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## The Corporation of the City of Peterborough

### By-Law Number 19-xxx

Being a By-law to Designate Certain Properties in the City Of Peterborough Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

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

That the hereinafter described properties be and are 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:

#### **239 Burnham Street – “Bellevue”**

PT BLK B PL 124 PETERBOROUGH CITY PT 2 45R2642 T/W R330221 S/T ORNAMENTAL RESERVE PL 124 ; PETERBOROUGH CITY

#### Reason For Designation

239 Burnham Street, or Bellevue, has cultural heritage value as an excellent example of a mid-nineteenth century Italianate villa in Peterborough. Constructed in 1866, the house demonstrates the classical asymmetrical massing of this housing type as well as the classically inspired features of this style which include the hipped roof, rustication, and two-storey bays. It is also demonstrative of how houses of this style were constructed on large, unconstrained lots, because of the original size of the property on which the house was surrounded by expansive grounds, which is not typical of Italianate houses in Peterborough, most of which were constructed on small urban lots.

The property has historical and associative value through its first owners, John Burnham and his wife, Maria Rogers. John Burnham was the son of the Rev. Mark Burnham, the rector of St. John's Anglican Church and a significant landholder in Ashburnham. The younger Burnham studied for the bar under Judge Charles A. Weller and began to practice law in Peterborough in 1865. He was a prominent figure in local affairs, serving as the Reeve of Ashburnham, County Warden and Conservative MP for Peterborough East. He also served as the captain of the local militia, the 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment. His wife, Maria McGregor Rogers, was the daughter of local businessman Robert D. Rogers and older sister of Richard Birdsall Rogers, the designer of the Peterborough Lift Lock. The property yields significant information on the interrelated, prominent families of nineteenth century Ashburnham and their role in the development of the community.

The property has important contextual significance as part of the historic landscape of nineteenth century Ashburnham. As one of the oldest properties in the residential section of the former village, the house contributes to the historic character of the local area and is a landmark, due to its size, prominent location on a corner lot, distinctive architectural character, and longstanding presence. It also has contextual significance as part of the Burnham estate which included a number of other historic residences which are still extant. The property also has historical links to a number of the surrounding historic homes, including those on the Burnham estate, through the interrelated families who owned and occupied

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them, demonstrating the strong familial ties between Ashburnham's prominent families in the mid- to late nineteenth century.

### Heritage Attributes

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

### Exterior Elements:

- Two-storey buff brick residential building
- Hipped roof with overhanging eaves
- Paired single stack chimneys
- Buff brick rusticated quoins
- Raised brick frieze with dentils
- Boxed cornice eaves
- Two-storey bays on west and south elevations
- Two-storey entrance porch including:
  - Upper storey sleeping porch with flush board siding
  - Banks of three windows on the sleeping porch
  - Brackets along the roofline of the sleeping porch
  - Projecting classical entryway
  - Brackets along roofline of projecting entryway
  - Wooden columns
  - Entrance with transom, sidelights and wooden moulding
- Verandah on the east, south and west elevations of the house including:
  - Wooden columns
  - Pediment on the east elevation
  - Rail and spindles
- Fenestration including:
  - Original window openings
  - Four over four sash windows
  - Window openings and their associated elements including sash, mould, jamb and trim
  - Original wooden windows
- Views of the property from Burnham and Charles Street
- Views of the surrounding neighbourhood from the property
- Historic relationship with Engleburn (260 Engleburn Avenue)

By-law read a first, second and third time this XX<sup>th</sup> day of XXX, 2019.

(Sgd.)Diane Therrien, Mayor

(Sgd.) John Kennedy, City Clerk