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# In the Matter of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 And in The Matter of The Lands and Premises Known Municipally as 1640 Concession Road 9, former Township of Darlington, Now in The Municipality of Clarington

#### Notice of Intention to Amend Designation



Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington intends to amend the designation of the property, including the lands and buildings located at 1640 Concession Road 9, former Township of Darlington, now in the Municipality of Clarington, as a property of architectural and historical value under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. Q.18.

## Reasons for Proposed Designation

### **Description of Property**

"Enfield United Church", 1640 Concession Road 9 in Part Lot 31, Concession 9, former Township of Darlington. Enfield United church is a one-story structure on the north side of Concession Road 9, west of Enfield Road. The frame building incorporates simplistic elements of the Gothic Revival Style.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property's physical cultural heritage value lies in it being an excellent example of a rural frame church in former Darlington Township in the mid to late nineteenth century. The one-story building includes simplistic elements of Gothic Revival including the pitched front gable roof, central door, arched windows and arched transom window above the front door. Also of note, on the interior of the building are the pine coat rack, the original pine floor boards, the pine constructed choir loft, the sponge grained wainscoting, and the choir bench.

The property's cultural heritage value lies in its association with Darlington Township's early rural settlers, their way of life, the building materials and construction styles found during the nineteenth century. The building was built in 1877 by the Methodist Episcopal Church and became part of the United Church of Canada at church union in 1925. A painted inscription above the front door reads "M.E.C. A.D. 1877". The building is typical of small rural churches built in Darlington Township during the mid to late nineteenth century. The building is considered to be the best surviving example of a small frame rural church in the former Darlington Township.

The property's contextual cultural heritage value lies in its location within the rural landscape in the hamlet of Enfield; it was a site of community importance and social gatherings in former Darlington Township during the mid to late nineteenth century.

# Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the structure that reflect its values as an example of a rural frame church in Clarington during the mid to late nineteenth century include:

#### Exterior:

- White wooden clapboard siding;
- ouble hung Gothic windows with coloured and etched glass on the east, west and south; and
- The Gothic arched window above the front door.

#### Interior:

- 6 inch pine floor boards;
- Sponge grained wainscoting;
- Pine coat rack; and
- The pine constructed choir loft; and choir bench (modified to family room)

Any person may, within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice, send by Registered Mail or deliver to the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality of Clarington, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a notice of objection is received, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Municipality of Clarington this 25th day of November, 2015

C. Anne Greentree, BA, CMO Municipal Clerk 40 Temperance Street, Bowmanville, ON L1C 3A6