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TOWN OF  
PENETANGUISHENE

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August 4, 1987

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

As per the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, Section 29(6) please find enclosed a certified copy of By-law No. 1987-36 designating the property known municipally as the Municipal Office Building and Council Chambers, 10 Robert Street West, as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

Copies of the by-law have been forwarded to our solicitor for registration against the property in the Simcoe County Land Registry Office. Also, the notice of passing of a by-law has been sent to the local newspaper for publication.

If any further information is required with regards to the designation please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (705) 549-7453.

Yours truly,

Wilfred Guthrie Jr.  
Secretary  
Heritage Penetanguishene

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Encl.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF

PENETANGUISHENE

BY-LAW NO. 1987-36

Being a by-law to designate the property known as "The Municipal Office Building and Council Chambers" as being of Architectural and Historical Value and Interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and/or historical value and interest.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as "The Municipal Office Building and Council Chambers" at 10 Robert St. West, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

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

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of Architectural and Historical Value and interest the real property known as "The Municipal Office Building and Council Chambers", 10 Robert St. West more particularly described as the West part of Lot 3 in Registered Plan 9 in the Town of Penetanguishene, County of Simcoe in the Province of Ontario.
2. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law and the reasons for designation, to be registered against the property described above, 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks

BY-LAW READ a first, second and third time and finally passed in open Council this 27th day of July, 1987.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF:

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BYLAW NO. 1987-36

EXTRACT OF RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Y. A. GAGNE  
TOWN CLERK

(SIGNED) R. BELLISLE

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Mayor

(SIGNED) Y. A. GAGNE

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Clerk



### Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The Building, now known as "The Municipal Office Building and Council Chambers" was erected in 1891. At that time the building was used as a fire hall, police station and Council Chambers. It was designed by an architect, Mr. J.N. Galt and built by a well known contractor Mr. Alfonse Tessier.

The building remained with the same use until 1959, when the interior of the building was gutted by fire. It then laid empty for the following 9 years until the 'Town Fathers', in 1968 had the building renovated to include the municipal offices. Through its entire existence, excluding the period of vacancy, this building has been the focal point of municipal government for the people of Penetanguishene.

This late Victorian structure is a two storey building notable for a Queen Anne styling seen mainly in municipal utility buildings between 1860 and 1900.

The original hose tower roof consisted of a tripartite design. The shaft of the tower is well proportioned with its corbelled brick banding and appears to have once had four "sleepy vertical windows.

The lower floor of the building is random coursed square cut rubble and extends to the upper floor level, and was at one time terminated with a cedar shingle overhang. Of the main buildings brick work, to be noted are the three - 7 header, round headed window arches on the main facade and the bands of colored and corbelled brick which run both horizontally and diagonally.

The classical proportions of the roof with its architrave return provide for a well balanced elevation and the Queen Anne style.

The main facade, in the gable area, had had a rectangular decorative and functional vent with both signage and building date laid out in a traditional tabature and scroll manner. The original window arrangement of the street elevation was quite sophisticated with the 8 over 8 rounded headed windows of the Council Chamber.

There are only a handful of communities in the Central Ontario/Georgian Bay area which have surviving Queen Anne public buildings. As such we are extremely fortunate to have a fine example of this style in our community.