

### 5.5 John Street, east side



#### 17 and 19 John Street

- Pair of attached, two-storey, flat-roof (painted) brick houses with corbelled parapet (c.1880). Buildings are **Designated** under the Ontario Heritage Act, Part IV.
- West Elevation – Modest pair of brick houses, with flat roof behind brick parapet, is typical of its genre, though unusual within John Street. Base of wall is cement-rendered, presumably over brick. Two different iron grills in sidewalk indicate basement windows below segmental arches. Painted brickwork is laid in common bond throughout. Front doors are centrally located and are recent, fully glazed, vinyl doors. At no. 19, voussoirs of two older arches remain – one above door and one near RH corner – indication former apertures. Ground-floor windows are 2/2 units with segmental-arch top rails (behind 4-pane wooden storms). Sills are wooden and segmental arches are built of single row of soldier voussoirs. At second floor, four 2/2 windows (as at ground floor, but with framing for metal storms) are evenly spaced across wall, with sills and lintels as described. Voussoirs are taller here, extending to brick-course five joints above. Parapet consists of stringcourse, paired brick corbels at approx. four-foot intervals, and an additional five brick courses above. Top of parapet, which seems roughly built and low, is flashed in painted sheet metal.
- North and South Elevations are rendered, possibly over soft brick at former party walls.
- East Elevation (at rear) is built of (painted) brick at ground floor and clad in cove-type clapboard at upper floor. Modest, one-storey, lean-to addition straddles property line, and is clad in horizontal vinyl siding. Rear elevation contains a number of 2/2 windows, typically behind wooden storms.
- Comments – Brick houses are in good condition and retaining old windows, though locations are altered at ground floor, which may account for painted masonry. Evidence of rebuilding at lower level includes altered masonry and simpler voussoirs. Brick is assumed to be red brick throughout and if so, should be painted a similar colour. Parapet seems to have been reduced – historic photos may confirm this – and if so, rebuilding is to be encouraged. Wooden storm doors and one lower wooden storm window have recently disappeared. For possible development of parking lot to north, see the Guidelines.