

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

BY-LAW NUMBER 06-025

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 (544 George Street North)

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.) 544 George Street North

PT LT 1 E OF GEORGE ST & S OF LONDON ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH AS IN R273647, T/W R273647; PETERBOROUGH CITY

REASON FOR DESIGNATION

544 George Street North has good historical value, and an interesting architectural history. The house has undergone several massive changes during its life, but retains the original Regency character of the 1860's. Once covered in roughcast plaster, the building is now clad in wood siding. Built as a single-family home between 1855 and 1860, the house was renovated into a double dwelling in 1912. At this point in time, the windows and entrances of the front facade were re-arranged, and a stacked plank dividing wall was created in the interior of the house.

Restored in 2001, the building now houses a family therapy office (Rees, MacMillan and Associates), and has been converted to once again appear a single unit. A new main entrance, complete with sidelights and transom was built under the low center gable, the wrap-around verandah was replaced and much of the fenestration was re-arranged to approximate the original appearance, based on another local Regency home, Malone (located in the Auburn community of East City). One of the most noteworthy occupants was Dr. Alex Harvey, who practiced in Peterborough from 1855 to 1887, and lived in the house between 1869 and 1884. Dr. Harvey is buried in Little Lake Cemetery, in one of two mausoleums on the site.

During the duplex years, the turnover rate for occupants was high, and the building was occupied largely by tradesmen who worked at some of Peterborough's best known companies: DeLaval, Quaker Oats, Canadian General Electric, and Brinton Carpet.

By-law read a first, second and third time this 27th day of February, 2006

(Sgd.) Sylvia Sutherland, Mayor

(Sgd.) Nancy Wright-Laking, Clerk