

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KENORA

BY-LAW NUMBER 141-2008

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN PROPERTY UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act states that the council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest if,

(a) where criteria for determining whether property is of cultural heritage value or interest have been prescribed by regulation, the property meets the prescribed criteria; and

(b) the designation is made in accordance with the process set out in this section. 2005, c. 6, s. 17 (1), and

WHEREAS the property at 210 Second Street South, BLK 2 PT LOT 9, meets the criteria prescribed by the Province for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS Heritage Kenora considered a staff report recommending designation of this property at its meeting of April 17, 2008 and recommended the property be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act; and
2006; and

WHEREAS these actions of the City of Kenora Council fulfill the requirement of the Ontario Heritage Act that Council consult with the Board before giving notice of its intention to designate a property; and

WHEREAS the staff report advises that the building meets the criteria for historical designation under the Act; and

WHEREAS there is historical value in the fact that it is the second oldest commercial building in the downtown and a landmark building on Second Street and Hennepin Lane; and

WHEREAS extensive community consultation has made very clear the significance of the building as a historical, cultural and architectural anchor, helping to define the historical character of the neighbourhood; and

WHEREAS a notice of intention to designate was issued on June 18th 2008, with the end of the appeal period being July 18, 2008, with no appeals having been received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Kenora hereby enacts as follows:-

1. That the property located at 210 Second Street South, BLK 2 PT LOT 9 be and is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value or interest, as indicated in Schedule A to this By-law;
2. That this by-law shall take effect and come into force upon third and final reading of the by-law.
3. That By-law No. 113-2008 is hereby repealed.

BY-LAW READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 15th DAY OF September, 2008

BY-LAW READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 15th DAY OF September, 2008

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KENORA

Leonard P. Compton, Mayor

Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Description of Property

210 Second Street South, Kenora P9N 1G2

Plan 3 Blk. 2 Pt. Lot 9

Zoning: GC

This is a 2 ½ storey commercial building located on the north side of Second Street, in the former village of Rat Portage, now Kenora. The cultural heritage value lies in it being the second oldest commercial building in the downtown, constructed in 1885.

Design or Physical Value

The 2 ½ storied, full basement commercial structure is brick and rubble stone construction. The architecture is typical of the early architecture in the town of Rat Portage.

This style is reflected through:

- *the corbels - The corbels are located around the second storey windows and the ½ storey half-moon window, as well as along the roofline. There are intricate corner corbels framing the cornice at the roofline on the Second Street face.*
- *the cornice - The cornice runs horizontally along the length of the Second Street wall.*
- *the dentils - The dentils run the full length of the cornice on the Second Street building face.*
- *the massing - The conservative, solid, square character of this building leaves the impression of permanence and strength*
- *the 'ghost' advertising on the Hennepin Lane wall of the building*
- *the recessed entry - one of the values encouraged in the Downtown Improvement Plan*

Historical or Associative Value

Combining form and function, this sensible structure represents the burgeoning retail industry prior to the turn of the century.

The historical value lies in the fact that it is the second oldest commercial building in the downtown.

Built for J. McCracken, this location has had a lengthy history as a grocery store from 1885 – 1958 with such notable tenants as Wm. Bishop & Co., Ferrier's Grocery, Neale & Heath Grocery, Heath's grocery.

Contextual Value

A landmark building on Second Street and Hennepin Lane, it has simple lines and proportions, yet a permanent presence.

Due to its corner location, this can be considered a node and edge-defining building. Nodes are key places and strategic centre within a district – and the focus point of much activity. While the downtown has changed dramatically since 1885, it retains its presence as a key place in Kenora's important retail section.