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City of
Peterborough

500 George Street North, Peterborough Ontario, K9H 3R9



IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.
1990, CHAPTER O.18;

LT 1 E OF GEORGE ST. & N. OF MURRAY ST PL 1 TOWN OF
PETERBOROUGH; LT 2 E OF GEORGE ST & N OF MURRAY ST PL 1 TOWN
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ST PL 1 TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH PETERBOROUGH CITY;

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TO: Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Peterborough
intends to designate the property, including land and building, known municipally
as 500 George Street North, as a property of architectural and/or historic 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 500 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 4th of August.

Nancy Wright-Laking, City Clerk
The City of Peterborough
500 George St. N
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

July 6, 2010

500 George Street North – City Hall & Carnegie Annex

Built in 1951, **City Hall** has excellent architectural value. It was designed by the architectural firm of Marani and Morris of Toronto and constructed with help from a bequest from the estate of W.G. Morrow, a former mayor of Peterborough, who instructed that money be set aside to build an official City building. Premier Leslie Frost laid the cornerstone December 1, 1950 and City Hall was opened in October of 1951 by Ottawa Mayor Charlotte Whitton and George Rowell Chamberlain, the Mayor of Peterborough, England. The building has been in use by the Corporation of the City of Peterborough since 1951. It has been the centre for many important community events and is an integral part of the civic centre of the City. City Hall has housed courts, a Justice of the Peace and even had jail cells at one time. City Hall is a late interpretation of the principles of the City Beautiful movement, which grew out of the European Beaux Arts style and borrowed from it a sense of order, harmony and dignity of design. The movement became popular after the Chicago World Exposition of 1892 and was explicitly linked to the beautification of a city in hope of inspiring the community to a moral and civic virtue.

Built in 1910, the former **Carnegie Library Building** has excellent cultural and heritage value as one of only 125 Carnegie Libraries in Canada. Constructed using funds from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation, Peterborough's Carnegie Library was built during Peterborough's prosperous years in the first decades of the new century, with a rapidly growing population of more than 16,000. The building represents a growing public awareness of the importance of libraries as educational institutions, and has value as a monument to public education and the increasing importance of literacy. The building also housed the Victoria Museum collection, which was the first museum collection in Peterborough. Now part of Peterborough City Hall, the Carnegie building continues to serve a civic purpose today. The building greatly resembles other educational institutions built in Peterborough in the same period, such as the former Peterborough Normal School and the Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational Institute across Confederation Square. Local architect and City engineer, John E. Belcher, designed the structure in the Beaux Arts style, which is an eclectic mix of Renaissance and Classical features. 2011 marks the centennial anniversary of the official opening of the Carnegie building and the sixtieth anniversary of the opening of City Hall.