



City of
Peterborough

The Corporation of the City of Peterborough

By-Law Number 26-023

Being a By-law to Designate certain portions of the property known in 2025 as 107 Park Street North in the City of Peterborough under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 as being of cultural heritage value or interest

Recitals

- A. The Ontario Heritage Act (the “Act”) authorizes a municipal council to enact by-laws to designate real property, including buildings and structure thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
- B. Peterborough City Council wishes to designate specific buildings and the following features on the Property (the “Heritage Attributes”) as being of cultural value or interest.
- C. Peterborough City Council has caused to be served upon the owner of the Property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to Designate the Property and has also satisfied the notice requirements under the Act.
- D. Two notices of objection were served upon the City Clerk within the prescribed time under Act and were considered by City Council.
- E. The Owner submitted a Building Removal Plan which was attached to Report IPGPL205-060, being the report considered by City Council.
- F. The reasons for designation are set out in Schedule A to this By-law.

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

- 1. The portions of the Property known municipally in the year 2025 as 107 Park Street North, all as specifically identified in Schedule B attached to this By-law is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
- 2. More specific to the foregoing, the Heritage Attributes of the Property which are of cultural value or interest, as contemplated by subsections 33(1) and 34(1) of the Act, are more particularly described in Schedule A.
- 3. The City Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered on title against the Property in the proper Land Registry Office.
- 4. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the Property Owner and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust.

By-law passed this 23rd day of February 2026.

Jeff Leal, Mayor

John Kennedy, City Clerk

Schedule A – Reasons for Designation

Certain portions of and buildings on the Property known municipally in the year 2025 as 107 Park Street North, are worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as they meet Regulation 9/06, the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the categories of design/physical, historical/associative and contextual value.

General Description

The former Canadian General Electric manufacturing complex at 107 Park Street North has strong cultural heritage value through its associations with Peterborough's industrial and labour history. Established in 1891 as the Canadian works of the Edison General Electric Company and later operating as Canadian General Electric, the complex played a central role in the city's emergence as a national centre of electrical manufacturing and innovation. The complex produced generators, motors, transformers, and lighting equipment, later expanding to locomotives and street railways. It contributed significantly to Canada's war efforts in both World Wars, manufacturing military components. The site also reflects the social evolution of the industrial workforce, particularly through the recruitment of women during wartime production. The complex, which was composed of both independent and integrated buildings and structures, evolved over time in response to industrial processes and demands and was the subject of extensive renovations, alterations, demolitions and modifications. The complex was in continuous operation in a variety of forms for approximately 127 years. As of 2018, the majority of the complex was closed with certain buildings remaining occupied for various employment uses, which continue to this day.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Architecturally, the buildings demonstrate the evolution of industrial design from the late Victorian and Edwardian periods to postwar modernism. The buildings were extensively renovated and modified over time to respond to the market demands and industrial processes. Early brick buildings such as 2, 2A, 8A and 30 (delineated as Parts 1, 2 and 5 on Schedule C) exhibit fine exterior craftsmanship, decorative brickwork, and large fenestration typical of early factory architecture.

The former large GE manufacturing complex is an integral aspect of the neighbourhood. The location, form, and evolving presence of the complex have shaped the surrounding residential and transportation patterns and remain integral to understanding Peterborough's industrial development. The identified buildings on the property are examples of the City's identity as "The Electric City" and of its contribution to Canada's technological and economic growth.

Certain portions of the complex continue to be used for employment purposes. These buildings are anticipated to be further renovated, altered and modified over time as has been the case with the complex since its inception.

Heritage Attributes

The Reasons for Designation include the following Heritage Attributes:

Building 2 (Part 1, Schedule C) and the following specific original exterior features:

- a) Red Brick Construction
- b) Decorative Brickwork, including coursing and lintel detailing
- c) Large industrial window openings
- d) Roof design with clerestory elements representing Victorian and Edwardian industrial typology

Building 2A (Part 1, Schedule C) and the following specific original exterior features:

- a) Red Brick Construction
- b) Decorative Brickwork, including corbeling along the roof line
- c) Large segmental-arched window openings
- d) The Building main entrance, including its original opening size and detailing

- e) Building form and massing, including low-rise height, footprint and roofline

Building 8A (Part 5, Schedule C) and the following specific original exterior features:

- a) Red Brick Construction
- b) Decorative Brickwork, including corbeling and patterned detailing
- c) Decorative architectural elements including ornamental masonry, decorated columns and cornice treatment
- d) Large window openings
- e) Building form and massing, including low-rise height, footprint and roofline

Building 30 (Part 2, Schedule C) and the following specific exterior features:

- a) Red Brick Construction
- b) Decorative Brickwork, including corbeling
- c) Gabled clerestory roof
- d) Large round-headed window openings
- e) Building form and massing, including low-rise height, footprint and roofline

Schedule B – The Property – 107 Park Street North – Canadian General Electric

PK LTS 14 TO 17 IN TWP LT 13 CON 12 NORTH MONAGHAN EXCEPT M7810;
LTS 6 TO 30 PL 30 PETERBOROUGH; PT LTS 31 & 42 PL 30 PETERBOROUGH;
PT ALBERT ST PL 30 PETERBOROUGH; PT RDAL BTN PK LTS IN TWP LTS 13 &
14 NORTH MONAGHAN, BEING PARK ST, AS IN M35833 & M37654 CLOSED BY
BYLAW M37653 & M35815; RDAL BTN PK LTS 15 & 16 IN TWP LT 13 CON 12
NORTH MONAGHAN; PETERBOROUGH

The Portions of the Property Subject to the Designating By-law

Parts 1, 2, and 5, on Reference Plan 45-XXXX.

Schedule C – Reference Plan of Heritage Attributes

