room served as an iconic social meetingplace for the community.

Mel's Tea Room is a good example of Classical Revival commercial sandstone architecture from the early 20th century in Sackville. This large two-storey building, built in 1913, is constructed of brick and local stone and exhibits large display windows and recessed doorway. The renovations, which took place in the 1940's as a result of the relocation of Mel's Tea Room to this location, included the installation of neon signs and Carrera glass. An entrance to the second floor allowed for an Art Moderne rehabilitation of that space while respecting the original architecture. Melbourne Goodwin installed twenty-one sets of Maritime made booths with comfortable seating, and a long soda fountain with twelve stools. All of these additions were made for the convenience of the public at the opening in January 1945 and are still in place today.

Source: Town of Sackville, Historic Places File Cabinet, Mel's Tea Room File

Model files

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 This is the sign with NO lettering, for paper inkjet-printed signage.

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