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**Peterborough**

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**TO:** Members of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC)

**FROM:** Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

**MEETING DATE:** June 12, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Report PACAC12-025  
Traill College Designation Briefs

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to provide the PACAC with the draft designation briefs for the buildings at Traill College.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the PACAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report PACAC12-025, dated June 12, 2012 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That the draft Designation Briefs of the following buildings at Traill College be received for information: 310 London Street – Crawford House and Wallis Hall, 300 London Street – Scott House, 591 Stewart Street – Kerr House, and 293 London Street – Bradburn House.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

## BACKGROUND

The designation briefs for Crawford House, Wallis Hall, Scott House, Kerr House, and Bradburn House were approved by the PACAC in 2008.

### **310 London Street – Crawford House**

The house was built in 1872 for William H. Moore, a local barrister. Moore used the house at 310 London Street as his home and office, a trend that continued with the next owner, Thomas C. Ephgrave, who bought the property in 1925. In 1964, the house was purchased by Mr. Meyer Levine who never actually resided there, as the property was almost immediately acquired by Trent University for its downtown campus. The original design of the house is attributed to John E. Belcher, a well-known architect and engineer in 19<sup>th</sup> century Peterborough. The noted architect Ron Thom, who designed the award-winning Symons Campus at the north end of Peterborough, also made some changes to the house in the mid 1960s.

### **310 London Street – Wallis Hall**

Wallis Hall, the most prominent modern building of Trent University's Catharine Parr Traill College, was also the first large building Ron Thom designed for Trent University. Constructed in 1963-64 as a student residence and office space for Catharine Parr Traill College, it helped to unify the collection of older buildings purchased for the college. Wallis Hall illustrates well Thom's debt to the principles of the American architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

### **300 London Street – Scott House**

Originally built for Thomas and Jane Robinson in 1882, the Scott House was designed by local architect and engineer, John E. Belcher. Adam Hall, the owner of a prosperous stove and tinware dealership, moved into the house in 1883 and remained there until 1916. In the spring of 1916, G.A. MacDonald, head of the Peterborough Quaker Oats factory, and his wife Margaret bought the house and lived there until 1934. In the 1940s the building was subdivided into apartments. In 1963, the building was sold to Trent University for its downtown campus. Architect Ron Thom, who designed the award-winning Symons Campus at the north end of Peterborough, sympathetically adapted the building to meet the college's needs, while retaining the Belcher core of the house.

### **591 Stewart Street – Kerr House**

The Hutchinson-Kerr House was constructed in 1853 for Thomas Hutchinson, a well-known tin merchant in Peterborough. The house was constructed of stacked planks, a building technique used during the Peterborough timber boom of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. In 1870, Edgecombe Pearse, the County Clerk for over 30 years, purchased the house. It is thought that at this time the north addition of the house was constructed in buff brick, and the original house was renovated and clad in brick. Its last owners as a residence were Francis D. Kerr and his wife, Lillian Pearse. In 1967, Lillian Pearse Kerr sold the house to Trent University to be used as part of the Traill College campus after her death in the early 1970s.

**293 London Street – Bradburn House**

Built circa 1863, this Victorian house was constructed to replace the home of Wilson S. Conger on Conger Hill, which has completely burned in March of 1863. Conger occupied his new house for less than a year, and it was then sold to Thomas Bradburn in the early 1870s. At the time of his death in 1900, Bradburn was the individual owning the most property in Peterborough. Bradburn's widow continued to live in the house until 1909. It was then sold and became St. Vincent's Orphanage, and later the Balmoral Lodge Nursing Home. In 1983, it became part of Trent University's Catherine Parr Traill College. This large Victorian Gothic house is noted for its bargeboard trim, and numerous additions, some more compatible with the original building than others.

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Appendix A – Draft Designation Briefs