

2003 Livable City Design Awards



Elizabeth Cottage

Type of Development: Historic Preservation

Project Name: Elizabeth Cottage

Project Address: 251 Brock Street

Owner(s) Name: Estate of Louisa Fowler

Project Description: In 1999 the cottage underwent extensive restoration to the exterior including re-roofing in wood shingle and extensive plaster repairs and repair of wood elements. Total costs were in excess of \$230,000 for the exterior restoration.

Significant Characteristics: Elizabeth Cottage is a striking example of the Gothic revival style. Originally it was home to Edward Horsey, an English architect who had worked on a number of buildings in Kingston including Kingston Penitentiary and the Courthouse. Upon the death of Louisa Fowler, the great granddaughter of Edward Horsey, Elizabeth Cottage became a residence for senior ladies. The home was incorporated in 1947 and operates as a non-profit charitable home. The residence is home to 13 ladies, and is administered by a Board of Directors who are volunteers from the community. Restoration was funded by the Federal Government as well as local charitable foundations, companies and the community. The building is both a heritage buildings designated under the Ontario Heritage Act and is a National Historic Site.

Date of Completion: 1999

Project Designer(s): Andre Scheinman Heritage Consultant and Sentwood Construction

