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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.
1990, CHAPTER O.18;

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES IN PT LT 1 N OF
HUNTER ST AND W OF GEORGE ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH AS
IN R516306 (FOURTHLY DESCRIBED LANDS) T/W R516306;
PETERBOROUGH;

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Peterborough intends to designate the property, including land and building, known municipally as 413 George Street North, as a property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of 413 George Street North is attached.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 13th of March 2009.

Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk
The City of Peterborough
500 George St. N
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

February 11, 2009

The Lech Building – 413 George Street North

The property at 413 George Street North has excellent cultural heritage value. Built between 1866 and 1868, it was originally occupied by William Lech, an immigrant from Prussia and son of a Prussian soldier. The William Lech & Sons Furrier was operated as a successful family furrier business from the date of construction until 2008, over 140 years. The building, complete with refrigeration and processing rooms, was designed to deal exclusively with furs, including processing of pelts into manufactured goods for wholesale and retail sale. The black bear was featured as the Company's logo and for many years a large stuffed bear welcomed customers in the store's entry alcove.

The building also has good architectural value for its unique ogee topped casement windows with matching wooden labels, believed to be the only ones in Peterborough. The Lech Building is a good example of mid-block architecture in which the structure's volume and massing matches the other buildings in the row but achieves a unique architecture through detailing. Its front entrance, with an early 20th century door and storefront windows remains and is highlighted by a mosaic on the floor of the entry alcove depicting the bear emblem and company name.