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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 PLAN 63 PT LOT 2 S
DUBLIN E GEO IRREG 0.07AC 27.00FR 81.00D & PLAN 63 PT LOT 2 S
DUBLIN E GEO E OF ABOVE DESC PCL IRREG 0.04AC 23.75FR D
PETERBOROUGH CITY;

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 597 & 599 Water Street, 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 597 & 599 Water Street is attached.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the City Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 25th of June 2010.

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

May 26, 2010

597-599 Water Street

The house at 597-599 Water Street is a good example of a Georgian style duplex. Constructed circa 1870-75, the house was built on land owned by Dr. George Burnham Sr. who purchased the land in 1854 from William Bell, who owned it via a patent from the Crown in 1843. Some characteristic elements of the Georgian style include a symmetrical façade, muted details and very simple appearance. This style came to Canada with the British settlers and was a reflection of the simple dignity they wished to portray through their homes. The front porches, one ornate and one unadorned, and back portions to both sides of the duplex are all original features of the house which was always intended to be a duplex rental unit. Dr. George Burnham Sr. was a very important figure in early Peterborough. He was born in Cobourg and came to Peterborough in 1836 to set up a medical practice in his house. He served the community for over forty years as medical doctor and as superintendent of the local school board, the first school inspector and as a charter member of the Peterborough Masonic Lodge.