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## **The Corporation of the City of Peterborough**

### **By-Law Number 25-112**

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 (216 Simcoe Street)

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The Corporation of the City of Peterborough by its 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:

#### **216 Simcoe Street – Stevenson Hall**

LT 6 N OF SIMCOE ST AND W OF GEORGE ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH AS IN R177860; PETERBOROUGH CITY

#### **Reason for Designation**

Stevenson Hall at 216 Simcoe Street has cultural heritage value as a landmark structure on Simcoe Street in Peterborough's downtown core. It is a rare surviving example of a mid-nineteenth century Neoclassical style residence in Peterborough, employing key stylistic elements such as a symmetrical façade adorned with classical order pilasters supporting a decorative frieze. It is a reminder of the area's past as a residential neighbourhood which evolved into a commercial and industrial area as those sectors expanded.

The building has historical connections to an important figure in Peterborough's history, sometime mayor and member of Parliament, James Stevenson. In his political offices, Stevenson championed the construction of the Trent Valley Canal (later the Trent-Severn Waterway) and the Edison General Electric Company (later Canadian General Electric) in Peterborough. Outside politics, Stevenson was an upstanding resident, serving on the board of education for nearly 60 years, he was a founding member of the Peterborough Horticultural Society and director of the Little Lake Cemetery Company.

Though long the home of community organizations such as the YWCA, it remains widely recognized in the community as "Stevenson Hall".

#### **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, concrete, metal, and glazing, their related building techniques and landscape features:

#### **Exterior Elements:**

- Two-storey brick construction
- Hipped roof
- Decorative brickwork
- Coursing
- Pilasters
- Frieze
- Fenestration
- Entrance

By-law passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2025.

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Jeff Leal, Mayor

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John Kennedy, City Clerk