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January 30, 2019

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street
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Pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, please find enclosed the notice of intention to designate the following properties in the city of Peterborough: 408 Belmont Avenue, 415 George Street N, 487 Hunter Street W, and 678 Bethune Street

Should you have any questions or concerns about the process, please feel free to contact the Heritage Preservation Office at 705-742-7777 ext. 1491 or email eturner@peterborough.ca.

Sincerely,

John Kennedy
City Clerk
City of Peterborough
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18;

PT LT 1 N OF HUNTER ST AND W OF GEORGE ST PL 1 TOWN OF
PETERBOROUGH AS IN R447163 CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough intends to pass a By-law on the 25th day of March, 2019 to designate the property, including land and building, known municipally as 415 George Street North, as a property of architectural and/or historical interest or value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

A Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation of 415 George Street North is attached.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the City Clerk within thirty (30) days, or before 4:30 p.m. on the 2nd day of March 2019.

John Kennedy, City Clerk
The City of Peterborough
500 George Street North
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February 1, 2019

415 Hunter Street West – Hi-Tops

415 George Street North has cultural heritage value or interest as a mid-Victorian commercial building in Peterborough's downtown core. Constructed between 1866 and 1868, it is a representative example of the type of Italianate commercial architecture that was popular in the second half of the nineteenth century in towns and cities across Canada, including Peterborough. It is a well-executed example of this style of architecture and possesses design features unique in the Peterborough context, specifically its ogee-topped windows with decorative wooden hood moulds.

The building has historical significance as a commercial property in Peterborough's downtown core and in its important associations with the city's Chinese community. The building originally served as a continuation of Lech's Furriers located at 413 George Street North. 415 George Street North was eventually sold and, in 1918, became the Paris Café, changing its name to Hi-Tops Restaurant in 1956. Open for 95 years in the same location, the restaurant was the longest operating Chinese restaurant in Peterborough before it closed in 2013. Throughout the restaurant's tenure, it was run by the Hum family, one of the earliest Chinese families to move to Peterborough.

415 George Street North also has important contextual value as a continuation of the three-storey row of commercial buildings that characterizes Peterborough's downtown core. Constructed in the same period and in the same style as the surrounding properties, it is an integral part of the city's nineteenth-century streetscape. In particular, it is physically, visually and historically linked to its neighbour, 413 George Street North, as they were originally constructed as part of the same building. It is a landmark property in the downtown due to its distinctive architectural details and its longstanding role as a popular Chinese restaurant.