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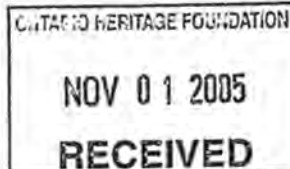
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Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
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October 24, 2005

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Designation Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act
"The Ukrainian Labour Temple", 342 Ontario Road

In accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, we are forwarding a certified copy of By-law 2005-155 for your records. By-law 2005-155 being a By-law to designate 342 Ontario Road in the City of Welland, known as the Ukrainian Labour Temple, of Historic or Architectural value or interest, was passed by City Council at its meeting of October 18, 2005.

Yours very truly,

CRAIG A. STIRTZINGER
City Clerk

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Encl. - By-law

c.c. - Ms. Marnie Swayze, Chair, Heritage Welland
18 Merritt Street East, Welland, ON L3C 4S8
- Ms. Nora Reid, Secretary, Heritage Welland

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND

BY-LAW NUMBER 2005 - 155

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE 342 ONTARIO ROAD
IN THE CITY OF WELLAND, KNOWN AS THE
UKRAINIAN LABOUR TEMPLE, OF HISTORIC
OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST**

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the City Clerk has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises municipally known as 342 Ontario Road, in the City of Welland, known as the 'Ukrainian Labour Temple', and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property, and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper, having general circulation in the municipality, in accordance with the provisions of the said Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the City of Welland.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, known as the 'Ukrainian Labour Temple' located at 342 Ontario Road, in the City of Welland, shall be and the same is hereby designated as being of historic or architectural value or interest.

2. The City Solicitor shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered, against the property described in said Schedule "A" attached hereto, in the proper Land Registry Office, in accordance with section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

3. The Reasons for Designation are attached hereto as Schedule "B" and shall for all purposes form a part of this by-law.

4. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Welland, in accordance with section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS
18th DAY OF October, 2005.**


DAMIAN GOULBOURNE, MAYOR


CRAIG A. STIRTZINGER, CITY CLERK

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY


OCT 26 2005
Clerk, City of Welland

SCHEDULE "A"

DESCRIPTION

Part Lots 22 and 23, Plan 931;
in the City of Welland, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara;
as in CR25663, PIN 64405-0042LT.

SCHEDULE "B"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

UKRAINIAN LABOR TEMPLE

342 Ontario Road, Welland, Ontario

As befits its name, this small one storey assembly hall is reminiscent of a Greek temple minus its ornamental elements. The temple form is echoed in its rectangular shape, gable end arrangement and front façade with pediment shaped roofline above a prominent central doorway. This entrance carries most of the decorative detailing in its double paneled doors. A small pediment with chipped gable above the entrance echoes the one above, while the flanking rectangular windows and contrasting geometric shapes below the cornice also focus attention on the main entrance. The simplified geometric features of the façade reflect elements of the abstract architectural styles (Deco, Moderne and International) popular during the 1930's. Its interior woodwork, wainscoting, doors, windows and tin ceiling are original. Much of this woodwork was salvaged from the old Post Office building in Hamilton, Ontario.

This is the second Ukrainian Labor Temple built in Welland. Welland's first Ukrainians arrived before 1914. Most came to work on the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railroad or on canal construction when the Welland Canal expansion was begun in 1913. As a minority in their homeland of Galicia they had suffered social, political and religious repression. In 1916 the first branch of the Ukrainian Social Democratic Federation in Canada was organized in Crowland (now part of Welland), and in 1917 they built a hall at the end of Sixth Street, the first of its kind for Ukrainians in Canada. The Welland group became part of the Ukrainian Labor and Farmer's Temple movement during the 1920's.

This temple was the focal point for the political, social and cultural life of Welland's Ukrainians. Plays and concerts in the Ukrainian language were put on at the hall and a school taught children the Ukrainian language. A mandolin orchestra was started in 1926 under the direction of Gregory Smook. The original hall was moved to the present location on Ontario Road in 1926 but was burned in 1935 in the aftermath of the Crowland Relief Strike, during which members had provided food and shelter for the strikers at the Temple. The current building was constructed the same year entirely with volunteer labor donated by local members of the Association.

The Ukrainian Labor Temple is currently home to the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians (A.U.U.C.), the successor to the Ukrainian Labor Farmer Temple Association and provides space for a number of cultural and social activities, including the Shevchenko Senior Citizens Club and the Welland Ukrainian Mandolin Orchestra (A.U.U.C.)