

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 05-193**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18 (396 Downie Street)**

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH BY THE COUNCIL THEREOF HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the hereinafter described properties be and they are hereby designated to be of historical and architectural value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, for the reason hereafter stated:

a.) 396 Downie Street

Part Lot 17 South Of Hunter And West Of George Street Plan 1 Peterborough As In R653843; Peterborough.

**REASON FOR DESIGNATION**

Built circa 1901, 396 Downie Street has historical value as an excellent example of the large and elaborate homes occupied by Peterborough's wealthier public servants and merchants.

The house was constructed for H.C. Rogers, the City of Peterborough's Postmaster, who only occupied the home for 2 years. In 1903 the building was sold to William Conway, who was the manager of the prosperous Grafton & Co. clothing store located at 379 George Street. Conway and his family lived in the house for more than 20 years.

The house also has strong historical value in its connection to one of the educational leaders of Peterborough. In the late 1920's Henry R.H. Kenner bought the house, then principal of Peterborough Collegiate Vocational Institute. Kenner retired in 1943, after 50 years as the principal of PCVS, and was later awarded an honorary PhD from the University of Toronto. In 1952, the new secondary school in Peterborough was named Kenner Collegiate Institute in honor of his dedicated service.

396 Downie Street has architectural value as an excellent representation of the Queen Anne style, with its large, irregular but balanced, massing and half-timbered gables. The 1920's wrap-around verandah features composite columns and brackets under the verandah roof. These hallmarks of the Queen Anne style make 396 Downie Street a strong example of a manner of architecture that was commonly used by the prosperous classes.

By-law read a first and second time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005

(Sgd.) Sylvia Sutherland, Mayor

(Sgd.) Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk