

5.5 John Street, east side27 John Street

- Two-storey, pitched-roof, clapboard building with later porch and large rear addition (c.1848). Twice-relocated building is **Designated** under the Ontario Heritage Act, Part IV.
- Front and Side Elevations – Tall, narrow building (former home) now has commercial occupancy. Porch is modest, cedar-shingled, hipped-roof structure at LH side, reached by small flight of recent, stone-clad steps. Entry has modern wood door with four under integral “fanlight,” framed by tall, one-pane sidelights with planted mouldings at lower panels. Building is clad in closely spaced clapboard framed by plain corner-boards. Windows are old, 6/6 units throughout (behind metal storms) within period moulded casings. Thick sills are hidden by metal window boxes, and shutters (without central rails) and canvas canopies are recent. At wall-head, deep fascia with lower bullnose and robust cornice, has full returns at side walls. Similar profiles at gables extend parallel to roof pitch. Soffits are finished in plain boards and gable fascias have robust shingle mouldings. Roof is clad in textured, grey asphalt shingles with conventional aluminum rainwater goods and there are no chimneys.
- Rear Addition – An extensive flat-roofed addition exists to rear and south of building, latter portion having also false, mini-mansard roof. Addition walls are stuccoed and windows are essentially invisible from Lent Lane. Large rear terraces have pickets derived from traditional type, being straight in elevation and profiled in section. These combine with upper and lower rails to meet code requirements in a sympathetic way. Several old-style lanterns decorate north terrace in a somewhat oddly, given contemporary aspect of railing.
- Comments – An attractive house successfully adapted to use as pub restaurant. Front door is modern and suburban and should be replaced with suitable, panelled or half-glazed and panelled door; and shutters and canopies are out of keeping with original building. Lanterns at north rear terrace might be replaced with discreetly modern units, and railing at south terrace should be painted as at north terrace. Clapboard at north elevation needs repair and painting, and a suitable brick would enhance period aspect of building.