



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act e-Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **[www.heritagetrust.on.ca](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca)**.

---

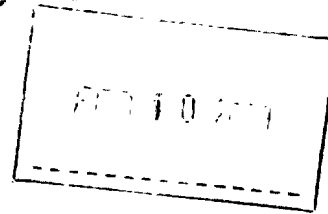
Ce document est tiré du registre électronique, tenu aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **[www.heritagetrust.on.ca](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca)**.



TOWN OF FLAMBOROUGH  
P.O. Box 50  
Waterdown, Ontario L0R 2H0  
163 Dundas Street East

Telephone (905) 689-7351  
Lynden (905) 647-2577  
Fax (905) 689-3310

*Hamilton - Woodwork*



February 4, 2000

File No. R01-PA

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street, East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Heritage Designation By-Law 2000-17-H  
Page-McCarthy Houses, Mountsberg Road

At their meeting of January 31, 2000, Council passed By-Law 2000-17-H, designating the Page-McCarthy houses, pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act. A copy of the By-Law is enclosed.

As required by the Act, the Town is now advertising the passage of the By-Law in the local newspaper, for each of three consecutive weeks, and has requested the Town Solicitor to register the By-Law on the title of the property.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

*Alexandra Rawlings*  
Alexandra Rawlings, A.M.C.T.  
Deputy Clerk

AR:kr  
Encl.

*8/15/00*  
*RC* ✓

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FLAMBOROUGH**

**BY-LAW NO. 2000-17-H**

**Being a By-Law to designate the Page-McCarthy Houses located on Part of Lot 5, Concession 12, formerly in the Township of East Flamborough, now in the Town of Flamborough, under the Ontario Heritage Act.**

WHEREAS, Section 28 of The Ontario Heritage Act, RSO 1990, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest, and;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Flamborough has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Page-McCarthy Houses, Part of Lot 5, Concession 12, formerly in the Township of East Flamborough, now in the Town of Flamborough and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid building and property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, one for each of three consecutive weeks, and;

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto, and;

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FLAMBOROUGH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

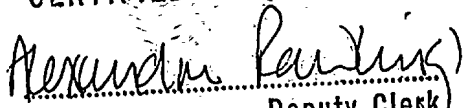
1. The Page-McCarthy Houses more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, are designated as being of architectural and historical significance.
2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" attached hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

**READ AND PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 31st DAY OF January, 2000.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**CLERK**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**MAYOR**

**CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Deputy Clerk**

**Schedule A**  
**By-Law No. 2000-17-H**

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

**The Page-McCarthy Houses 374 and 376 Mountsberg Road**

The Page-McCarthy houses are recommended for Heritage Designation for their historical and architectural importance.

**HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE**

The two farm houses were built by a member of one of the original families who had settled in the northern part of the former Township of East Flamborough in the 1830's.

The builder of both houses, Joseph Page, arrived in East Flamborough in 1835, with a group of English families. He originally built a one and a half storey log house on the north-east side of this 100 acre property, but this has not survived.

Following his marriage in 1841, and the arrival of further members of his family, Joseph Page built a new one and a half storey house, c. 1850, which is now 376 Mountsberg Road. This house, which was occupied by his sister and her family, was later enlarged and sided with red brick.

At about the same time, Joseph built a large new house for his own family, on the other side of the lane. This house is now 374 Mountsberg Road. Constructed of buff coloured brick hauled from Streetsville, the house was reputedly three storeys high and the largest in the Mountsberg area.

Following Joseph's death in 1892, the farm properties remained in the Page family until a disastrous fire largely destroyed the house at 374 Mountsberg Road in 1905. The Page family then sold the property to Jeremiah Hunt, who subsequently rebuilt the house, on a more modest scale. The Hunt family owned the farm property until 1914, when it was sold back to a member of the Page family.

In 1916, Charles McCarthy a second generation Mountsberg resident, purchased the property and lived at 374 Mountsberg Road with his family until his death in 1959. The McCarthys, originally from Ireland, raised twelve children in the large house, some of whom lived in the smaller house for periods of time. Following Charles McCarthy's death, the property was sold to one of his sons, who continued to live there until 1968.

With the exception of a small severance which occurred in the 1960's the subject property is virtually the Crown Grant that Joseph Page settled on in 1835. Together, the two houses represent a rare example of two important houses constructed by the same family. They illustrate two distinctly different styles of architecture, which are indicative of the economic and style changes in Ontario in the nineteenth century.

### ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

376 Mountsberg Road is a one and a half storey house constructed c.1850 in the simple, restrained "wilderness" Georgian style. The house, which is of timber frame construction clad in red brick, has a symmetrical three bay façade and a typical Georgian style entrance. The two front windows and the entrance are surmounted with flat arches of brick. While the shutters appear modern, the windows appear original and are divided into 6/6 lights. The wall is capped by a moulded frieze board and box cornice, continued on the gable end. There is a single storey brick ell at the rear of the building.

Original interior features include baseboards and door cases on the ground floor and wide pine plank flooring throughout the building. The stair case banisters and handrail and the second floor plank doors bear a remarkable resemblance to those on the second floor of the Riddle House in the former Township of Beverly.

374 Mountsberg Road has a symmetrical 5 bay façade and sits on a stone foundation. The house is two storeys in height and clad in buff brick, hauled from Streetsville. The use of this brick is uncommon in East Flamborough. While the original house was destroyed by fire, subsequently rebuilt and then altered over the years, the building has both Regency and Gothic Revival overtones.

While the entrance and windows are modern replacements, they are surrounded by flat brick arches, above which are a series of brick label or drip mouldings. These mouldings are the most unusual features of the house. Although the basement reveals the original timber frame construction, there are no original interior features remaining in the house.

### DESIGNATED FEATURES

The exterior features to be designated at 376 Mountsberg Road are the exterior walls, the Georgian style entrance, with its 6 panel door and 4 light transom above and the windows on either side. In addition, the flat brick arches above the entrance, and windows, the moulded frieze board and box cornice on the gable end are included.

The exterior features to be designated at 374 Mountsberg Road are the exterior walls, clad in buff brick, and the decorative brick detailing, including the flat brick arches above the windows and the series of brick label or drip mouldings above the arches.

### EXCLUSION

Excluded from the designation is the land surrounding each house.