

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 06-026**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18 (168 Brock Street)**

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PETERBOROUGH BY THE COUNCIL THEREOF HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the hereinafter described properties be and they 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. 0.18, for the reason hereafter stated:

a.) 168 Brock Street

PT LT 2 W OF GEORGE ST & N OF BROCK ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH PT 7 45R3889; PETERBOROUGH CITY

**REASON FOR DESIGNATION**

168 Brock Street has good architectural and historical value. A well-preserved example of the French Second Empire style, the building retains its mansard roof and main entrance. Built circa 1870, the building is a good representative example of changing trends in local architecture. A number of commercial and luxurious residential buildings in Peterborough were built in the Second Empire style, and earlier buildings were sometimes updated with the ostentatious fittings of the day in order to remain stylistically current in the 1870's and 1880's. 168 Brock Street however is a good example of the French Second Empire style as it was interpreted for middle class residential housing. The building, in this context, is rare in the Peterborough area, where middle class housing is dominated by a more restrained Edwardian style characterized by hip or gable roofs.

The historical value of the building lies with its connections to Charles Perry, Mayor of Peterborough, and the first Peterborough MP for the new Canadian House of Commons in 1867. Charles Perry was the cousin of Aylesworth Bowen Perry, Commissioner of the North West Mounted Police during the Red River Rebellion. The Perry family owned the house until 1892, when Charles Perry's widow sold it to the newly formed YWCA to use as housing for young women. The YWCA used the property as their headquarters for several years before they moved to larger accommodations on Simcoe Street.

In 1925 the second and third floors were transformed into the Brock Apartments. A variety of tenants and commercial occupants have passed through the building in the past 80 years.

By-law read a first, second and third time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006

(Sgd.) Sylvia Sutherland, Mayor

(Sgd.) Nancy Wright-Laking, Clerk