The Corporation of the City of Peterborough

By-Law Number 19-041

Being a By-law to Designate 678 Bethune Street in the City of Peterborough under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

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

That the hereinafter described property be 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:

678 Bethune Street

PT LT 9 S OF ANTRIM ST & W OF GEORGE ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH PTS 2 & 3 45R9508; PETERBOROUGH CITY

Reason for Designation

678 Bethune Street has cultural heritage value or interest as an intact, early and representative example of the Ontario Gothic Cottage style in Peterborough. Constructed around 1853, the house retains many important attributes of this housing type including its central gable with rounded window, ornamentation through polychromatic brickwork, a symmetrical plan with a kitchen addition and a verandah stretching across the front of the house. Its retention of these original features make it one of the best examples of this house type in Peterborough and its construction date makes it one of the earliest. It has historical value as a home constructed for lower middle class occupants during the middle of the nineteenth century and demonstrates how these individuals integrated popular design features and styles into modest, functional homes.

The property has important contextual value as part of the Smith Town Hill historic neighbourhood. As one of the oldest properties in the area, it is an important contributing feature to the historic character of the neighbourhood and is also a prominent local landmark due to its longstanding presence on a corner lot. The property also has important contextual value in its connection to the surrounding physical landscape where the orientation of the building was specifically intended to take advantage of its high elevation and commanding views towards the Otonabee River and downtown Peterborough.

Heritage Attributes

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations and the roof including all façades, entrances, windows, chimneys, and trim, together with construction materials of wood, brick, stone, concrete, and glazing, their related building techniques and landscape features.

Exterior Elements:

- One-and-a-half storey frame residential building with red brick cladding
- Rubble stone foundation
- Rectangular massing of main portion of the building
- One-storey kitchen addition on east elevation
- Gable roof
- Symmetry of the south and west elevations
• Buff brick quoins
• Brick chimneys on the north and east elevations
• Centre gable on the south elevation
• Soffits and fascia with decorative wooden moulding
• Central rounded window on south elevation with six-over-six sash window and radiating buff brick voussoir
• South elevation verandah, including:
  o Awning roof
  o Chamfered columns
  o Decorative wooden porch brackets
• Central entrance, including:
  o Sidelights
  o Transom window
  o Buff brick flat voussoir
  o Associated moulding
• West elevation kitchen addition doorway
• All original windows, including:
  o Six-over-six sash windows
  o Two-over-two sash windows
  o Original window openings
  o Window openings and their associated mouldings including sash, mould, jamb and trim
  o Original wooden windows
  o Symmetrical placement of windows on the south and west elevations
  o Original glass
  o Wooden shutters and hardware
  o Buff brick flat and radiating voussoirs
• Viewshed from the house towards the Otonabee River and downtown Peterborough
• View of the south elevation of the house from Bethune Street
• View of the house from the intersection of Parkhill Road and Bethune Street
• Orientation of the house relative to the roads, hill, and garden

By-law read a first, second and third time this 25th day of March, 2019.

(Sgd.) Diane Therrien, Mayor

(Sgd.) John Kennedy, City Clerk