



The Corporation of the City of Peterborough

By-Law Number 26-0XX

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 (201 George Street North)

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:

201 George Street North – The Harness Factory

PT LTS 1 & 2 N DALHOUSIE ST & W GEORGE ST DESIGNATED AS PTS 1, 2 & 3, 45R1175 ; T/W OVER PT 4, 45R1175 AS IN R317915 ; S/T OVER PTS 2 & 3, 45R1175 AS IN R713207 ; PETERBOROUGH

Reason for Designation

201 George Street North is a landmark industrial building in Peterborough on the edge of the downtown area. It is one of few surviving buildings in the area, which was once the industrial center of the city. Built just before the turn of the twentieth century for the B. F. Ackerman and Son Company Ltd. it showcases an early example of an industrial building and showcases key Victorian elements such as symmetry and evenly spaced windows. It also showcases an early rendition of advertising by featuring tapered pilasters and a frieze that features decorative brickwork.

It has strong historical associations as being the factory for the prominent B. F. Ackerman and Son Company Ltd., which made leather harnesses and other leather goods for horse riding. When the invention of the automobile took off, the company made a pivot and started making leather shoes, producing the 'Peterboro Shoe' which allowed them to maintain their prominent status in the community.

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 the construction materials of brick and their related building techniques.

Exterior Elements:

- Three-story red brick construction
- Windows set between pilasters
- Decorative brickwork
- Rusticated foundation
- Central entrance on George Street North
- Fenestration
- Construction to the lot lines
- Views of the property from George Street North and Dalhousie Street

By-law passed this Xth day of MONTH 2026.

(Sgd.) Jeff Leal, Mayor

(Sgd.) John Kennedy, City Clerk