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April 23, 2015

Mr. Pete Rinaldi, Property Manager
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
7820 Portage Road
Niagara Falls, ON L2G 5 Y8

Dear Mr. Rinaldi:

**Re: Holy Trinity Anglican Church
7820 Portage Road**

Please find attached a copy of the updated Designating By-law that was registered on title to the above noted property.

The updated By-law replaces the original designating by-law and will continue to act as a guide for any future restoration work as it sets out the important features of the property in the Heritage Attributes section of the by-law.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Boyle".

Peggy Boyle
Assistant Planner

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Attach.

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**NOTICE OF
AMENDING BY-LAW NO. 2014-150**

**PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT R.S.O. 1990, SECTION 30.1,**

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church
7820 Portage Road**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls passed a by-law amending Designating By-law 83-281 on the 11th day of November, 2014.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE AMENDMENT

The amendment to the designating by-law has updated the legal description contained in Schedule A and the Reasons for Designation contained in Schedule B.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT

The 1983 by-law described the heritage attributes of the property in general terms. Schedule B, Reasons for Designation has been revised to describe the associative and architectural value of the property including the setting and also updated to reflect a more detailed description of the property and the heritage attributes contained within.

Dated at the City of Niagara Falls this 12th day of December, 2014.

Alex Herlovitch
Director of Planning, Building & Development
City of Niagara Falls
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Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6X5

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

By-law No. 2014 - 150

A by-law to amend By-law No. 83-281, being a by-law to designate 7820 Portage Road, known as the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, to be of cultural heritage value and significance.

WHEREAS By-law No. 83-281 designated the Holy Trinity Anglican Church located at 7820 Portage Road to be of cultural heritage value and interest;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 30.1 (2) (a) , the council of a municipality may by by-law amend a by-law designating property under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* to clarify or correct the statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest or the description of the property's heritage attributes and to correct the legal description;

AND WHEREAS the requirement for Council to consult with its Municipal Heritage Committee pursuant to Section 30.1 (5) has been fulfilled;

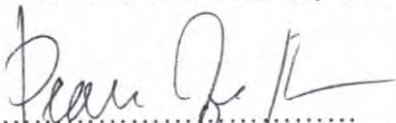
AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls has caused to be served on the owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of the proposed Amendment;

AND WHEREAS no objections have been filed with the Clerk of the Municipality;

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That By-law 83-281 be amended by deleting Schedule "A" thereto and substituting Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. That By-law 83-281 be amended by deleting Schedule "B" thereto and substituting Schedule "B" attached hereto.
3. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Passed this eleventh day of November, 2014.


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DEAN IORFIDA, CITY CLERK


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JAMES M. DIODATI, MAYOR

First Reading: November 11, 2014
Second Reading: November 11, 2014
Third Reading: November 11, 2014

SCHEDULE "A" to By-law No. 2014 - 150

Lot 46 E/S of Bridgewater Street, Plan 251 Village of Chippawa; Lot 54 E/S of Bridgewater Street, Plan 251 Village of Chippawa; Part Lot 45 E/S of Bridgewater Street, Plan 251 Village of Chippawa; Part Intended Road to Niagara River Plan 251 Village of Chippawa as in CH219 except RO318996; Part Intended Road to Niagara River Plan 251 Village of Chippawa (as closed by CH2460) as in CH2466; Part Township Lot 192, Stamford; Part Intended Road to Niagara River, Plan 251 Village of Chippawa as in CH3868 & ST46684 except RO318996; S/T RO403714 Niagara Falls.

SCHEDULE "B" to By-law No. 2014-150

Description of Property – Holy Trinity Church, 7820 Portage Road

The Holy Trinity Church is located on Portage Road on the northern edge of the former Village of Chippawa. This simple one storey building is distinguished by its Gothic revival details, including the massive aureole window in the centre of the façade and its tall aluminium steeple. The church is set back substantially from the property line, with a wide, paved roadway leading to the front entrance. There is a cemetery surrounding the church on three sides.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

In February 1818, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts received a signed petition at the express request "of prominent persons" for an Anglican parish in the former Village of Chippawa. Signed by twenty-one of Chippawa's leading citizens, it was in March of 1820 that the Rev. William Leeming was sent from England to Upper Canada in order to begin his duties. Serving the parish for over 43 years, it was under Leeming's guidance that plans for the construction of a church building was first made. The first church was completed in 1821 and was a white frame structure with Gothic windows and a steeple. Disaster struck however, when on the evening of September 12, 1839, the church was destroyed by fire. This incident and others perpetrated in the Niagara area was suggested to have been the work of self-styled Patriots following the Mackenzie Rebellion of 1837-1838.

