

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 08-006**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 (463 Gilmour 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. O.18, for the reason hereafter stated:

a) 463 Gilmour Street

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REASON FOR DESIGNATION

463 Gilmour Street has cultural heritage value as a good example of a late Victorian residence, built on speculation by one of Peterborough's finest contractors, Richard Sheehy. Built circa 1888, the Sheehy House was constructed by Richard Sheehy, who was just starting his contracting firm in Peterborough. An Irish immigrant from Tipperary, Richard trained as a bricklayer, working in San Francisco and Honolulu. Eventually known as Sheehy & Sons, his firm went on to build some of Peterborough's best known buildings, including many local schools (Queen Mary, PCVS, Prince of Wales and King George), the Peterborough Armouries, and additions to Nicholls Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital and Mount St. Joseph. Richard Sheehy (a staunch Catholic) also retained contracts to build churches across southern Ontario, in Toronto, Port Hope, Welland and Peterborough (Sacred Heart, 1908, and All Saints, 1909). He was also an active supporter of the Conservative Party, and in 1919 Sheehy & Sons won the contract to build the Nassau Dam from the federal Conservative-dominated Union government led by Sir Robert Borden. In addition to these large scale projects and numerous municipal contracts for public work projects, a number of residences were built by Sheehy, usually as speculative construction.

Although the interior was subdivided in two circa 1915, the Sheehy House retains many interesting exterior features of the Victorian period, including stained glass windows and transoms, and decorative trelliage trim. The decorative brickwork of the Gilmour Street façade is a trademark of Sheehy construction (due to Richard's training as a bricklayer).

By-law read a first, second and third time this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2008

(Sgd.) D. Paul Ayotte, Mayor

(Sgd.) Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk