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February 5, 2001

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East Suite 302  
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RECEIVED  
*2/7/01*  
*P.W.*

Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed herewith is one (1) copy of By-law 06/2001, being a by-law to designate the Port Hope Public Library, 31 Queen Street in the Town of Port Hope and Hope, as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest, which was passed by the Municipal Council on January 30, 2001.

Please accept this letter and enclosure as notification as required by the Ontario Heritage Act.

Yours truly,

Marie Spencer  
Director of Planning Services/Deputy Clerk  
Town of Port Hope and Hope

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cc: file

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PORT HOPE AND HOPE

BY-LAW NUMBER 06/2001

**BEING A BY-LAW to designate the Port Hope Public Library, 31 Queen Street in the Town of Port Hope and Hope, as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest.**

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990 c.O.18. as amended, authorizes Councils of municipalities to enact by-laws to designate real property, including buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Port Hope and Hope deems it desirable to designate the Port Hope Public Library, known municipally as 31 Queen Street, in the Town of Port Hope and Hope and has caused to be served on the owner and upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, namely, in the "Port Hope Evening Guide" on December 28, 2000;

**AND WHEREAS** the subject lands are more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and the reasons for designating the property are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto;

**AND WHEREAS** no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of The Corporation of the Town of Port Hope and Hope.

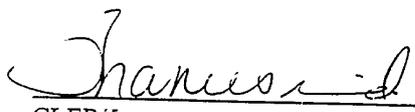
**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Port Hope and Hope enacts as follows:

1. There is designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest the real property known as all the Port Hope Public Library building known as 31 Queen Street, in the Town of Port Hope and Hope (other than those portions of the aforesaid building listed in Schedule "C" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law), including the portions of the said building being restored in accordance with the plans listed in Schedule "D" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law. The building is situate on lands more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. That the Clerk and Solicitor of the Town of Port Hope and Hope are hereby authorized to serve, publish and register copies of the By-law in accordance with The Ontario Heritage Act.

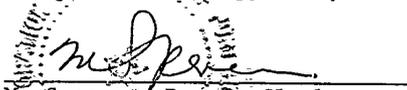
READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.

READ a THIRD time and finally passed in Open Council this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

Certified True Copy of By-law 06/2001

  
M. Spencer, Deputy Clerk  
Town of Port Hope and Hope

**SCHEDULE A**  
**TO BY-LAW NO. 06/2001**

FIRSTLY

Lot 18 and Part of Lot 19 on the east side of Queen Street, Registered Plan 14, Town of Port Hope, County of Northumberland and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING on the east boundary of Queen Street aforesaid at the southwest angle of said Lot 18;

THENCE northerly along the west boundary of said Lots 18 and 19 being the east boundary of Queen Street aforesaid a distance of 68 feet to a point;

THENCE easterly in a straight line parallel to the southerly boundary of said Lot 18, a distance of 75 feet more or less to the east boundary of said Lot 19;

THENCE southerly along the east boundary of said Lots 18 and 19, a distance of 68 feet more or less to the southeast angle of said Lot 18;

THENCE westerly along the south boundary of said Lot 18, a distance of 75 feet more or less to the point of commencement.

Last Deed Number C2579

SECONDLY

Lot 17 on the east side of Queen Street, Registered Plan 14, Town of Port Hope, County of Northumberland and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the northern limit of Needham Street with the Eastern limit of Queen Street;

Thence north one degree east along the Eastern limit of Queen Street, forty feet;

Thence south eighty-nine degrees east seventy-five feet;

Thence south one degree east forty feet more or less to Needham Street;

Thence north eighty-nine degrees west and along the northerly limit of Needham Street to the place of beginning.

Last Deed Number C6434

SCHEDULE B  
TO BY-LAW NO. 06/2001

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

The Carnegie Library, designed by Walter Mahoney is a simple centre hall plan with the main floor on the second level containing the adult library and the lower level containing the children's library and the boiler room. As previously outlined, this is the prototypical Carnegie library plan which has served so many communities well for almost a century.

The architectural style is Greek Revival, a style prevalent at the time and one which most Carnegie Libraries embraced due to its association with democracy and intellectual pursuits. The Port Hope Library had a large Portico entrance with a broad set of steps leading to the front door. The Portico was graced with large precast columns with Ionic capitals. The columns support a simple frieze and pediment made of wood and unadorned. The columns were supported by a masonry base flaring to accommodate a wide curved stair. The front door was a glazed wood door with a half round glass transom with an exaggerated precast lintel. The corners of the front facade had brick pilasters terminated in Ionic capitals matching the entrance columns.

