

## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

### BY-LAW NUMBER 08-194

#### 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 (361-365 GEORGE STREET NORTH, 478 MURRAY 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. 0.18, for the reason hereafter stated:

- a) 361-365 George Street North

LT A PL 152 PETERBOROUGH CITY EXCEPT R104527; LT R PL 152 PETERBOROUGH CITY; LT S PL 152 PETERBOROUGH CITY; PT LT T PL 152 PETERBOROUGH CITY AS IN R119924 S/T R119924; PETERBOROUGH CITY

#### REASON FOR DESIGNATION

The Zellers Building has excellent cultural heritage value. An interesting contrast to the Victorian storefronts of downtown Peterborough, the Art Deco inspired façade of the Zellers Building preserves the general rhythm of the downtown streetscape, with its three-storey façade and maintains sufficient volume to provide a visual anchor to the corner of the block. When the original Victorian building was constructed in 1888, it was divided into two separate storefronts. The J. & C. Turnbull Company occupied 363-365 George, and Mr. J. Fairweather, a milliner, occupied 361 George until 1900 when Barrie Thomas Furrier moved in.

On August 28, 1913 the front half of the building collapsed while undergoing renovations, killing 6 people. The 'Turnbull Disaster' is one of the most noteworthy tragedies of Peterborough's history, and nothing was salvageable from the original building. The Turnbull Company rebuilt on the site, and various stores occupied the site until 1934, when a Zellers store opened in the building, and continued operating under various Zellers brand names until 2005. During the 70 years that Zellers occupied the building, the fourth storey was removed and the storefront updated in the 1950's.

- b) 478 Murray Street

PT LT 3 PL 33, PT 2 45R11251; PETERBOROUGH

#### REASON FOR DESIGNATION

The Richardson-Pilling House has strong historical value in its rich associations with Peterborough's industrial and labour history. Its early owners and tenants were connected to Peterborough's largest and most notable companies, many of which were within walking distance of the house. Thomas Richardson, the first owner of the house, worked as a machinist at the William Hamilton Manufacturing Company. He then sold the house to Dyson and Joseph Worth, both of whom worked at the Bonner Worth Mills.

The Pilling family, who owned the house for over 60 years, rented the house out to workers at Canadian General Electric, Canada Packers and the Peterborough Canoe Company during the Second World War. Allan Pilling worked at Dominion Worsted and Woolens (formerly the Bonner Worth Mills).

The Richardson-Pilling House also has good architectural value as an intact late 19<sup>th</sup> century middle class family home. The exterior retains its wrap around one storey verandah with ionic columns. The interior remains largely unchanged, with two sets of sliding double parlour doors, hardwood floors, staircase, trim and stained glass. Set in a neighborhood of mainly late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century residences of similar scale and proportions (except for the modern property to the east), the Richardson-Pilling House is set fairly close to the street. The property has a medium size rear yard that backs onto Jackson Creek.

By-law read a first, second and third time this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008

(Sgd.) D. Paul Ayotte, Mayor

(Sgd.) Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk