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# City of Peterborough

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

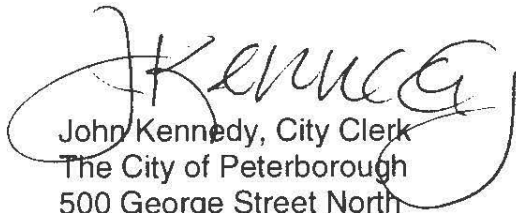
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## NOTICE OF DESIGNATION

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

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough has designated the property, including land and building, known municipally as 325 Burnham Street and the Hunter Street Bridge, 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.

The City of Peterborough by-law 19-085 for 325 Burnham Street and the Hunter Street Bridge is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kennedy", is written over the printed name and title of the City Clerk.

John Kennedy, City Clerk  
The City of Peterborough  
500 George Street North  
Peterborough, ON  
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September 24, 2019



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**The Corporation of the City of Peterborough****By-Law Number 19-085**

Being a By-law to Designate 325 Burnham Street (Riverside Park) in the City of Peterborough Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

The Corporation of the City of Peterborough by the Council thereof hereby enacts as follows:

That the hereinafter described properties be and 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. O.18, for the reasons hereafter stated:

**325 Burnham Street – Riverside Park Cultural Heritage Landscape**

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**Reason for Designation**

Riverside Park Cultural Heritage Landscape has cultural heritage value as a longstanding and important sports facility within the city of Peterborough. It is a landscape which includes the interrelated elements of sports fields, green space, the Otonabee River shoreline, and the Hunter Street Bridge which form a single cohesive landscape that has evolved from the nineteenth century as an outdoor space for sports and recreation. It has retained its importance to the community in this capacity.

The property has design and physical value as a representative example of baseball and softball field design as it evolved through the late nineteenth and twentieth

centuries. The landscape demonstrates the evolution of the sport through its built form which have been retained in the locations they were originally established in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It also demonstrates a high level of craftsmanship and technical achievement through the Hunter Street Bridge, which was, for its time, a significant engineering feat and one of the longest concrete bridges in Canada during the early twentieth century.

Historically, the property has significant association with a number of key themes in the historic development of Peterborough. Specifically, the landscape yields information regarding the development of organized sport in the city throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, notably both baseball and softball which were important parts of the city's sporting culture during this period. This also yields information on the development of the recreational life of the community and its industrial base, particularly in the twentieth century, when company culture was intimately tied to organized sport. The landscape also yields additional information on the development of parkland in Peterborough, both in a private capacity and as a municipal asset.

From a contextual perspective, the landscape is an integral aspect of the former Village of Ashburnham, now East City, and helps define the wider landscape of the Otonabee River shoreline. The park and bridge are both visible from multiple vantage points throughout the city and help define key views. There are also important views from both the park and the bridge of important historic structures and landscapes in Peterborough, including downtown East City, the Market Hall Clock Tower, and the Quaker Oats factory. The longstanding presence of this landscape, dating back to the nineteenth century, and its importance to the community as a sports facility make it an important local landmark and it has been recognized as such since the early twentieth century.

### **Heritage Attributes**

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all built and natural features within the boundaries of the landscape including, but not limited to, built elements, construction materials, landscaping, natural features, trees, views, and contextual relationship with the surrounding neighbourhood.

### **Landscape Boundaries**

- The entirety of the property known municipally as 325 Burnham Street (James Stevenson Park) including:
  - All built and natural features within the bounds of the property from Burnham Street to the Otonabee River and Hunter Street East to the adjacent properties on Engleburn Avenue
- Hunter Street Bridge

### **Built Features**

- Baseball and softball diamonds including:
  - Layout of the field
  - Backstops
  - Seating
  - Flood lights
  - Wire and board fences
  - Dugouts and benches
  - Scoreboards
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- Basketball court
- Play structures
- Roadways
- Parking areas
- Lamps and standards
- Stepped entrances from Hunter Street East and Burnham Street

- Fencing
- Hunter Street Bridge including:
  - Concrete construction
  - Spandrel arch
  - Arches
  - Decking
  - Approaches
  - Ornate railing
  - Lamps and standards
  - Decorative terracotta including shamrocks, vegetal motifs, “Peterborough” text panels with border, crests,
  - Projecting balconies
- Planted gardens at the corner of Hunter Street East and Burnham Street

#### **Natural Landscape Features**

- Otonabee River shoreline
- Trees bordering the baseball diamonds, basketball court, and grassed areas, on the Otonabee River shoreline, and in grassed areas including:
  - *Salix* sp.
  - *Fraxinus Americana*
  - *Acer* sp.
  - *Robinia* sp.
  - *Tilia* sp.
  - *Populus alba*
  - *Platanus x acerifolia*
- Weeping willow tree adjacent to Steve Terry Way
- Plantings and shrubs
- Grassed areas

#### **Views**

- Views of the Otonabee River from the park and bridge
- Views of the Hunter Street Bridge from the park
- Views of the park from Hunter Street Bridge
- Views of the Market Hall Clock Tower from the park and bridge
- Views of the Quaker Oats factory from the park and bridge
- Views of historic commercial and residential structures in Ashburnham and downtown Peterborough from the park and bridge, including, but not limited to:
  - King George Public School
  - Westclox
  - Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church
  - St. Joseph’s Hospital
  - Calcutt House (73 Robinson Street)
  - John C. Sullivan House (83 Robinson Street)
  - The Commerce Building
  - Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains
  - St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church
  - The Harness Factory
  - Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
- Views of the Canadian Pacific Railway bridge from the park and Hunter Street Bridge

#### **Contextual Relationships**

- The relationship between the baseball and softball fields
- The relationship between the sports fields and grassed areas and shoreline
- The relationship between the roadways within the park and the sports and recreation areas
- The relationship of the Lions Club building to the park
- The relationship of the park to the Hunter Street Bridge
- The relationship of the Hunter Street Bridge to the East City commercial area
- The relationship of the Hunter Street Bridge to the Quaker including its upper and lower entrances
- The relationship between the river and the Hunter Street bridge

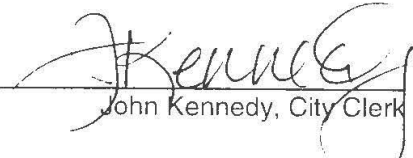
- The relationship between Burnham Street, Hunter Street East and the park

**Usage**

- The historic and ongoing use of the property for sport
- The historic and ongoing use of the baseball diamonds on the property for baseball and softball
- The historic and ongoing use of the property by local sports teams
- The historic and ongoing use of the bridge as a roadway connecting downtown Peterborough and the former Village of Ashburnham

By-law read a first, second and third time this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.

  
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Andrew Beamer, Deputy Mayor

  
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John Kennedy, City Clerk