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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene intends to designate 50 Robert Street West as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

### Location

Part Lots 21 & 22 S/S Robert St, Plan 9, Penetanguishene

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### Owner

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### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

50 Robert Street West is a representative example of the Queen Anne architectural style. The two-and-a-half storey rectangular plan building has a hip roof with centred gable peak, frame envelope, three-bay façade and rests on a stone foundation. Historical images show that some of the exterior finishes that would have accentuated the building's architectural style have been modified over time however, the overall form and massing with a two-storey canted wall, bay window and veranda with Classical elements maintain and define the building's Queen Anne influence.

50 Robert Street West is historically associated with local lumber merchants Arthur G. Breed and Archibald McGibbon. The house was constructed by Arthur "A.G." Breed between 1903 and 1905 as a family residence. A.G. Breed was a lumberman and an employee of the Firstbrook Box Company, whose mills and factories were located near what is now Fox Street. A.G. Breed was also a member of the Penetanguishene Town Council from 1903 until his death in 1906. After his passing, his wife Margaret rented the property to another Firstbrook Box Company employee before selling the property to C. Archibald "Archie" McGibbon, who was also involved in the lumber trade. McGibbon's father was the founder of the McGibbon Lumber Company, and by 1922 Archie was a partial owner of the business. He eventually became the sole owner of the company, but the lumber business declined after the Great Depression of the 1930s, and McGibbon Lumber Company folded in 1960. The residence and its owners speak to Penetanguishene's influence as a lumbering centre which continued well into the 20th century.

50 Robert Street West is important in supporting and maintaining the late 19th/early 20th century character of the historic Town of Penetanguishene. 50 Robert Street West is a large residential building prominently positioned on Robert Street West with views to Penetanguishene Bay. 50 Robert Street West's prominent positioning, scale, massing and architectural detailing contribute and support the legibility and character of the Penetanguishene as a historic village.

## **Description of Heritage Attributes**

50 Robert Street West is a representative example of the Queen Anne architectural style. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- Two-and-a-half storey Queen Anne residence including massing, setback, and decorative details
- Three bay symmetrical façade and rectangular plan
- Hip roof with centred front gable
- Two-storey canted wall
- Rectangular window openings
- Rectangular entranceway opening topped by a transom
- One-storey veranda with wood columns constructed over masonry piers, carrying an architrave

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- Two-and-a-half storey Queen Anne residence including massing, setback, and decorative details
- Positioning on a rise of land on the south side of Robert Street West

## **Right to Object**

Any person, whether representing an organization or private interest(s), may object to the proposed designation. Notice of objection must be received within thirty (30) days of this notice (April 16, 2025) and must set out the reasons for the objection and be supported by relevant facts. Objections may be served to the Clerk in writing by mail or by email using the contact information below.

The Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene  
10 Robert Street West  
P.O. Box 5009  
Penetanguishene, ON L9M 2G2  
Attn: Kelly Cole, Director of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk  
By email: [kcole@penetanguishene.ca](mailto:kcole@penetanguishene.ca)

### **Additional Information**

Further information on this matter can be obtained at [connectpenetanguishene.ca/heritage-designation](https://connectpenetanguishene.ca/heritage-designation) or by contacting Owen Taylor, Planner at 705-549-7453 ext. 251 or [otaylor@penetanguishene.ca](mailto:otaylor@penetanguishene.ca).

Dated at the Town of Penetanguishene March 17, 2025.