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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 58 Robert Street East 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 10 & 11 W/S William Street, Plan 404, Town of Penetanguishene

### Owner

2565955 Ontario Inc

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

58 Robert Street East is a representative example of the Edwardian Classicism architectural style. The two-and-a-half storey rectangular plan building has a hip roof with hip roof dormers, frame envelope clad in horizontal siding and an asymmetrical but balanced façade. A substantial porch spans the façade and exhibits Classical influences that further define the building's Edwardian Classicism styling. The veranda's simple colonettes and architrave emblematic of the Edwardian Classicism architectural style.

58 Robert Street East is historically associated with Herbert Osborne, a local photographer, theatre operator, and son of local historian A.C. Osborne. Herbert Osborne first moved to Penetanguishene in 1881, with the rest of his family. His father, A.C. Osborne, founded Penetanguishene Herald and served as a local historian. The Osborne family was influential in the town, and after a brief period in Deseronto, Herbert Osborne moved back to Penetanguishene, where he ran a photography studio. Herbert Osborne also managed the Bijou Theatre and built a hockey and curling arena for the town in the early 20th century. He constructed a family residence at 58 Robert Street East (subject property) near the home of his parents around 1909 and lived in the house until his death in 1943. His widow, Maude Arthur Osborne, occupied the residence until her death in 1956, and their son Ralph Osborne sold the property outside the Osborne family in 1961, which ended over 70 years of Osborne ownership over 58 Robert Street East.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

58 Robert Street East is a representative example of the Edwardian Classicism style. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflects this value:

- Two-and-a-half storey Edwardian Classicism building
- Rectangular plan
- Hip roof with hip roof dormers
- Rectangular openings including entrance with transom
- One-storey porch along façade with simple colonettes and architrave

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58 Robert Street East is historically associated with Herbert Osborne, a local photographer, theatre operator, and son of local historian A.C. Osborne. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- Two-and-a-half-storey, L-shaped building including massing, setback, and decorative details

### **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.