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

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ORNAMENTAL RESERVE PL 124 ; PETERBOROUGH CITY

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 23rd day of September, 2019 to designate the property, including land and building, known municipally as 239 Burnham Street, 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 239 Burnham Street 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 29th day of July, 2019.

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

June 26, 2019

239 Burnham Street - Bellevue

239 Burnham Street, or Bellevue, has cultural heritage value as an excellent example of a mid-nineteenth century Italianate villa in Peterborough. Constructed in 1866, the house demonstrates the classical asymmetrical massing of this housing type as well as the classically inspired features of this style which include the hipped roof, rustication, and two-storey bays. It is also demonstrative of how houses of this style were constructed on large, unconstrained lots, because of the original size of the property on which the house was surrounded by expansive grounds, which is not typical of Italianate houses in Peterborough, most of which were constructed on small urban lots.

The property has historical and associative value through its first owners, John Burnham and his wife, Maria Rogers. John Burnham was the son of the Rev. Mark Burnham, the rector of St. John's Anglican Church and a significant landholder in Ashburnham. The younger Burnham studied for the bar under Judge Charles A. Weller and began to practice law in Peterborough in 1865. He was a prominent figure in local affairs, serving as the Reeve of Ashburnham, County Warden and Conservative MP for Peterborough East. He also served as the captain of the local militia, the 57th Regiment. His wife, Maria McGregor Rogers, was the daughter of local businessman Robert D. Rogers and older sister of Richard Birdsall Rogers, the designer of the Peterborough Lift Lock. The property yields significant information on the interrelated, prominent families of nineteenth century Ashburnham and their role in the development of the community.

The property has important contextual significance as part of the historic landscape of nineteenth century Ashburnham. As one of the oldest properties in the residential section of the former village, the house contributes to the historic character of the local area and is a landmark, due to its size, prominent location on a corner lot, distinctive architectural character, and longstanding presence. It also has contextual significance as part of the Burnham estate which included a number of other historic residences which are still extant. The property also has historical links to a number of the surrounding historic homes, including those on the Burnham estate, through the interrelated families who owned and occupied them, demonstrating the strong familial ties between Ashburnham's prominent families in the mid- to late nineteenth century.