MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Address: 37 Walton Street

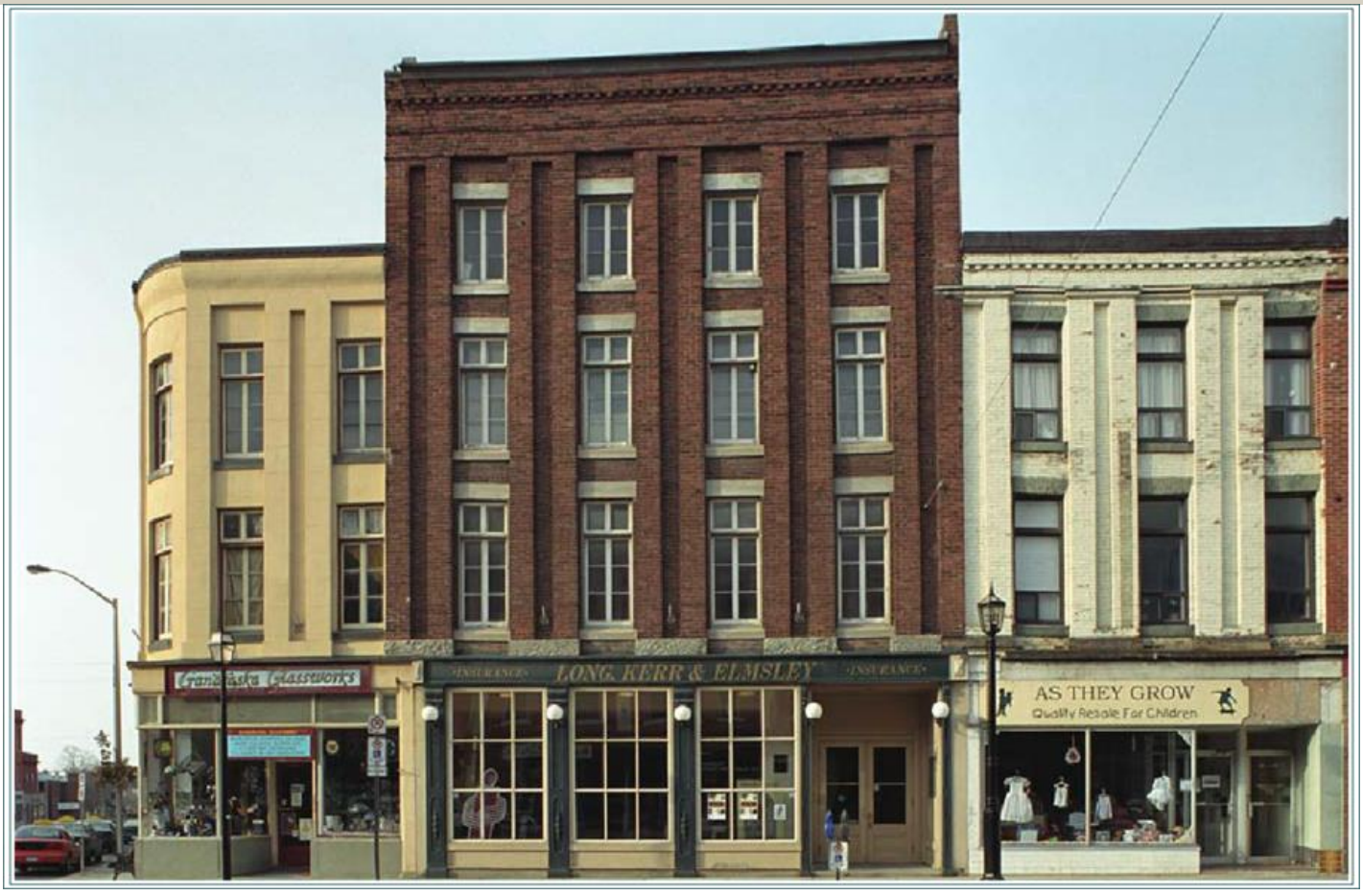
Known as: Long Robertson Building

Architectural Style: Walton Street Heritage District

Date Built: Circa 1850

Date Designated: August 23, 1990 to By-Law No. 70/90, SCHEDULE B-1

Lot Description: PLAN 33 LOT 5 S OF WALTON; PART LOT 53



Architectural Description

This is a four-storey brick commercial building with commercial and/or storage space above, in a single unit. It was originally part of the corner block, but unlike it, this building has kept its original brick finish and fourth storey. The brick is of a stretcher bond design and the building is topped with a low-pitched shed roof. It has four bays to the main facade on the second and third storeys. The stone-based twinned pilasters and narrow recesses to windows are crowned by an ornamental brick cornice with projecting dentils. The windows are transom over sash and although designed as casement windows, they function as double hung. On the fourth floor however, there is no transom as the storey is more attic-like, being shorter with its roof sloping down to the rear. All windows are headed by a plain lintel and supported by a lugsill.

The cast iron columns on street level, salvaged from the Sculthorpe Block, project decorative light fixtures and separate the three display windows and the door area. Originally, there were two front entrances from the street, one where the doorway is now and the other in the mid-window section. An associate of Peter John Stokes, consulting restoration architect, designed a paint scheme for the front of this building that is complementary to the streetscape.

Historical Abstract

Peter James Robertson (1826-1906) acquiredthe land from his father James in 1849. The Robertson Estate extended along Walton Street and down Queen Street. The Long Robertson Building (37 Walton Street) was originally part of the neighbouring block to the east (35 Walton Street) and formed an impressive corner to Walton and Queen Streets. The Robertson Block extended along Walton Street and included 41-51 Walton Street.

The Robertson Block (35, 37 and 41-51 Walton Street) remained in Peter James Robertson’s possession until his death in 1906, when his estate was divided. In 1927, Maude E. Baines (Robertson's youngest daughter) and H.A. Ward sold to the Fulford Brothers. The Fulford Brothers had occupied the building since 1892 and their business remained at this location until 1975, when they sold to Long Brothers Limited.

During Robertson's possession, J.F. Clark, an active member of the Trent Valley Canal System, occupied the building before the Fulford Brothers in 1892.

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The Fulford Brothers remained in business in Port Hope from 1892 to 1975 when they sold the building to Long Brothers Limited. In a business directory listing, their business was described as general dry goods.



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