
The
**SADLEIR HOUSE
PURCHASE CAMPAIGN**



DOWNTOWN STUDENT FACILITY TRUST

INTRODUCTION

THE DOWNTOWN STUDENT FACILITY TRUST, recently established by Trent University students and alumni, is seeking support for the purchase of historic Sadleir House — 751 George Street North, Peterborough — to provide space for student groups and Peterborough community non-profit organizations.

The Trust has made an accepted offer to buy the historically and architecturally significant Sadleir House. This 14,000 square foot building can provide space for cultural, educational and community pursuits for Trent students and student groups, as well as university and community organizations. The Sadleir House purchase includes the park area stretching south to Reade House. The building includes a large open hall, recently renovated office spaces and numerous architecturally stunning rooms. As such, Sadleir House can become once again an important focus for Trent students and the broader community.

The success of this purchase is dependent on the financial assistance of university community members including faculty, staff, students, alumni, and the Peterborough community. Please consider a contribution to help make this important initiative a reality.

THE DOWNTOWN STUDENT FACILITY TRUST INITIATIVE

CITY AND UNIVERSITY, scholarship and citizenship — over forty years a unique connection between Trent University and the City of Peterborough has fostered generations of students and faculty, alumni and staff dedicated to liberal education and to scholarship that does not shrink from civic engagement, but embraces a student's whole life and the community in which she or he lives. In March, 2003 Trent students voted to renew and reaffirm that link.

Beginning this year and every year to follow, each full-time Trent undergraduate will contribute \$22 for the creation and operation of a non-profit student and community facility. Already more than \$110,000 has been raised toward this goal. What is more, the students voted emphatically that the facility should be located in the downtown of Peterborough, constituting a tangible testament of student commitment to and university participation in the life of the local community.

To this end, Trent University's former Sadleir House is now being purchased by the university's students and alumni through the Downtown Student Facility Trust. True to the collegiate ethos which Sadleir House so richly supports and inspires, the student and community facility which it will house aims to be open and inclusive. Not only students, but faculty, staff and alumni will be integral to the attainment of the student facility's educational and cultural mandate, which envisions artists and scholars in residence, academic lectures and conferences, and a regular itinerary of public performances.

Sprung from the mounting need of current and future students for space in which to advance and continue the activities of the student organizations which fulfil and complement a truly liberal education, the student facility initiative nevertheless draws its inspiration from Trent's heritage, from the collegiate spirit and tradition of civic-mindedness which for long have characterized the university. In this way, not only the birthplace but also the incipient values of the university might return to its service, not as things past, but as the hopes and vision of the past, restored to and rekindled in the urgencies of the present and for generations yet to come.



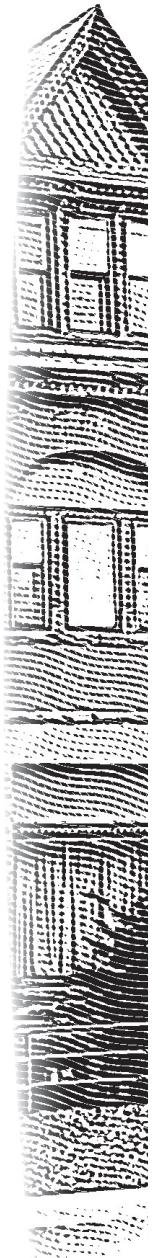
THE CALL FOR SUPPORT

THE STUDENT INITIATIVE TO PURCHASE Sadleir House presents a unique opportunity to retain a bastion of Trent and Peterborough heritage in the broadest service of the community — an opportunity not only unique, but also urgent.

Through the student levy of more than \$110,000 per year and through revenue generated from office and residential rental as well as from public events and services the student facility will be financially self-sustaining. At present, however, the Trust is raising a down payment of \$200,000 in order to secure a mortgage from an institutional lender and to complete the purchase of Sadleir House.

The Trust is seeking the funds in the form of Founders' Loans, loans which would be used to make the down payment on Sadleir House and which would be repayable to the lender at the completion of a fixed term with interest accrued. The Founders' Loans would facilitate the down payment on and purchase of Sadleir House in advance of the Trust's having incorporated and achieved charitable status.

At this critical juncture, the success of the student facility initiative now hinges on the support of the broader university and city community. If you would like to become involved or wish more information, please contact the Downtown Student Facility Trust.



Loan Amount	Number of Loans	Cumulative Total
\$50,000	1	\$50,000
\$20,000	2	\$90,000
\$10,000	4	\$130,000
\$5,000	8	\$170,000
\$2,500	8	\$190,000
Other Amounts	?	\$200,000



HISTORY

THROUGH ITS OCCUPANTS AND OWNERS, Trent University's former Sadleir House chronicles the history of Peterborough's past century. Built originally in 1892 by the local contractor J.C. Rutherford, the building was known as the "Kendry Mansion" after its original owner and occupant, James Kendry, a prominent Peterborough businessman, local politician and parliamentarian.

In 1902, the Kendrys moved from their mansion to the more modest but still elegant house at 754 Water Street, the former Trent University Abbott House. The mansion, meanwhile, was purchased by James R. Stratton and promptly sold by him to his wife for the cost of "natural love and \$1.00," as listed on the land title. Stratton, also a businessman and talented politician, serving both in the provincial legislature and in the House of Commons, was also the publisher of the *Examiner* until his death in 1916.

In 1917, Stratton's widow sold the house to a local contractor, Richard Sheehy, for the amount of \$12, 750. Sheehy is credited with the construction of a number of Peterborough landmarks including the Armouries, Sacred Heart Church, and Peterborough Collegiate. With Sheehy's death in 1925 and the onset of the Great Depression, his widow attempted unsuccessfully to sell the house. The last member of the family to live in the house was James Sarsfield, who was still in residence when the building was purchased by Trent University in 1963.

Under the ownership of the university, the house was significantly renovated to suit its new teaching and educational function, serving as the "college house" of Peter Robinson College. Celebrated architect, Ronald J. Thom, master planning architect of Trent University, saw the coach house linked to the main building structure. Under the university's ownership, the building acquired its designation as "Sadleir House," in honour of the Founding Master of Peter Robinson College, Richard H. Sadleir. Throughout its time as the central building of Peter Robinson College, Sadleir House came to accommodate the College Office, the History Department, the College Library, the Frost Centre, the College Lecture and Dining Halls as well as faculty offices and the Junior and Senior Common Rooms.

In 2002, under its plans for consolidation at the suburban campus, the university's Board of Governors sold Sadleir House along with the balance of the Peter Robinson College facilities to the Moloney Development Corporation. The current Downtown Student Facility Trust initiative would see the building purchased by Trent University students and returned to university and community use as an independent student facility.

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