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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PERTH

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# Notice of Intention to Amend Heritage Designations Bylaws

Bylaw 2381- McMillian Building Bylaw 2439- Matheson House Bylaw 2458 Sheriff House Bylaw 2529- Rockcliff Cottage Bylaw 2522 Farmers Block Bylaw 2586- Town Hall Bylaw 2785 St. James Church Bylaw 2978 St. Andrew's Church Bylaw 2980 Codes Mill

# Pursuant To the Provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990 Section 29, Section 30.1(2) to (10)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Perth intends to amend Bylaw Numbers

2381, 2439, 2458, 2529, 2522, 2586, 2785, 2978, and 2980

The intent of the amendments to the bylaws is to clarify the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, the description of heritage attributes, and legal descriptions of properties.

Further information is available upon request from the Heritage Manager, Karen Rennie at 613-267-1947.

Any notice of objection, setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts, must be served upon the Clerk within 30 days of the first publication of this notice.

> Dated at Perth, Ontario this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 Lauren Walton, Clerk, Town of Perth 613-267-3311 ext. 2239

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PERTH

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# BY-LAW NO. 2785-1

# A by-law to amend the Municipal Heritage Designation of St. James Anglican Church By-law No. 2785

WHEREAS, Section 29 in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** Council wishes to bring the designation into compliance with the current standards for designation of heritage buildings as prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of Culture under the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS the Committee of the Whole has reviewed CoW Report 2010-4.UB.3 and concurs with staff and LACAC recommendations;

**AND WHEREAS** Council of the Town of Perth passed Motion #09-185 authorizing staff to publish the Notice of Intention to amend the designation;

**AND WHEREAS** on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2010, notice of intention to amend the heritage designation of St. James Anglican Church was served on the property owner, the Ontario Heritage Trust, and published as per the Town's Public Notice Policy;

AND WHEREAS the public was provided an opportunity to object to the intention to amend the designation within 30 days of the notice, to the Clerk;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk has not received any objection to the proposed amendment to the designation as of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010;

**AND WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Town of Perth is desirous of enacting such an amendment to the by-law regarding the Municipal Heritage Designation of St. James Anglican Church.

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Perth hereby enacts as follows:

1. That By-law No. 2785, be amended to remove in its entirety Section 1 and be replaced as follows:

The following property is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest:

#### PERTH HERITAGE DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

Building/ Property Name: St. James the Apostle Anglican Church, Rectory and Stonewall

Address: Corner Drummond & Harvey Streets / 12 Harvey Street

Original Owner: St. James the Apostle Anglican Church

Present Owner: The Rector and Wardens of St. James Church in Trust for the Diocese of Ottawa of the Anglican Church of Canada

Date Built: Church 1861 / Rectory 1875

Architect/Contractor: Church - Fuller & Jones, Architects, Ottawa / Samuel Bothwell Rectory - King Arnoldi, Architect, Ottawa / Unknown

Original Use: Church & Rectory

Town of Perth By-law No. 2785-1 Page 1 of 3 Present Use: Church & Rectory

Designation: By-Law No. 2785 - August 23, 1988

**Registration:** 

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# **Description of Property:**

Situated prominently on the south-east corner of Drummond and Harvey Streets, St. James is a Gothic Revival church featuring a local sandstone exterior and majestic tower and steeple in stone, copper and wood. The Rectory, located further east on Harvey Street is a 1 1/2 storey building, with a basement walk-out at the rear of the building, in yellow brick with a stone base. The expansive grounds surrounding both buildings are bordered by a partial stonewall along Harvey Street with a similar wall on the southern boundary pertaining to the adjoining Courthouse property.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The current St. James Church was constructed in the period between 1856 and 1861; the final design being the work of Fuller & Jones Architects, Ottawa, the firm responsible for the original Parliament Building in the nation's capital. Locally quarried sandstone emphasizes the Gothic Revival design prevalent in Canada at the time, particularly in ecclesiastical buildings. The tower and steeple were added in 1888 and are visible from any direction in approaching Perth. Of a rectangular plan with a semi-circular apse on the east end, the building seats approximately 800 and the interior structure displays massive pine pillars and arched vaulting; elaborate woodwork, furniture and trim in the choir and sanctuary; and splendid stained glass windows throughout. The stained glass is set in tall, lancet windows on both sides of the nave and the apse, adding a touch of Early English style and composition.

The site of St. James was set aside for the Church of England on Crown lands in the earliest days of Perth settlement and commands a view over the whole town. The first church building located there was a wooden frame structure built in 1822 through the initiative of Major the Reverend Michael Harris. In 1836, Sir John Colville, the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, constituted the parish as a "Crown Rectory", with a Royal Charter; one of the few so designated in the Province. Over the years, a number of prominent Perth citizens played important roles at St. James. Thomas Brooke, Town Clerk from 1850 to 1894 and Clerk of the Lanark County Council, was an active member and contributed significantly to the construction of the current building. Senator Peter McLaren, and his wife, donated the tower and spire in 1888 and sanctuary furnishings. Senator Roderick Matheson, a member of the first government of Sir John A. Macdonald, and his son Arthur, Treasurer of Ontario, are memorialized in the church by means of a stained glass window and a plaque, respectively. The Honourable and Mrs. John A. Stewart, the donors of Stewart Park, were active parishioners, and he is commemorated in the fine, oak Narthex screen and choir vestries. One of the stained glass windows is in memory of Wm. Edward Danner, President of Wampole & Company and a major benefactor and citizen of Perth. His wife, Mary Alice, was responsible for two more stained glass windows. Lastly the church is the repository of two stands of Regimental Colours of the 130th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1916, and the 1st Battalion, Lanark & Renfrew Scottish Regiment.

# **Description of Heritage Attributes:**

Key features that portray the heritage of both St. James and its rectory are as follows:

- The restrained, yet cathedral-like Gothic Revival structure in local sandstone with moulded stone decorative elements and window that surrounds both side and corner buttresses and the regularly placed tall lancet windows.
- The spire and tower finished in copper and decorative wood trim in the north-west corner.
- The massive, arched window with stone tracery set in the gable of the west front and featuring a significant stained glass composition.
- The Rectory, of raised Ontario Cottage design, is notable for its decorative brick elements, highly sculpted Victorian finials and bargeboards on the centre and end

gables, and single, centered chimneys at each end. A simply designed, shed-roofed porch completes the front façade.

- The stonewall connecting the Church and the Rectory on the Harvey Street frontage is an important landscape element linking the two buildings on the site.
- The stained glass windows commemorating leading members of the community.

Legal Description: St. James Anglican Church, Drummond Street East, St. James Rectory and stonewall Harvey Street, located on Part of Lots 5 and 6 on the south side of Harvey Street, Town of Perth, Plan 8828 designated as Part 1, Plan 27R2317 Roll # 0921 010 010 016

#### **References:**

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- Historical Sketch, St. James Church, Perth Ontario; published locally in November 1911, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the church's inaugural service.
- Faith of our Fathers; The Right Reverend R. Jefferson & L.L. Johnson; The Anglican Book Society, Ottawa; 1957.

Revised: December 2008, by Sam Kingdon further revised by L.A.C.A.C. March 2nd and 9th 2009

Read a first time, second and third time and finally passed this 16th day of March, 2010.

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Lauren Walton, Clerk

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