

# Municipal Registered Heritage Property

Point Prim Lighthouse 1964  
Registered 2017



The current Point Prim Lighthouse is the fourth lighthouse to be constructed on the site. Built in 1964, the lighthouse is constructed of 12 inch (30cm) thick reinforced concrete tower with an attached weather detecting equipment building. The square tower is 46 feet tall (14 Meters) with a distinctive perpendicular red stripe on the tower walls that were first implemented in 1817. The first lighthouse constructed at this site was in 1806 under the guidance of Colonel James Moody. This lighthouse burned in 1809 and was not replaced until 1817 when the coastguard began operating the light. At that time the lighthouse was known as the Fundy Light situated at the mouth of the Digby Gut. In 1878 this lighthouse was destroyed by fire and a new lighthouse was commissioned for the site. This new lighthouse contained a light keeper's residence and an automated fog horn that was invented by the light keeper, Captain William Ellis. The name of the light changed at this time to Prim Point (nautical meaning Southern Point). Over the years the lighthouse became known by residences as Point Prim Lighthouse.