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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18;
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough intends to pass a By-law on the 25th day of March, 2019 to designate the property, including land and building, known municipally as 487 Hunter Street West, as a property of architectural and/or historical interest or value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of 487 Hunter Street West is attached.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the City Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 2nd day of March, 2019.

John Kennedy, City Clerk
The City of Peterborough
500 George Street North
Peterborough, ON
K9H 3R9

February 1, 2019

487 Hunter Street West – The A.W. Cressman House

487 Hunter Street West has cultural heritage value or interest as the only Prairie Style house in Peterborough. Constructed between 1915 and 1916, the property employs a neutral colour palette, horizontal massing, compositional asymmetry, and limited ornamentation. These features are typical of the Prairie Style which was first developed by architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright in the American Mid-west with the intention of creating an architectural style devoid of historical associations and unique to North America. It displays a high level of craftsmanship in its exterior and interior features which include two sets of original stained glass windows executed in opalescent glass and a coach house designed to match the main residential building.

The property has historical significance in its connection to local businessman Alva W. Cressman and his family. Cressman operated Cressman's Department Store in downtown Peterborough between 1898 and 1927 and became an extremely prosperous member of the Peterborough business community. Cressman's younger son, Frederick Christie Cressman, served in the First World War and is commemorated on the Peterborough Citizen's War Memorial. The property also has important historical significance as a rare Prairie Style design executed by Toronto architect, Stephen Burwell Coon.

487 Hunter Street West is an important feature of the cultural landscape of the Old West End neighbourhood. A landmark structure on a corner lot, it is located in an area of 2- and 3-storey brick homes and maintains the proportions, sizing and materiality of the surrounding properties. While stylistically unique, it nevertheless was designed to be sympathetic to the surrounding properties through the use of classically-inspired symmetry on the front façade. It is historically and visually linked to its surroundings and is a contributing structure to the historic character of the neighbourhood.