The lower floor of the building was constructed with precast masonry units resembling cut stone, while the upper floor is red brick. Two large curved head windows adorned the front facade, one of which is still intact. These windows also have the exaggerated precast lintel and keystone elements. The side elevations were simpler with large double hung windows with precast sills and lintels. The north facade has a delightful children's entrance with Ionic capped pilasters and a curved porch roof which originally had large chains for decorative purpose rather than real support. Originally the door was large wood plank door and the whole entrance must have been one of delight and mystery for the children who used it.

The rear of the building was very utilitarian with high windows on the second floor allowing stacks to be placed against the walls for efficiency. It is unfortunate that views of the river were not considered, but it is possible that at the time, there were other buildings blocking that view. No other buildings during that period paid much, if any, respect for the Ganaraska River, the reason for Port Hope's existence.

The roof of the building is a cottage-style now clad with brown asphalt shingles. From earlier photos it would appear that the roof was either slate, but more likely metal shingles.

INTERIOR

The upper floor, the adult library, was a classical centre hall plan with columns defining the hall with side reading rooms. The book stacks were closed stacks where librarians retrieved the book of your choice. The floor loading on the rear section was heavier to accommodate these stacks. The upper floor has a high ceiling of approximately 15 feet with bulkheads defining the various areas. The woodwork was natural finish and somewhat ornate but has since been painted. The floors were likely maple and may still exist under layers of carpet and tile added at later times. The lighting originally was pendant "schoolhouse" fixtures on chains but has been replaced with fluorescent light. The large windows must have made the reading rooms light and airy.

The lower floor was much more modest with lower ceilings and less trim and ornate work.

**SCHEDULE C**  
**TO BY-LAW 06/2001**

**Non-Designated Aspects of the Building**

There are a number of additions and alterations that have been undertaken over the years on the building which detract from the historical integrity of the original building or in fact have hidden some of the historically important parts of the building. These additions and alterations are not designated, including:

1. Remove two double hung windows and new brick between the pilasters on the west elevation where the entrance portico was removed.
2. The present entrance vestibule is not of historical merit and hides the south portion of the original Carnegie west facade. This two storey vestibule could be removed, thus allowing the restoration of the Carnegie structure.
3. The south extension of the Library, constructed in 1970 has no heritage importance and could be altered to be more compatible with the original Carnegie portion of the building.
4. The precast concrete on the ground floor building has been painted. This could be cleaned to original condition.
5. A portion of the east wall as shown on the plans referenced in Schedule "D".

**SCHEDULE D**  
**TO BY-LAW 06/2001**

SCHEDULES prepared by Phillip H. Carter, Architect, and dated August, 2000:

**ARCHITECTURAL:**

- A1 Site Plan, Location Plan, Details
- A2 Ground Floor Plan
- A3 Second Floor Plan
- A4 Penthouse Floor Plan, Wall Types
- A5 West and East Elevations
- A6 North and South Elevations
- A7 Building Sections A & B
- A8 Building Sections C & D
- A9 Wall Sections
- A10 Stair 01 Details
- A11 Stair 02 & 03 Details
- A12 Entry Details
- A13 Carnegie Wall, Entry Wall, Portico & Tower
- A14 Window Details
- A15 Roof Details
- A16 Miscellaneous Details
- A17 Washroom, Kitchen Cabinets Elevations
- A18 Window Schedule
- A19 Door & Finish Schedules
- A20 Reflected Ceiling Plan
- A21 Furniture Layout
- A22 Demolition Plans

**STRUCTURAL:**

- S1 Foundation, Second Floor Framing Plan
- S2 Penthouse Floor Framing, Roof Framing Plan
- S3 Details
- S4 Details
- S5 General Notes/Schedules
- S6 Typical Details

**MECHANICAL:**

- M1 Site Plan, Legend, Details
- M2 Ground Floor Plan, Second Floor Plan Plumbing & Drainage, Heating Piping Details
- M3 Floor Plans Sprinkler Systems
- M4 Ground Floor Plan, Second Floor Plan, H.V.A.C. Sections and Details
- M5 Penthouse Plan Mechanical Schedules and Details
- M6 Demolition

**ELECTRICAL:**

- E1 Site Plan, Legend & Details
- E2 Ground Floor Plan Electrical, Schedules & Details
- E3 Second Floor Plan Electrical, Schedules & Details
- E4 Penthouse Plan Electrical, Schedules & Details
- E5 Demolition, Details