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**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 05-026**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18 (136 Maria Street)**

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH BY THE COUNCIL THEREOF HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the hereinafter described properties be and they 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. 0.18, for the reason hereafter stated:

- a.) 136 Maria Street

PT LT 108 PL 1A (Ashburnham), as in R600837; Peterborough

**REASON FOR DESIGNATION**

A wood frame cottage built of stacked planks; the Stewart cottage is a fine example of a relatively rare construction method available in Peterborough during its lumber boom of the 1860's. Since transportation was complicated and costly, only first grade timber was shipped, leaving culled knotted boards for home consumption. For many years, Peterborough produced more board feet of lumber than any other town in Ontario creating a great surplus that could then be used in stacked plank construction; the Malcolm House is another noted Peterborough example. The Stewart Cottage is also significant for its preservation of the original coved shiplap siding and porch elements, as well as neoclassical details such as the window and door surrounds.

The cottage was constructed on land originally owned by the Burnham family; it was the only parcel of land to be severed from the block prior to Revered Burnham's death in 1877. Built for Eliza Stewart, possibly a relative of the Reverend's daughter-in-law, the cottage was the first dwelling erected on the block. After the house came into possession of the Castle family, the residents for many years were generally employed by the Vermont Marble Company, later the Ontario Marble Company, located across the street. Cut and finished marble debris can be found all over the surrounding area, including at 136 Maria Street.

By-law read a first and second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005

(Sgd.) Sylvia Sutherland, Mayor

(Sgd.) Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk