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Dear Sirs:

RE: HISTORICAL DESIGNATION - WAVERLEY UNITED CHURCH

Please find enclosed, copies of the registrations and covering letter from our Solicitor pertaining to the historical designation of the Waverley United Church.

If you have any questions or concerns with respect to these documents, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TAY

Wesley R. Crown, MCIP., RPP.
Director of Planning & Development

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TAY
BY-LAW NO. 2001-18**

*To designate the property at 17039 County Road 27
(Waverley United Church and Cemetery) as being of
architectural and historical value or interest.*

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 17039 County Road 27 (Waverley United Church and Cemetery) as being of architectural and historical value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historical or architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Tay has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as 17039 County Road 27 (Waverley United Church and Cemetery) and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act; and


WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law; and

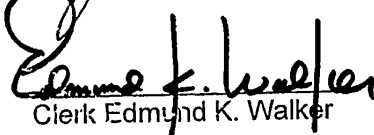
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the municipality; and

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Tay enacts as follows:

1. The property at 17039 County Road 27 (Waverley United Church and Cemetery), more particularly described on Schedule "B" and shown on Schedule "C" attached to this by-law, is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest.
2. The Township Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at 17039 County Road 27 (Waverley United Church and Cemetery).

ENACTED AND PASSED this 24th day of January, 2001.


Mayor John G. Hunter


Clerk Edmund K. Walker

Schedule "A" Reasons for Designation

HERITAGE PROPERTY REPORT

Prepared by: Tay Heritage LACAC
November 2000

Waverley United Church and Cemetery

Part Lot 75, Concession 1,
Geographic Township of Flos, now the Township of Tay
17039 County Road 27

Introduction

This report is the "Long Statement of Reasons for Designation" for the designation of the property at 17039 County Road 27 (Waverley United Church and Cemetery) under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. It contains the Heritage Property Profile, as well as sections on the Historical Significance and Architectural Significance of the property. Photographs, Sources and a Location Map are included. The introduction, below, forms the "Short Statement of Reasons for Designation", intended for publication.

The property at 17039 County Road 27 is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. Construction of the original church building, still in use today, was begun in 1867 and finished in 1868 on land donated by Samuel French and his son Thomas French. Originally, the congregation was Methodist and became United in 1925. In 1883 the church was enlarged by the addition of one bay to the rear of the church on the south side. Those of the Methodist faith were unable to benefit from the Clergy Reserves, and the cost of building meetinghouses was born by the congregation. Aside from limited funds, Upper Canada Methodist meetinghouses were deliberately plain in contrast to the elaborate Church of England parish church. They were simple in design and were built in the Loyalist style. Many of the first meetinghouses have been lost to fire, or rebuilt to accommodate a growing congregation, or bricked. The Waverley United Church remains virtually intact in its original structure, and represents a rare example of the Methodist meetinghouse.

The original 1868 church and 1883 addition have a wood frame that was probably constructed of timbers rather than the more modern "stick" method. The frame is built on log sleepers that rest on a shallow foundation wall. The material used in the foundation wall appears to be mortared rubble. The exterior is clad in horizontal wood beveled siding, painted white, with simple pedimented Greek Revival wood window trim, currently painted blue. The roof, as seen in early photographs, was originally covered in cedar shingles, but is now covered with asphalt shingles. The slope is approximately 9 in 12. In 1883 a fourth bay was added to the rear of the church which matches the original construction. The original enclosed entry porch was removed in the summer of 1961 and the "Memorial Tower" was added to the front. The tower is clad in beveled wood siding matching the original church, and painted white.

The interior floors are still the original 2" strip maple wood (refinished 1973). The wood wainscoting is original as are the pews (made from wood milled in Wyebridge), which are arranged in two rows perpendicular to the central aisle leading from the front door to the raised pulpit. The 1883 addition contains a wood platform with a carved wooden rail and a kneeling step extending around the platform on its two open sides. A carved wooden pulpit (perhaps not original, but very old, and possibly made in the 1880's in Luke Moody's carriage shop in Waverley) stands on the platform. Until the 1870's, the Methodists received communion kneeling at the rail. The rail has been altered by the removal of the front central portion to allow for access to the raised area.

The cemetery was established on the property of Samuel French, possibly with the death of Samuel himself in 1852. The earliest marked grave is Samuel's, but, as settlement in the area began 22 years prior to his death, there may be earlier unmarked graves. Samuel's wife, Sarah, died in 1862, and is buried next to him.

This cemetery was one of the first Methodist burial grounds north of Dalston and Crown Hill. Even in the 1870's and 1880's, it was the closest cemetery for families in the Vasey and Wyevale areas and on the Elm Flats. Many of the area's early families and historical personages are buried here. A sampling of family names well-known in the area's history include Archer, Brown, Chapman, Drinkill, French, Grigg, Miller, Moody, Parker, Sibbald, Trew, and Truax.

There are approximately 260 headstones. The markers are of the slab, block and obelisk styles, and are made of white marble, limestone or granite. While most stand intact and upright on stone bases, there are some of the older marble stones which lean against other stones or have

a piece that has detached. The earliest markers are of white marble, and are primarily located in the southeast quarter of the cemetery. Many exhibit elaborate carved decoration. These stones date from 1852 (Samuel French) to just past the turn of the century. There are some granite obelisk markers and limestone slab markers which date from before the 1900's.

