



City of  
**Peterborough**

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

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

**Meeting Date:** April 4, 2019

**Subject:** Report PACAC19-021  
Designation of Heritage Properties

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend that the PACAC recommend to Council that 27 Charles Street, 239 Burnham Street, and 181 Stewart Street be designated under Part IV the **Ontario Heritage Act**.

## **Recommendations**

That the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report PACAC19-021, dated April 4, 2019 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the recommendation of the designation subcommittee be received, and;
- b) That 27 Charles Street, 239 Burnham Street, and 181 Stewart Street be recommended to Council for designation pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the **Ontario Heritage Act** as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

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

## Background

### 27 Charles Street

27 Charles Street has cultural heritage value or interest as a mid-nineteenth century residential property constructed in the Gothic Revival style. It employs a number of key elements of the style including the use of steeply pitched roofs and asymmetrical gables, making it a representative example of this house style. The house is also an important example of the use of stacked plank construction, a unique structural type in the Peterborough area. Historically, the property has important connections to a number of prominent Peterborough citizens through the nineteenth and twentieth centuries including: local lumber merchant, Henry T. Strickland; Iva Fallis, Canada's first female Conservative senator; and NHL player Aubrey Victor (Dit) Clapper. Through Strickland, the house's first owner, the property also yields important information regarding Peterborough's mid-nineteenth century lumber industry. It is a contributing property to the historic landscape of mid-nineteenth century Ashburnham.

### 239 Burnham Street

239 Burnham Street has cultural heritage value or interest as an excellent example of a mid-nineteenth century Italianate villa in Peterborough. Constructed in 1866, the house demonstrates the characteristic asymmetrical massing of this housing type as well as many of its classically-inspired features including the hipped roof, rustication, and two-storey bays. Historically, the house has important connections to the Burnham family through its first owner, John Burnham, the son of the Reverend Mark Burnham. John Burnham was a local lawyer who was heavily involved in the development of both Peterborough and Ashburnham, particularly through his involvement in municipal and federal politics. Built on the former Burnham estate, the house has contextual value as part of the mid-nineteenth century landscape of Ashburnham and has specific historical connections to a number of the surrounding estate houses that were constructed for relatives of John Burnham and his wife, Maria Rogers.

### 181 Stewart Street

181 Stewart Street has cultural heritage value or interest as a representative example of a simplified Queen Anne style house. Constructed in 1901, it is a good example of a popular housing type in Peterborough during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries which took its design cues from the Queen Anne style and adapted its key principles to a less ornate housing type. Key features of this style include the front facing gable, asymmetrical massing, and red brick construction. It has historical value as a house constructed for working class occupants with connections to Peterborough's increasing industrial base and has the potential to yield additional information about the social, economic, and architectural development of the city during this period. It forms part of an intact, historic neighbourhood comprised primarily of late nineteenth and early twentieth century homes.

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**Attachments:**

Appendix A – Designation Brief 27 Charles Street  
Appendix B – Designation Brief 239 Burnham Street  
Appendix C – Designation Brief 181 Stewart Street