

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
PENETANGUISHENE

BY-LAW NO. 1990-9



Being a by-law to designate the property known as The Green Block, 1 Water Street, as being of Architectural and Historical value and interest.

WHEREAS, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of Architectural and/or Historical value and interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as "The Green Block", 1 Water Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intent to designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intent to be published in the same newspaper, having general circulation in the municipality, once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene enacts as follows:

1. The real property known as "The Green Block", 1 Water Street, more particularly described as Part Lot 1 in Registered Plan 37 north side Water Street in the Town of Penetanguishene, County of Simcoe in the Province of Ontario, is hereby designated as being of Architectural and Historical value and interest, as provided for in the reason for designation as attached hereto as Schedule "A".
2. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law and the reasons for designation, to be registered against the property described above, in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

BY-LAW READ a first, second and third time and finally passed in Council this 26th day of February, 1990.

(Signed) R. SULLIVAN

Mayor

(Signed) Y. A. GAGNE

Clerk



SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 1990-9

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The Green Block was named as such because it was painted green by the man who built it, Alfred Andrew Thompson. It is presumed he built it in the 1840's as a mercantile building, which it continued to be used as such even today. A.A. Thompson operated a fur trading post and an extensive general mercantile business from the building. The fur business attracted buyers from Montreal, New York, London, Berlin and Australia. As late as 1881 the proceeds of A.A. Thompson's fur sales totalled \$12,000 to \$20,000 per annum. Family members took over the business and continued to run a dry goods, grocery and provision store. In 1944 a Mr. Meads bought the store and opened a clothing and grocery store for 15 years. The second floor of the building had primarily been used as office space.

When reference is made to the 1907 photograph of the Green Block, it would appear that the building has Italianate styling incorporated into its design. The second floor facade provides us with those elements typical of this style. There are 6 windows on the south facade and three on the east facade. They are grouped in sets of 3 windows and in the south facade they are spaced at an equidistant in each half of the facade. In each set of 3 windows, a single double hung window has two double hung windows on each side of it. Over all the windows is a half round fixed window. All the windows have a cut stone lugsill and a brick surroundhead. A trim at the same level of the top of the double hung windows surround the building. There are arches over the two double hung windows in each set and an arch in the shape of an ogee around the single double hung window. There is corbelled brick work below the wood cornice. This corbelled brick design supports and forms part of the parapet wall, above the flat built up roof, which in turn supported two very uniquely designed and ornamental silhouettes. The Flemish bond brick building has been painted over several times, initially green. The lower floor has an imitation dressed log front. This supports 8 large store windows allowing the passerby to see into the store. At one time the windows were within approximately 12" of the sidewalk. The two main doors of the store are recessed in from the exterior wall. On either side of the doors two of the windows are set on an angle forming a funnel effect to the door. The other windows are flush with the exterior wall exposing the display area.