

5.3 Ontario Street, east side



19 Ontario Street

- Modern, one-storey, flat-roofed, white-brick commercial building (c.1960).
- Front Elevation – Plain, one-storey, flat-roofed commercial structure is built of common-bond white brick throughout. Shopfront spans most of façade between brick piers, and comprises large windows over low brick wall, with recessed, off-centre glass door under modest transom window. Glazed elements are framed by extruded, unpainted, aluminum sections. At lintel are white-brick stretchers on steel structure. Signage is boxy, white, back-lit, face-mounted sign above windows, and wall-head is capped with pre-finished metal flashing.
- North side and rear elevations are built of vertically ribbed concrete block and are without windows.
- Comments – Low masonry building provides good example of extreme contrast between traditional and more recent construction. Back-lit sign, though quite reasonably modest in size, is inappropriate in type. Parking lot to north and empty lot behind building are potential development spots and have advantage of being adjacent to riverside walk. Such properties are plainly visible from opposite side of river, and thus development will have potentially significant effect upon appearance of central Port Hope. See the Guidelines for comments on a more suitable replacement structures, as well as regarding any new buildings which may be proposed for the adjacent properties. Investigation of what previously existed on these sites might also inform future development.