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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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

PT LT 6 W OF GEORGE ST & S OF LONDON ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH;
PT LT 6 W OF GEORGE & N OF MCDONNEL ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
AS IN R415721, S/T & T/W R415721; 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 212 McDonnel 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 212 McDonnel 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

212 McDonnell Street – The J.W. Miller House

212 McDonnell Street has cultural heritage value as a representative example of a late Victorian residential building. Constructed around 1895, the building demonstrates a number of features that were used extensively during this period as part of the Queen Anne style, including its distinctive half-timbered gable with cobblestone infill and the asymmetrical massing that is a key element of this architectural style. It also includes an intact Edwardian Classical porch across the front of the house with rusticated piers, ionic columns and a decorative balustrade. The interior of the house retains a rare surviving example of nineteenth-century leather paper in the front hallway and stairwell and an Art Nouveau fireplace. Overall and in its decorative elements, the house demonstrates a high degree of craftsmanship, particularly with regard to the porch and interior elements.

Historically, the property has important connections with J.W. Miller, the occupant of the house between 1912 and 1938. Miller was one of Peterborough's most prominent military men in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and a key figure in the development of the city's military presence. Miller was one of the last surviving Canadian veterans of the American Civil War, where he fought at key battles including Gettysburg and Antietam, and of the Fenian Raids. He was instrumental in the development of the Peterborough militia throughout the second half of the nineteenth century.

The property has contextual value as part of the intact turn-of-the-century neighbourhood around Confederation Square. Comprised of both residential and institutional properties, this area forms a key landscape in the city's historic fabric and 212 McDonnell Street is a contributing property to that. Constructed around the same time as many of the other houses in the area, it is historically and visually linked to the development of the northern part of downtown Peterborough around the turn of the century and forms an important part of an intact streetscape.