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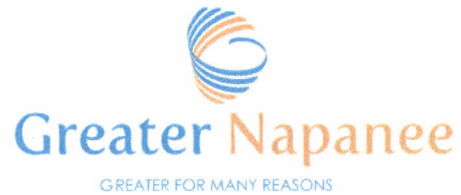
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## **Town of Greater Napanee Public Notice of Intention to Amend By-law No. 517-84 for 52 Dundas Street East**



**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee intends to amend By-law No. 517-84, passed by the Town of Napanee on January 9, 1984, being a by-law to designate certain buildings as having historical significance under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, for the purpose of providing more detail to the heritage designation and to include pictures.

The following information is proposed to be added to By-law No. 517-84:

### **Description of Property**

The Harshaw Block is a large three-storey commercial building located on the south side of Dundas Street East in the main business district. It is used today as a commercial restaurant known as the New York Café, on the first level and includes residential accommodation on the upper floors. The legal description of the property to be designated is Plan 82, Lot 2, South of Dundas Street, Block B36, 52 Dundas Street East, being Property Roll No. 1121-040-010-11200.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The heritage attributes of the Harshaw Block, a unique heritage building of the 1880's in both design and construction, include:

- an impressive Italianate design in the Renaissance Revival style, suggesting the work of architect Joseph Power;
- ornate woodwork demonstrated in the decorative cornice and details, attributed to Napanee carpenter, George Cliff;
- decorative brick plasters, colourful pattern work and stone detailing, attributed to master masons, Hugh and William Saul of Camden East;
- large projecting bay windows and paired side windows all with matched square and semicircular transoms; and
- elongated windows with narrow wooden sash that emphasize the verticality of the façade.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The Harshaw Block was constructed in 1886 after a devastating fire on the property a year earlier. It is the finest example of the Renaissance Revival design built in the commercial Italianate style. The overall design and elaborate detailing seen in the second and third storeys of the façade reflect the work of Kingston architect Joseph Power and represents the most unique and exceptional example found in Greater Napanee. The original owner, Archibald J. Harshaw, used the expertise of local builder, Fred Bartlett, the exceptional masonry skills of Hugh and William Saul and the skills of master carpenter, George Cliff for the decorative wooden detailing.

The cultural value also lies in the historical associations, including the use of the building for the dry goods business of Lahey and McKenty beginning in 1887. The Napanee

Mechanic's Institute was established on the second level when the building was completed and by 1895 evolved into Napanee's first public Library. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F), a fraternal society occupied the third level and continued to use the space until the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. The I.O.O.F initials can still be seen in the stained glass window above the central bay window. The property stands today as an exceptional example of an architectural style popular in the 1880s and reflects the spirit of optimism and economic expansionism of the period.

### **Notice of Objection**

Notice of an objection to the proposed by-law amendment may be served on the Town Clerk within 30 days of June 19, 2014, which is July 21, 2014. The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

### **More Information**

Further information respecting the proposed by-law amendment is available from the Town Clerk's Office.

Dated at Napanee this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

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