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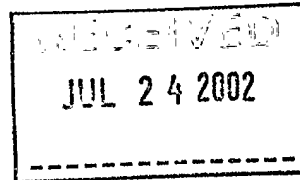
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

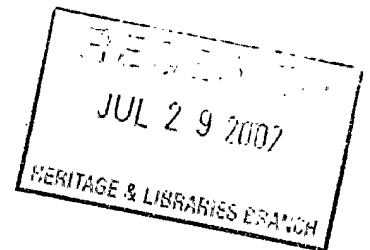
July 22, 2002



Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir:

Re: The Norwich Gore United Church



Please be advised that the Council of The Township of Norwich passed By-law 54-2002 under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, Chapter O.18.

By-law 54-2002 designates The Norwich Gore United Church as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest.

A copy of By-law 54-2002 is enclosed for your records.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly

Betteanne M. Cadman CMC, CMO  
Clerk-Administrator

Encl.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

BY-LAW NUMBER 54-2002

TO DESIGNATE THE NORWICH GORE UNITED CHURCH AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990 as amended, Chapter O.18 Section 29 (1) provides for the Council of a municipality to designate a property within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to designate the Norwich Gore United Church as being of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee has recommended to the Council of the Township of Norwich that the Norwich Gore United Church be designated as being of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of The Township of Norwich hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the real property known as the Norwich Gore United Church, Gore, Opposite Concession 5, Plan 396, North Part of Lot 71 and municipally known as 813186 Base Line and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is hereby designated as being of historic or architectural value or interest.
2. That the reasons for designation are as described in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
3. That a copy of the by-law together with the reasons for the designation be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office.
4. That the Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2002.

I certify this to be a true copy

Signed Betteanne M. Cadman

Title Clerk-Administrator

Dated July 22, 2002

TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

Susan Hampson  
MAYOR  
SUSAN HAMPSON

Betteanne M. Cadman  
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR  
BETTEANNE M. CADMAN

SCHEDULE 'A' TO  
BY-LAW 54-2002

Description of Lands

In the Township of Norwich, County of Oxford being composed of Gore, Opposite Concession 5, Plan 396, North  
Part Lot 71

SCHEDULE 'B' TO  
BY-LAW 54-2002

Reason for Designation

The Norwich Gore was first surveyed in 1833. With the congregation of Episcopal Methodists outgrowing the home of Benjamin Hilliker for their regular services, a log school house was used and then an old Red School, House. In 1859, the trustees decided to build a church. Three quarters of an acre of land was purchased from David McDowell for \$100.00. William Merrill, a local sawmill operator, donated the lumber and guided the building of the church. Other pioneers helped Merrill as well. The church, a white frame structure of solid timbers was completed in 1861. The deed was written on April 16, 1861 and registered on June 28, 1861 in Woodstock. The church opened its doors that fall, for the worship of God free of debt.

William Merrill went on to build other local churches including the Norwich Methodist Church, later the Norwich Unite Church in 1866.

The local people chose the Regency design for their building with Gothic styled windows. This is the only church of this design in Oxford County. Lancet windows were traditionally used in cathedrals to allow light in the church during the pre-electric age. The eight, four foot by twelve-foot windows in this relatively small church makes the interior open and bright. The double lancet windows are capped with a ruby coloured cruciform in a wooden frame mullion. The cruciform is a three-sided petal design, joined by a short neck to a heart shaped bottom. The lower eight panes are opaque pebbled glass traditionally so worshipper would not be distracted by staring out the window.