SCHEDULE "B"
BY-LAW NO. 2001-18
17039 County Road 27 - Legal Description

In the Township of Tay, County of Simcoe, being part of the NE 1/4 of Lot 75, Concession 1 Old Survey, being in the former Township of Flos, now the Township of Tay;

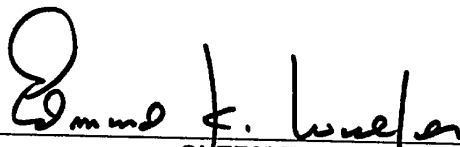
The land being more particularly described as Parts 1 to 12, Plan 51R-30789.

This is Schedule "A" to
By-law No. 2001-18 PASSED this 24th day of January, 2001.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TAY



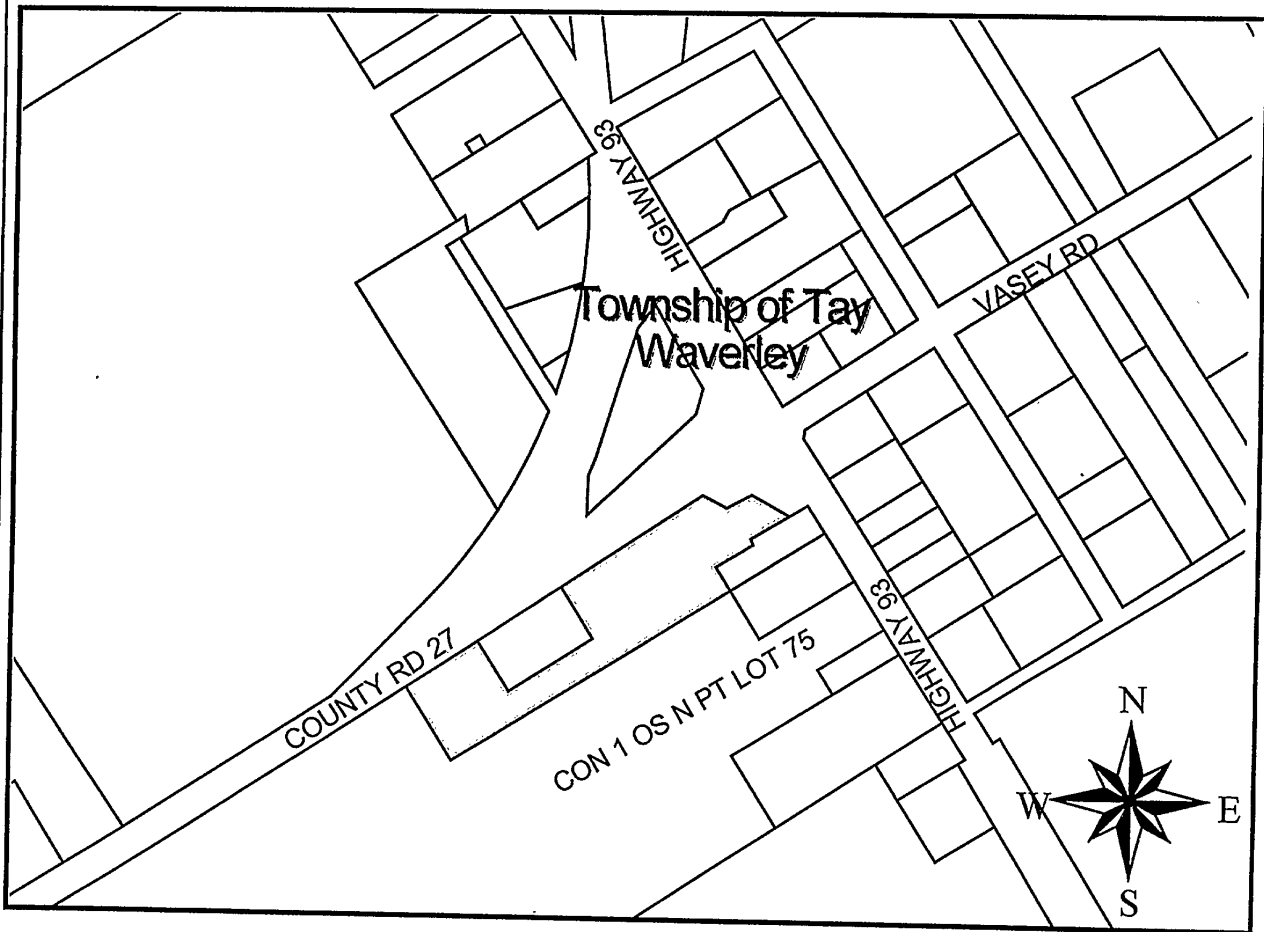
MAYOR John G. Hunter



CLERK Edmund K. Walker

Schedule "C"

By-law No. 2001-18

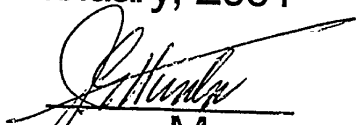
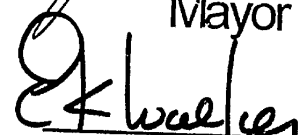


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17039 County Road 27

This is Schedule "C" to
By-law No. 2001-18 passed this
24th day of January, 2001


Mayor

Clerk

Note: This sketch is not a Plan of Survey and shall not be used except for the purposes of a By-law passed pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act.