

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

BY-LAW NUMBER 04-110

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 (269 EDINBURGH STREET, PIONEER PARK)

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.) **269 Edinburgh Street**

TOWN PLAN LOT 11 S EDINBURGH W GEO AM304

REASON FOR DESIGNATION

The house at 269 Edinburgh Street is both architecturally and historically significant. It was constructed, probably in 1847 or 1848, for John Edmison, one of the first settlers in Peterborough, who accompanied Adam Scott on his search for a mill site in 1819. By 1857 it was the home of Mossom Boyd, the noted lumber merchant from Bobcaygeon, although Boyd may well have inhabited it as early as 1851. Sometime in the mid-1870s Boyd leased it to his niece Clementina and her husband, John E. Belcher, who added a wing to the house and made numerous changes to both the exterior and interior of the original house. Belcher was Peterborough's most important architect in the last quarter of the nineteenth century and designed many houses and notable civic and commercial buildings, including the Market Hall, the Morrow Building on George St., St. John's Church parish hall, the former Carnegie Library, the Pagoda Bridge, and the chapel at Little Lake Cemetery. Many of his downtown commercial buildings have been demolished, including the Bradburn building and Opera House north of the Market Hall, razed for the construction of Peterborough Square.

The house remained in the possession of John Belcher's descendants until 1987, when it was purchased by the present owner.

The house consists of two parts, each architecturally significant in different ways. The original house, constructed of limestone from the quarries in what is now Jackson Park, is an extremely well preserved and imposing example of the vernacular Georgian style, with some changes made by John Belcher. It is very unusual in having a moat around three sides, covered by the veranda. The wing designed by John Belcher is an elaborate and impressive example of the Tudor Revival style. Many interior spaces have architectural interest. The dining room, renovated by Belcher in a style inspired by the noted British designer Charles Eastlake, is unique and exceptionally fine.

b.) **Pioneer Park**

CECR PT LOT 1 PLAN 18 BLK 18 PT PLAN 45 LOT 11 TO LOT 14 PT LOT 15 RP 45R626 PART 1 TO 2 45R9223 PART 3

REASON FOR DESIGNATION

The property known today as Pioneer Park, (southwest corner of Hilliard and George Streets) was acquired for use as a cemetery by the Peterborough Wesleyan Methodist Congregation on November 13, 1850.

The first Methodist Cemetery, (located on the present site of Confederation Park, George and McDonnell Streets) was closed by the congregation in 1851. Remains were re-interred either at the new cemetery or Little Lake Cemetery in the south end of Peterborough. A deed to the new Methodist Cemetery was registered in 1855 and signed by Walter Sheridan, William Hall, James Stevenson, David Taylor, Charles Hudson, Alfred Wright, Richard Winch, Benjamin Green, Christopher Marshall, John Milburn and John Robinson, as trustees of the Peterborough Congregation of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The Cemetery closed in 1875 and no additional burial plots were sold. It is believed that some remains were transferred to Little Lake Cemetery after the closure.

By September 1891, public concerns were being raised about the rapid deterioration of the old cemetery and who should take responsibility for its care. The Nichol's Hospital, adjacent to the cemetery, leased the grounds but deterioration continued. The City of Peterborough purchased the site from George Street United Church in 1944, on the specific condition that the lands be used in perpetuity, for public park purposes. In 1960 the site was formally vested by the City to the Peterborough Board of Park Management (bylaw 1960-31).

By-law read a first and second time this 21st day of June, 2004

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 21st day of June, 2004

(Sgd.) Sylvia Sutherland, Mayor

(Sgd.) Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk