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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PORT HOPE  
BY-LAW NO. 21/94

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF PORT HOPE AS BEING OF HISTORIC VALUE OR INTEREST.**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 authorizes the Council of the municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all 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 following property:

1. Town Hall

and has caused to be served on the owners of the respective land and premise, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once a week for each of three consecutive weeks, namely the "Port Hope Evening Guide";

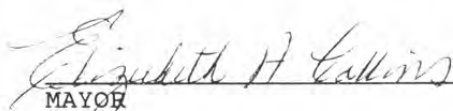
**AND WHEREAS** the land of the subject property is more particularly described in Schedule "A-1" attached hereto and the reasons for designating the respective property are set out in Schedule "B-1" attached hereto;


**AND WHEREAS** no notification of objections 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 historic and/or architectural value or interest the following real property as an important component of the Town of Port Hope:
  - (1) "Town Hall" being more particularly described in Schedule "A-1" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law. The reasons for the designation of this property are set out in Schedule "B-1" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.
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, R.S.O. 1990.

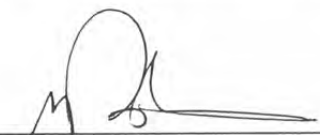
**READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 27th day of June, 1994.**

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

**READ a THIRD time and finally passed in Open Council this 27th day of June, 1994.**

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

SCHEDULE "A-1"  
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

**Town Hall:**

Part 14, Plan 39R-6747 in the Town of Port Hope in the County of Northumberland, in the Province of Ontario. Part of Lots 334 and 343 and Part of the Market Square, Smith Estate Plan.



SCHEDULE "B-1"  
TO BY-LAW NO. 21/94

**Town Hall:**

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

Set on a high stone basement the arcaded effect of this ground floor openings is preserved with the elegant centre entrance to its seven-bay; pilastered front. The notable treatment of this centre piece with round-headed fanlighted transom to a handsome pair of doors and bracketed canopy, is complimented by a Venetian or Wyatt window above. This civic building, designed in the neo-classic inspiration of the early Victorian period, has, with its capped pilasters of the front, a feeling from the Greek revival, the canopy to the entrance a touch of Italianate. Brickwork and stone dressings belong to the original building, as do the hipped roof form with ornamental cornice to the eaves and survivors of the end chimney stacks. The central cupola, octagonal in form, is set on a high stepped base of such plan, the widely louvred faces alternately punctured with four-paned, heavily mullioned transomed windows and adorned with Roman numeraled clock faces to the cardinal points. Louvred panels are separated by small slender Roman Doric colonettes with plain shafts having a slightly exaggerated entasis. These columns support a bold conice with denticulated frieze carrying a metal-tiled roof, octagonal in plan, but extended in an ogee shape to an upper cornice surmounted by a cast iron balustrade and central flagstaff.

Changes after the 1893 fire were elimination of the indoor market from the 1st floor. The french doors were replaced by 1 over 1 double hung sash and the steps were removed from the 1st floor to the ground except for the main entrance. The 2nd floor windows were changed from 12 over 12 double hung windows to 1 over 1 double hung sash transom. The eventual restoration of the multi-paned sash would do much to enhance the design of this building. However, L.A.C.A.C. has approved the restoration of the Town Hall to the period following the fire in 1893.

The interior is basically a centre hall plan, notable throughout for its wainscotting and recessed door-cases with single leaf, five panelled doors with moulded trim. The central hall contains a moulded wooden staircase with square-edged balusters and newel post. Occupying the entire north end of the second storey is the Chamber or Council Room, with its vast floor space, high ceiling and five foot wainscotting.

**HISTORICAL DATA**

The Town Hall at 56 Queen Street was part of original town lots #48, 49 and 50, erected at a cost of \$30,000.00. These lots were purchased on December 23, 1851 for five hundred pounds sterling from Elias P. Smith. The building was begun in 1851 and completed in 1853. Several prominent guests have visited Port Hope's Town Hall. These include the Prince of Wales in 1860; 1879 Princess Louise daughter of Queen Victoria and her husband Governor-General, Marquis of Lorne; in 1889 Sir John A. MacDonald, Prime Minister of Canada, unveiled the statue of Colonel A.T.H. Williams in the Market Square. In 1992 Governor-General Ramon Hnatyshyn granted a Coat of Arms to the Town of Port Hope in a ceremony held in the park on the east side of Queen Street, directly across from the statue of Colonel Williams.

On February 3, 1893 the building was completely gutted by fire, and within a year was reconstructed with some changes within the original walls.

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:**

56 Queen Street, Port Hope Town Hall. This two-storey brick structure is a simple, but good example of the Classical Style which was used in many town halls and public buildings of the mid-nineteenth century in Canada West.