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September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Ms. Catherine Axford  
Executive Assistant to the Chairman  
Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
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Dear Ms. Axford:

**BY-LAW DESIGNATING BLACKWELL CHURCH**

Please be advised that Council at its Meeting of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007, adopted a by-law (By-Law # 109 of 2007) that designates the exterior structure of Blackwell Church located at 1830 Blackwell Road, Sarnia, Ontario, as being worthy of heritage preservation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O, 1990, c.O.18 as amended. I am providing a copy of the subject by-law for your records.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to call me at (519) 332-0330, ext. 293.

Yours truly,

Max Williams - Planner  
Secretary, Sarnia Heritage Committee

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**BY-LAW NUMBER 109 OF 2007**  
**OF THE CITY OF SARNIA**

"A By-law to designate Blackwell Church located on the north side of Blackwell Road and known municipally as 1830 Blackwell Road, Sarnia, Ontario, as being of Historic or Architectural Value or Interest"

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact By-laws to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Sarnia has caused to be served on the owners of Blackwell Church located on the north side of Blackwell Road and known municipally as 1830 Blackwell Road, Sarnia, Ontario, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to designate the church, and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality at least 30 days prior to Council's approval of this by-law;

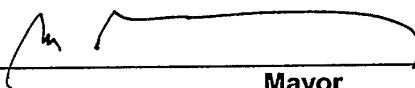
**AND WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto;


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

**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Sarnia enacts as follows;

1. There is designated as being of historic or architectural value or interest the exterior structure of the real property more particularly described in Schedule "B" attached hereto, and known as Blackwell Church at 1830 Blackwell Road.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered in the proper Land Registry Office against the lands described in Schedule "B" attached hereto, which are lands affected by this By-law.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon 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 a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Sarnia.
4. This By-law comes into force and effect upon being finally passed.

**FINALLY PASSED** this 25<sup>TH</sup> day of JUNE, 2007

  
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Mayor

  
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City Solicitor/Clerk

## SCHEDULE "A"

### DETAILS OF DESIGNATION

This small, one-room church building was erected in 1880 as Blackwell Methodist Church with the old cemetery surrounding the building on three sides. The church was central to the rural Blackwell community and it served as a community post office, a school, a store, and a railway stop. The church was both a social and religious gathering place.

The yellow brick used in the construction of the building was made by the local Telfer Brickyard.

Following the construction of the new church on the opposite side of the road in 1955, this building ceased to be used as a church, but was used for some time as a meeting place by the local Boy Scout troop. The interior furnishings (pews, altar, etc.) have all been removed. However, the basic structure is in exceptionally sound condition. It has been suggested that it could possibly be used as a wedding chapel.

This small country church is typical of those built in Ontario in the 1800's and is designated as being of cultural and historical value and interest.

**SCHEDULE "B"**

**DESCRIPTION**

**Blackwell Church**

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Sarnia, in the County of Lambton and Province of Ontario and being composed of part of Lot 36, in the Front Concession and the said City of Sarnia more particularly described as follows:

**"Part 1, Plan 25R-9141"**