



The Corporation of the City of Peterborough

By-Law Number 16-005

Being a By-law to Designate 252 Parkhill Road West in the City of Peterborough Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

The Corporation of the City of Peterborough by the Council thereof hereby enacts as follows:

That the hereinafter described property be and is hereby designated to be of historical and architectural value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, for the reasons hereafter stated:

252 Parkhill Road West – “Ashley”

LOTS 5 & 6, PLAN 53, PETERBOROUGH

Reason For Designation

252 Parkhill Road, known as Ashley, was constructed circa 1885 for John Edward Hammond, farmer and local gentleman. Hammond was the husband of Harriet Macdonald, a niece of lumber merchant, Mossom Boyd, and sister-in law to noted architect John E. Belcher. Hammond named his house “Ashley” after his childhood home in England. After Hammond’s death in 1887 his widow Harriet remained at Ashley for the next quarter of a century before moving in with her son, Dr. Arthur Hammond, at 232 Brock Street, known today as “Hammond Hall”.

There is strong evidence that John Belcher designed the house at 252 Parkhill Road West. Hammond and Belcher, related by marriage, were close friends and Ashley would have enjoyed a direct sightline of 269 Edinburgh Street (Smithtown Hill House) which was occupied by the Belchers during this period. Ashley is also very similar to 643 Bethune Street, designed by Belcher around the same time in the Victorian Gothic style and with common design characteristics.

252 Parkhill Road occupies a prominent site on Smith Town Hill overlooking the City on the historic northern edge of Peterborough. The area is the site of the original European settlement of Smith Township in 1818 and was annexed by the City in 1872.

Heritage Attributes

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations and the roof including all facades, entrances, windows, chimneys, and trim, together with construction materials of wood, brick, stone, and glazing, their related building techniques and landscape features.

Exterior Elements:

- Two-storey masonry red clay brick with running bond construction;
- Masonry water table;
- Steeply pitched gabled roof;
- Two projecting two-storey bays including deeply overhanging pediments and half timbering on the western bay;
- Cut granite stone foundation;

- All windows with wooden sills and surrounds including:
 - Paired lancet windows with double relieving arches and voussoirs
 - Individual lancet windows with voussoirs
 - South-facing tripartite window
 - Dormer windows
 - Stained glass
- Wood soffits and eaves, including paired brackets and wood beads;
- Wood bargeboard;
- South-facing wooden verandah, including ornate woodwork;
- West-facing verandah including all woodwork, wood panelling, decorative wood detailing, glazing, stained glass, central pediment in enclosed glass section, and lattice at the south end;
- Main entry vestibule with lancet opening and wooden railing above;
- 1-storey bay on east side with decorative wood shingles and wooden railing.

By-law read a first, second and third time this 1st day of February, 2016.

(Sgd.) Daryl Bennett, Mayor

(Sgd.) John Kennedy, City Clerk