



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:** September 6, 2018

**Subject:** Report PACAC18-034  
Designation of Heritage Properties

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend that the PACAC recommend to Council that 487 Hunter Street West and 678 Bethune Street be designated under Part IV the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

## **Recommendations**

That the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report PACAC18-034, dated September 6, 2018 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the recommendation of the designation subcommittee be approved, and;
- b) That 487 Hunter Street West and 678 Bethune 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

### 487 Hunter Street West

487 Hunter Street West has cultural heritage value as the only Prairie style house constructed in Peterborough and in its connection to local businessman Alva W. Cressman. It is an excellent and rare example of the Prairie style as constructed in Canada which placed a greater emphasis on vertical massing than their American counterparts. It retains its original exterior and interior features virtually intact, including built elements outside the main house such as the carriage house, which demonstrate a high degree of craftsmanship executed by an architect, S.B. Coons, who did not usually work in the Prairie style. Despite its stylistic distinctiveness, it is nevertheless an integral part of the Old West End neighbourhood due to its size, massing and materiality as well as its carefully conceived design, executed in such a way as to be sympathetic to the overall character of the turn-of-the-century neighbourhood as a whole.

### 678 Bethune Street

678 Bethune Street has cultural heritage value or interest as an excellent, representative, and intact example of an Ontario Gothic cottage in Peterborough. Constructed in the mid-1850s, the property retains many of its original architectural features including red brick cladding with buff brick quoins, a steeply pitched central gable with a rounded window, and a verandah extending across the front of the house. Its setting at the top of a hill gave the property an important historic view of the Otonabee River and downtown Peterborough which exemplifies the qualities of the picturesque that were associated with this housing type. It is located within a historic neighbourhood of primarily nineteenth century homes and maintains the character of the wider area through its retained historic features.

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Designation Brief 487 Hunter Street West  
Appendix B – Designation Brief 678 Bethune Street