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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

BY-LAW NUMBER 05-030

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 (379 George Street North)

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.) 379 George Street North

379 GEORGE STREET, BEING PART OF LOT 2, NORTH OF SIMCOE STREET AND WEST OF GEORGE STREET, CITY OF PETERBOROUGH, COUNTY OF PETERBOROUGH; AND PART OF LOT 2 SOUTH OF HUNTER STREET AND WEST OF GEORGE STREET, CITY OF PETERBOROUGH, COUNTY OF PETERBOROUGH; AND PART OF BLOCKS G & H OF REGISTERED PLAN 152 AS IN R512723 T/W R512723.

REASON FOR DESIGNATION

379 George has architectural value as a good example of a mid Victorian commercial structure. The building contributes to a grouping of 19th century commercial structures that provide an excellent representation of Peterborough's downtown core at a time when it served as the hub of commerce in the city. This structure was originally two separate buildings, the north portion belonging to the Stevenson-Bradburn building, and the south portion belonging to Margaret Dixon's building. The buildings were connected by Grafton's Men's Store to create a large storefront around 1918.

The Stevenson-Bradburn portion was built by James Stevenson and Thomas Bradburn somewhere between 1857 and 1860. The Dixon portion was built by Mrs. Margaret Dixon, wife of the late Joseph Dixon, in 1865/6. The Stevenson-Bradburn portion was originally James Stevenson's hardware store and the Dixon portion was originally the Coulter Drug Store.

Historically, 379 George Street North is linked to several of the largest landowners of 19th century Peterborough. The owners of 381 George Street were James Stevenson, Peterborough's 5th Mayor and MP, and his business partner, Thomas Bradburn, who was the largest individual landowner in Peterborough at the time of his death. The title-holder of the other half of the building, Margaret Dixon, also owned a significant amount of land in the downtown core of Peterborough.

By-law read a first and second time this 28th day of February 2005

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 28th day of February 2005

(Sgd.) Sylvia Sutherland, Mayor

(Sgd.) Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk