

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

BY-LAW NUMBER 08-010

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 (484 Weller 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.) 484 Weller Street

PT LTS 3 & 4 PL 49 (PETERBOROUGH) & PT LT 4 PL 25 (PETERBOROUGH)
AS IN R367882; PETERBOROUGH

REASON FOR DESIGNATION

The Morrow Estate has excellent cultural heritage value in its association with the Morrow family of Peterborough and as a good representation of the impressive Victorian residences of Peterborough's elite. William George Morrow moved to Peterborough from the Cavan area when he was young, and was educated in local schools. His uncle, George A. Cox, one of the most successful businessmen in Canada, gave him his first job in the office of the Toronto Savings and Loan Company. By the time of his death in 1939, W.G. Morrow was the managing Director of the Toronto Savings and Loan, the President of the Peterborough Lock Manufacturing Company, vice-president of the Imperial Life Assurance Company, director of the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company, and director of the National Trust Company. He had served as Mayor of Peterborough from 1910-1911, and bequeathed \$600,000 in his will for the new City Hall (built in 1951). Circa 1890, he built this impressive house on Weller Street, along with the cottage and drive-sheds. When built, the house and its outbuildings were buffered from neighbouring properties with more extensive grounds and a longer laneway. The subdivision of lots and subsequent opening of the Hunter Street extension chopped away at the property preserving only the current small swath of lawn and garden surrounding the house. The house itself, a Victorian mishmash of design elements, is generously proportioned to demonstrate the prosperity of the owners. The house was altered in the 1940's when the building was divided into apartments.

The cottage, located at the rear of the house, is largely intact, and now used for apartments as well. It is architecturally unique in Peterborough, with its steep bell-cast hip roof and large gabled dormers. Also included in the estate is a wood frame drive-shed to the rear of the cottage. Though not as architecturally impressive as the other structures, it contributes to the contextual and historical value of the former estate, and may be the oldest building on the property. The building originally had 6 carriage stalls to the north.

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

(Sgd.) D. Paul Ayotte, Mayor

(Sgd.) Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk