THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-23

Being a By-Law to Designate 58 Robert Street East as Being of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act

WHEREAS pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, the Council of a municipality may, by By-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the property is legally described in Schedule "A" to this By-law (the "Subject Property");

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene has set out the statement of cultural heritage value or interest, and described the heritage attributes of the Subject Property in Schedule "B" to this By-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene has consulted with its Municipal Heritage Committee pertaining to this By-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene has caused to be served on the owners of the Subject Property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Subject Property and further, has caused the notice to be published for general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no objections to the notice of intention to designate were served on the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene ENACTS as follows:

1. THAT the Subject Property more particularly described on Schedule "A", attached hereto, is hereby designated as being of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest pursuant to section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18.

2. THAT the statement of cultural heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes is attached hereto and forming part of this By-law as Schedule "B".

3. THAT the attached schedules form part of the By-law;

4. THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the Subject Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust, and publish notice of passing of this By-law on for general circulation in the municipality;

5. THAT once this By-law comes into force and effect in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause this By-law to be registered against the Subject Property described in Schedule “A” hereto at the Land Registry Office.

BY-LAW read a first, second and third time and finally passed by Council on the 14th day of May, 2025.



MAYOR, Doug Rawson



CLERK, Kelly Cole

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW 2025-23

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PART LOT 10 W/S WILLIAM ST, 11 W/S WILLIAM ST PL 404 PENETANGUISHENE AS IN RO1255433; PENETANGUISHENE being all of PIN 58440-0347 (LT)

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW 2025-23

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERTIAGE VALUE

58 Robert Street East is a representative example of the Edwardian Classicism architectural style. The two-and-a-half storey rectangular plan building has a hip roof with hip roof dormers, frame envelope clad in horizontal siding and an asymmetrical but balanced façade. A substantial porch spans the façade and exhibits Classical influences that further define the building’s Edwardian Classicism styling. The veranda’s simple colonettes and architrave emblematic of the Edwardian Classicism architectural style.

58 Robert Street East is historically associated with Herbert Osborne, a local photographer, theatre operator, and son of local historian A.C. Osborne. Herbert Osborne first moved to Penetanguishene in 1881, with the rest of his family. His father, A.C. Osborne, founded Penetanguishene Herald and served as a local historian. The Osborne family was influential in the town, and after a brief period in Deseronto, Herbert Osborne moved back to Penetanguishene, where he ran a photography studio. Herbert Osborne also managed the Bijou Theatre and built a hockey and curling arena for the town in the early 20th century. He constructed a family residence at 58 Robert Street East (subject property) near the home of his parents around 1909 and lived in the house until his death in 1943. His widow, Maude Arthur Osborne, occupied the residence until her death in 1956, and their son Ralph Osborne sold the property outside the Osborne family in 1961, which ended over 70 years of Osborne ownership over 58 Robert Street East.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

58 Robert Street East is a representative example of the Edwardian Classicism style. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflects this value:

- Two-and-a-half storey Edwardian Classicism building
- Rectangular plan
- Hip roof with hip roof dormers
- Rectangular openings including entrance with transom
- One-storey porch along façade with simple colonettes and architrave

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- Two-and-a-half-storey, L-shaped building including massing, setback, and decorative details