

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
PENETANGUISHENE

BY-LAW NO. 1990-8



Being a by-law to designate the property known as
The W.R. Benson Home, 69 Poyntz 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 W.R. Benson Home", 69 Poyntz 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 W.R. Benson Home", 69 Poyntz
Street, more particularly described as Part Lot 34 and 35 in
Registered Plan 37, 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. 1990-8



Reasons for Designation

The W.R. Benson Home is named after the most prominent owner of the property, William Ruttan Benson. Mr. Benson was the manager of the Firstbrook Box Company from at least 1919 until he retired in 1934. He was also a member of the Penetanguishene Town Council from 1933 to 1936 and again in 1940 until 1951.

The contrast at 69 Poyntz Street which catches the viewer's eye is the elaborately decorated white corner brackets and pendants against the red painted brick exterior walls. The high gable roof has a cross gable and a centrally located brick chimney. There is a triangular dormer on the west facade, and one of the south facade which has a half-round window for lighting. Above the dormers is a widows walk, which commands an excellent view of Penetanguishene Bay. Roof trim on the raking is a boxed cornice with a decorated frieze and brackets and on the eaves are plain boxed cornices of wood. The ground floor main window has a segmental opening shape. The head and sides are trimmed in plain wood and the bottom is trimmed with a concrete lugsill. The sash is fixed. The remaining windows have similar trim but are double hung. The main entrance is located centrally on the short facade. It has a flat opening shape with plain wooden trim. Above the door is a flat transom and a single transom light. Plain recessed panels decorate the door which is partly glazed. The closed verandah is at ground level therefore there are no stairs. Columns of wood support the one storey high verandah. The verandah is surrounded with elevated stone flower beds.