

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

BY-LAW NUMBER 08-065

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 (570 Water Street)

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH BY THE COUNCIL THEREOF HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the property described herein be and is 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 reasons hereinafter stated:

570 Water Street

PT LT 1 N OF LONDON ST & E OF WATER ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH AS IN R505582; PETERBOROUGH CITY

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Hazlitt House has excellent cultural heritage value in its associations with a prominent 19th century Peterborough family, and their connection to one of early Peterborough's most important industries. It is also an extremely well-preserved example of the Italianate composite architecture likely developed by local architect John E. Belcher. The house was built between 1875 and 1880 for Thomas Hazlitt, who had worked for Peterborough's lumber baron, Samuel Dickson, and also married one of Dickson's daughters, Mary Ann. When Samuel Dickson drowned in his own millpond in 1870, Thomas Hazlitt became general manager of the Dickson Lumber Company, a position he held until his own death in 1899. The house was sold soon after Thomas's death, and a series of owners who were also heavily involved in local industries, including the Greene foundry on McDonnell Street, and the Peterborough Cereal Company, lived in the house until the 1950s. In 1956, the Children's Aid Society purchased the building, and remained there until the 1980s. The house has excellent architectural value as a very well preserved 19th century residence, in an Italianate composite style of architecture. It is very likely that the house was designed by John E. Belcher, one of the most important architects practicing in 19th century Peterborough. Also the City's Chief Engineer, Belcher designed several other properties in Peterborough that show a stylistic similarity to the Hazlitt House. Notable elements of this variation of the Italianate style includes the wide overhanging eaves with paired brackets, tall narrow windows, and projecting bays at the northwest and southeast corners of the house. The Hazlitt House also has excellent contextual value as a landmark building in the 19th century residential streetscape, just north of the City's downtown core. Built at this location because of its proximity to the Dickson Lumber Mills, as well as to the commercial centre of the town, the Hazlitt House is one of two large scale, well-preserved residential conversions on this stretch of Water Street, the other being Harstone House.

2. A copy of the Heritage Agreement entered into by the City and the owner of 570 Water Street is attached as Schedule A.

By-law read a first, second and third time this 25th day of March 2008.

(Sgd.) D. Paul Ayotte, Mayor

(Sgd.) Leigh Doughty, Deputy Clerk

