



– Nova Scotia, Canada –

# HOME IS WHERE THE BARN IS

MACKAY-LYONS SWEETAPPLE ARCHITECTS

A sleepy waterfront hamlet dating back to the 17th century receives a new addition that pays tribute to the village's archetypal vernacular.



Keeping company with an octagonal barn and schoolhouse dating back to the 1800s, a rusty red gatehouse tactfully takes its place on the historic country site. Through its traditional gabled roof, the residence echoes the familiar silhouettes of its quaint neighbors while catching the eye with its rich auburn patina. The house's pivotal position on the land fosters an active engagement with the extant structures. Framing courtyards, the faintly

rustic form optimizes both prospect and refuge. When treated as an instrument for observation, the structure takes ownership over the pastoral valley to the north and east through a massive corner window. Protected from the road, the home basks in its southern exposure and views of Hirtle's Beach. Treating the definition of home as a verb rather than a noun, the cabin stitches into the outdoors through a fire court where the horses come to graze. ♦