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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PORT HOPE

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CLERK'S OFFICE

November 10, 1981

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that By-law 70/81, being a by-law to designate the Walker Building, 26 Ontario Street in the Town of Port Hope, as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest, was passed by Council November 2, 1981.

For your convenience a copy of By-law 70/81 is enclosed.

Yours truly,

M. Rostetter  
Deputy Clerk - Administrator  
Town of Port Hope

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TOWN OF PORT HOPE  
BY-LAW NUMBER 70/81

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE WALKER BUILDING, 26 ONTARIO STREET IN THE TOWN OF PORT HOPE, AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorized the Council of the Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all of the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Port Hope deems it desirable to designate The Walker Building known municipally as 26 Ontario Street, in the Town of Port Hope and has caused to be served on the owner and upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the same newspapers having general circulation in the Municipality once a week for each of three consecutive weeks, namely in the "Port Hope Evening Guide" and the "Port Hope Independent";

AND WHEREAS the subject lands are more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and the reasons for designating the property are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto;


AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PORT HOPE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest the real property known as The Walker Building at 26 Ontario Street, in the Town of Port Hope, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The Clerk and the Solicitor of the Town of Port Hope are hereby authorized to serve, publish and register copies of the By-law in accordance with The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.

READ a FIRST AND SECOND time in Open Council this 2nd day of November 1981.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR

READ a THIRD time and finally passed in Open Council this 2nd day of November, 1981.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR

SCHEDULE "A"

Firstly:

Part of Lot 1 West Side Ontario Street and  
Part of Lot 3 South Side Maitland Street,  
Plan 30 being parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13,  
on Plan 9R-1219. Subject to Right of Owners over Part 12.

Secondly:

Interest of Grantor over part 15 on Plan 9R-1219. Subject  
to Right of Owner to maintain northerly wall on Part 14  
Plan 9R-1219.



## SCHEDULE "B"

### Reasons for the Designation of 26 Ontario Street, Port Hope

This property is designated for the following reasons:

The building commonly known as the Walker Building is a three and a half storey brick building and is an example of an early Port Hope Commercial Building. Built in or around 1856 it forms an integral part of the west side of Ontario Street.

### Historical Significance:

In 1851, Cornelius Quinlan bought this section of Lot 71 for £ 800 to add to his large holdings on Walton Street and what was to become Ontario Street. That same year Ontario Street was opened and the section of Maitland Street that ran through the site of the present building was closed, so Quinlan bought that triangular section also. In 1865, John Walker, Port Hope cabinet maker, bought the lot and brick building thereon from Quinlan for £ 300, although he had been in the cabinet-making and upholstery business at this site since at least 1856, according to the Steele and Gladman Port Hope Directory for 1856-57. The 1857 Assessment Roll for Ward 1 informs that Walker was renting the Ontario Street premises from Quinlan. In the spring of 1869, Walker added to the brick structure fronting on Ontario Street and replaced the frame building to the rear by building a three and a half storey brick wing, 23' X 48'.

Mr. Walker was a cabinet-maker of no small talent as well as an undertaker by 1880, according to Dodd's Directory of that year. His cabinet-making factory was in Brogdin's Lane, a short distance behind the present L.C.B.O. John Walker died in 1894 but the building remained in the Walker family until 1923 when it was sold for \$2500. to Gordon Jex, a Port Hope funeral director. The undertaking business was carried on under the name of "Walker and Jex" and later "Jex and Smith".

### Architectural Significance:

The three and a half storey older brick section on Ontario Street is constructed of brick laid in common bond. It is rectangular in plan and is the end building of a row of non-related structures. The roof is of medium pitch and is parapet gabled. The roof trim, eaves type, is a simple frieze. There are four bays on the second and third storeys which are six over six sash with flat arches of brick and wooden lugsills. The first storey has undergone extensive alteration but a photograph of 1882, in the Cal Clayton collection, shows two doorways and three nine-paned windows. A later photograph, reveals that the doorway on the right has been bricked-in. The above described brick section of the Walker Building was the original building on this site along with a frame building to the rear no longer there. The frame building was replaced by another three and a half storey brick wing built by Walker in 1869.