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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

BY-LAW NUMBER 05-033

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18 (664 George Street North)

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH BY THE COUNCIL THEREOF HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the hereinafter described properties be and they 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. 0.18, for the reason hereafter stated:
 - a.) 664 George Street North

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REASON FOR DESIGNATION

Built in 1875, 664 George Street North has both historical and contextual value. The house has strong historic value in its association with the Eakins family of Peterborough, who owned the house for over a century, and controlled the future development of their large landholding. The original owner, James Eakins, was an Irish immigrant who worked for the Dickson Lumber Company. His wife, and then his daughters in turn, inherited and occupied the house until 1976.

664 George Street North has contextual value for its position on the street, as the first structure on the block and in its role in the shaping of the streetscape. As the family sold off tracts of their original lot, the Eakins placed a number of restrictions on future developments, such as limiting height to 2 storeys, construction materials had to be brick or brick veneer. New dwellings shared the use of a rear alley, designed to access service areas of the houses; however, the Eakins barred the new owners from constructing stables.

The Eakins were the also the first family on the block to have a driveway from George Street and garage to accommodate the emergence of the motorcar. The 1920's driveway and garage are representative of the change over in modes of transportation in the early 20th century from horse to automobile. The enclosure on the front verandah also dates to this period, and illustrates the shift away from outdoor living space at the front of the house as the automobile took over the road.

Despite the transformation of transportation from horse to automobile, the new developments on former Eakins land continued to use the rear laneway. The Eakins family also refused to give up 6 feet of their own property and forced the communal back laneway to curve around their property as development of the block continued.

By-law read a first and second time this 28th day of February, 2005

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 28th day of February, 2005

(Sgd.) Sylvia Sutherland, Mayor

(Sgd.) Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk