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

PLAN 1 PT LOT 1 PLAN 5 LOTS 3 4 PT LOTS 2 AND 5 RP 45R14063 PART 2
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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 406-408 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 406-408 George Street North 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 26th day of May, 2012.

John Kennedy, Acting City Clerk
The City of Peterborough
500 George St. N
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

April 25, 2012

406-408 George Street North – The James T. Henthorn Building.

406-408 George Street North has historical value as one of the earliest structures to be built on the block by James T. Henthorn, an early Peterborough developer. Henthorn owned and developed all of the property that stands north of Hunter Street on the East side of George Street from the time he purchased it in the 1830s until his death in 1877. In 1854, J.T Henthorn was appointed First Lieutenant of Peterborough's first Fire Brigade. At the time he was also a member of Council. Ironically, J. T Henthorn lost many of his original buildings to fire along George and Hunter Streets in the 1850s. In 1855, Council passed a by-law prohibiting any frame construction in the area east of Aylmer Street as a result of several disastrous downtown fires.

The building at 406-408 George Street North has retained its architectural integrity and is one of the oldest surviving commercial buildings in downtown Peterborough. It is flanked by late 19th and early 20th century buildings in an historic streetscape. This building is located in what was historically referred to as the "best business part of town". It has been used for commercial purposes continuously since its construction in the 1850s and has been home to a theatre, a dry goods store, florist, dentist offices and various clubs, such as the Forresters Hall and Belmont Club. In the 1930s the Liquor Control Board of Ontario was an occupant. 406-408 George Street North historically contained six separate storefronts, with residential space above available to boarders, merchants or owners of the stores below.