The congregation met ten days after the church's destruction and the decision to rebuild was soon made. John G. Howard, an English architect, renowned for his work on dozens of church buildings in Upper Canada, was enlisted for the design of the new building. Using the foundation of the original church, work began early in 1841, and had advanced sufficiently by August of that year to have Bishop John Strachan come from Toronto to lay the cornerstone. The new Holy Trinity opened for worship in 1842. Notable people who have attended this Church are King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, Jenny Lind, the famous Swedish Opera singer and Laura Secord, who was in regular attendance at this church until her death.

The architectural details of Holy Trinity Church are indicative of the Gothic revival style, as characterized by the building's lancet windows and tall steeple. Despite being built in the early 1840's, the building's details are reminiscent of earlier styles of architecture, emulating the structure of the original church building before its destruction in 1839. The church is one storey in height with a symmetrical three bay façade and composed of brick laid in Flemish bond, with limestone accents, including the quoins. The church is built on the remainder of the original building's stone foundation. Noted Architect, Peter J. Stokes, in his 1977 report described the stone foundation as 'random coursed, hammer-dressed rubble capped by a cut and tooled stone plinth.' The report was prepared in order to prioritize necessary restoration work. The plan of the building is rectangular in form with a central entrance in the base of the projecting tower. It features a low-pitch gable roof clad in asphalt shingles with a boxed

cornice and decorated frieze. The front gable is concealed from the street by two large wooden parapets with crenellated cornices, which flank the projecting tower, more typical of mediaeval churches. A brick addition was added to the rear of the structure on the northeast corner in 1958.

Concrete stairs lead to the lancet entranceway on the south (front) façade. The front entrance contains a wood six panelled double door, a recent replacement of the previous eight panelled doors. Above the entryway is a recessed tympanum with carved diamond pattern decoration. Surrounding the tympanum is a solid limestone arch featuring carved voussoirs of alternating length. Found directly above the entryway is a beautiful aureole window with a heavy limestone surrounds and interlacing glazing bars. Like the pointed arch found over the entryway, the surrounds feature heavy limestone surrounds with carved voussoirs of alternating length. Nearing the top of the tower are dentils and block modillions. Place over the vent of the tower is a modelled outline of a lancet window with interlacing glazing bars. Between the four finials on each corner of the tower is a larger, decorated steeple. The original copper steeple was replaced with aluminium in 1991.

The rest of the three bay façade consists of pointed arch double lancet window openings with stained glass glazing. Based on photographic evidence, the building's original windows with interlacing glazing bars were replaced sometime during the 19th century. Each of these windows was shortened, and feature a brick arch with a limestone key and spring stones. The east and west façades are nearly identical, in that they both consist of four pointed arch double lancet window openings with stained glass glazing, plain sills, brick arches, and limestone key and spring stones. The windows of the building were restored in 1983. On the north (rear) façade of the building is a stained glass triple light Gothic window opening with flamboyant style tracery.

Serving the community for over 170 years, the Holy Trinity Church has had an active role in the development of the former Village of Chippawa. Built along the early transportation route of the area, the church was and is still a place of many community gatherings. In the surrounding cemetery are the remains of many of Chippawa's founding citizens and early supporters of the church.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior features that embody the heritage value and are important to the preservation of 7820 Portage Road includes the following heritage attributes:

- Gothic revival style, with lancet windows and tall steeple
- one storey building with a symmetrical three bay façade
- brick laid in Flemish bond with limestone quoins
- stone foundation is random coursed, hammer dressed rubble capped by a cut and tooled stone plinth
- low-pitch gable roof clad in asphalt shingles with a boxed cornice and decorated frieze
- two large wooden parapets with crenellated cornices flanking the tower

- recessed tympanum with carved diamond pattern decoration placed above the entryway
- heavy limestone arch featuring carved voussoirs of alternating length above the tympanum
- aureole window with a heavy limestone surrounds and interlacing glazing bars
- dentils, block modillions and a blind lancet window with interlacing glazing bars found near the top of the tower
- aluminium steeple with surrounding four finials; replacement of the original copper steeple
- pointed arch triple light Gothic window opening with flamboyant style tracery on the north (rear) façade
- built along the historic portage road and has a historical connection to the Mackenzie Rebellion of 1837-1838
- attended by various significant people both local (e.g. Laura Secord) and international (e.g. King Edward VII)
- continues to serve the community as it has for over 150 years