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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;

PT LT 6 W OF GEORGE ST & S OF LONDON ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH;  
PT LT 6 W OF GEORGE & N OF MCDONNEL ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH  
AS IN R415721, S/T & T/W R415721; PETERBOROUGH CITY

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 212 McDonnel Street, 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 19-083 for 212 McDonnel Street is attached.

John Kennedy, City Clerk  
The City of Peterborough  
500 George Street North  
Peterborough, ON  
K9H 3R9

September 24, 2019

**The Corporation of the City of Peterborough****By-Law Number 19-083**

Being a By-law to Designate 212 McDonnel Street 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:

**212 McDonnel Street – “The J.W. Miller House”**

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**Reason for Designation**

212 McDonnel Street has cultural heritage value as a representative example of a late Victorian residential building. Constructed around 1895, the building demonstrates a number of features that were used extensively during this period as part of the Queen Anne style, including its distinctive half-timbered gable with cobblestone infill and the asymmetrical massing that is a key element of this architectural style. It also includes an intact Edwardian Classical porch across the front of the house with rusticated piers, ionic columns and a decorative balustrade. The interior of the house retains a rare surviving example of nineteenth-century leather paper in the front hallway and stairwell and an Art Nouveau fireplace. Overall and in its decorative elements, the house demonstrates a high degree of craftsmanship, particularly with regard to the porch and interior elements.

Historically, the property has important connections with J.W. Miller, the occupant of the house between 1912 and 1938. Miller was one of Peterborough's most prominent military men in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and a key figure in the development of the city's military presence. Miller was one of the last surviving Canadian veterans of the American Civil War, where he fought at key battles including Gettysburg and Antietam, and of the Fenian Raids. He was instrumental in the development of the Peterborough militia throughout the second half of the nineteenth century.

The property has contextual value as part of the intact turn-of-the-century neighbourhood around Confederation Square. Comprised of both residential and institutional properties, this area forms a key landscape in the city's historic fabric and 212 McDonnel Street is a contributing property to that. Constructed around the same time as many of the other houses in the area, it is historically and visually linked to the development of the northern part of downtown Peterborough around the turn of the century and forms an important part of an intact streetscape.

**Heritage Attributes**

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations and the roof including all façades, entrances, windows, chimneys, and trim, together with construction materials of wood, brick, stone, concrete, and glazing, their related building techniques and landscape features.

**Exterior Elements:**

- Two-and-a-half-storey red brick residential building
- Asymmetrical massing
- Granite foundation
- Hipped roof
- Front gables
- Chimney
- Half-timbering with cobblestone infill
- Pendant finial
- Corbels
- Soffits and fascia
- Bargeboard
- Front door and associated moulding
- Fenestration including:
  - Original wooden windows;
  - Original window openings;
  - Window openings and their associated elements including sash, moulds, jambs, and trims;
  - Stone lug sills
  - Leaded fan window above main entrance
  - Lattice window on east elevation
  - Decorative moulding
  - Rustication
- Verandah including:
  - Stone piers, base, and steps;
  - Railing and balustrade
  - Columns
  - Entablature
  - Pediments
  - Roof
  - Barrel vault in front of the entrance
- Offset entrance with rusticated stone surround including arch and keystone
- Views of Confederation Square and PCVS from the property
- Views of the house from McDonnell Street
- Relationship of the property to the Confederation Square Precinct

**Interior Features**

- Vestibule
- Interior vestibule door including:
  - Stained glass
  - Moulding
- Leather paper in hallway and stairway with vegetal and geometric motifs
- Arched doorway in hall with radiating spokes
- Original pocket doors
- Interior wooden trim and moulding
- Staircase including:
  - Railings
  - Balustrade
- Living room fireplace including:
  - Mantle
  - Surround
  - Ionic columns
  - Carved flower motifs
  - Tile with lattice work design
  - All decorative metalwork

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