

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

BY-LAW NUMBER 06-124

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 (558 Harvey Street), (548 Aylmer Street North), (527 Parkhill Road West)

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) 558 Harvey Street
PT LT 3 S OF LONDON ST, E OF WATER ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH AS IN R621528 ; PETERBOROUGH CITY

REASON FOR DESIGNATION

Built in 1885, the Kincaid-Vincent House has good cultural heritage value in its association with John Kincaid, who was a noted contractor/carpenter, as well as a building assessor. In 1886, Kincaid and his business partner, George McWilliams, purchased the McKee Brothers furniture factory on Dickson's raceway, and began manufacturing general woodwork for residential and commercial buildings. As an established contractor, and soon-to-be partner in a woodworking business, John Kincaid built a larger house at 558 Harvey Street.

The architectural value of this 2 storey red brick building resides in the unusual front porch, which is likely a result of Kincaid's skill as a carpenter, and access to woodworking materials. An interesting piece of architecture, the closed-in porch is very different from the open verandahs that are more common on brick 2 storey homes from this period.

The Vincent family of Peterborough also contributes to the historical value of 558 Harvey Street, as they occupied the house for a noteworthy 86 years. James and Melissa Vincent bought the house in 1915. One of their eight children, Anne Adele, lived in the house until 2001.

- b) 548 Aylmer Street North
PT LT 6 W OF GEORGE ST & S OF LONDON ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH; PT LT 7 W OF GEORGE ST & S OF LONDON ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH AS IN R186579 S/T DEBTS IN R186579; PT LT 6 W OF GEORGE & N OF MCDONNELL ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH AS IN R200579 & R2153

REASON FOR DESIGNATION

Built in the late 1880's, 548 Aylmer Street North has good cultural heritage value. It is one of three houses built by Benjamin Shortley, who was the proprietor of the Peterborough Saddlery and Harness Warehouse at 373 George Street North. Shortley and his family occupied the northern house, and built two more to the south as tenements. The southern two houses are unique in that their main entrance is located at the side of the building, rather than facing the street. This was likely done so that Shortley could fit all three houses on the one original lot.

In 1912, Mr. E.H. Howson and his family moved into 548 Aylmer and rented the house for 40 years before purchasing it from Benjamin Shortley's descendants in 1942. Mr. E.H. Howson eventually became the President and Director of the Peterborough Lock Company, located on Simcoe Street (now the bus station).

In 2006, the house was still owned and occupied by Mr. E.H. Howson's son, the Reverend Major Donald Howson. The house has good architectural value as a relatively intact Victorian home with Italianate features. The trelliage trim on the verandah, the cast iron fencing at the sidewalk, and the coloured etched glass in the front door are all unique elements of the house. The orientation of the main entrance facing south, rather than the street, is rare for the Peterborough area.

- c) 527 Parkhill Road West
PT PK LT 20, IN TWP LT 13 CON 13 (N MONAGHAN) PT 2 45R4714 ;
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REASON FOR DESIGNATION

A semi-detached residential dwelling that was built to appear as a single-family home, 527 Parkhill Road West has a foundation that appears much older than the rest of the house. The original foundation may have a connection to the Grand Trunk Railway, as the Peterborough-Lindsay railway line was laid just to the west of the house in the Jackson Park ravine.

The house as it stands today is a well-preserved example of the Arts and Crafts style, both inside and out. The house retains exterior features such as the steep roof with flared eaves, and Craftsman columns on the front porch. However, 527 Parkhill Road is especially significant for the interior of the house, which has many well-preserved features, including Art Nouveau light fixtures, staircase, and sunroom paneled with cedar.

By-law read a first, second and third time this 8th day of August, 2006

(Sgd.) Sylvia Sutherland, Mayor

(Sgd.) Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk