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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR

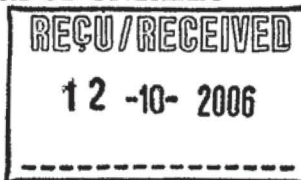
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE CITY OF WINDSOR IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

REGISTERED MAIL

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
TORONTO, Ontario
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TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings at the following municipal address, as a property of architectural and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act:

3340 Sandwich Street (Plan 40, S. Pt. Lot 10) .

Statement of Significance/Reasons for Designation:

Description of Historic Place

The Bedford United Church, formerly called the Sandwich United Church, is located at 3340 Sandwich Street, south of Brock Street in the core of the historic former Town of Sandwich, now part of the City of Windsor. It is a well-preserved red brick Goth Revival style church building with a Romanesque style tower, built in 1906.

Heritage Value

Historic Value

The Bedford United Church is historically significant because of its ties with the early Methodist Church ministry in Sandwich. The first Sandwich Methodist Church was built on Mill Street in 1838, with the first regular services being conducted in early 1839. By 1874 the Methodist Church in Windsor was serving the needs of the parishioners and in April 1879 the church building on Mill Street was sold to the Town of Sandwich for a council chamber and other purposes. By 1904 Methodist services were being held in Sandwich once again in private homes, commercial buildings, schools, and ironically, the Town Hall, formerly the Methodist Church. A new Methodist Church was built in 1906 at a cost of \$6,500 and was dedicated on May 12, 1907. The Thompson Bros., of Windsor, were the contractors of the stone and brickwork, and Frank B. Tofflemire, of Walkerville, the woodwork.

One minister, Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin (1918-1921) gained notoriety when he shot and killed Mr. Beverly "Babe" Trumble, the owner of the Chappell House (now the Presidents Club at 3885 Sandwich Street) in 1920. In addition to being the Methodist minister and leading area prohibitionist, Spracklin was also a provincial liquor inspector. It was in that capacity he had the encounter at the Chappell House. He was later acquitted of manslaughter, as evidence showed that

he had shot Trumble in self-defense. The story has been captured in a play by local writer Marty Gervais called "The Fighting Parson."

In 1992 the congregation of Calvary United joined the Sandwich United congregation and they became the Bedford United Church - a name that commemorates the original name of Sandwich Street.

Architectural Value

The original (1906) section of Bedford United Church is architecturally significant as a well-preserved example of a Gothic Revival style church with a Romanesque-style tower - a style indicative of other Methodist churches of its era.

Contextual Value

Located in the historic core of the former Town of Sandwich, the church is a landmark along Sandwich Street - the major arterial roadway serving Sandwich. It is located just south of the intersection of Brock and Sandwich Streets - the institutional core of the former Town of Sandwich. Properties adjacent to this intersection had been set aside for governmental, religious, and educational purposes when surveyor Abraham Iredell laid out the town in 1797. The active congregation of Sandwich United Church is celebrating 100 years of witness and service to the Sandwich community in 2006-07.

Character Defining Elements

Items that contribute to the historical value of the Bedford United Church include:

- Its association with the early Methodist ministry in Sandwich.
- Its continuous Methodist-United Church presence in the Sandwich community since 1906-07.
- Its association with Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin (1918-1921) who gained notoriety when he shot and killed Mr. Beverly "Babe" Trumble, the owner of the Chappell House (now the Presidents Club at 3885 Sandwich Street) in 1920 during Prohibition.

Exterior features that contribute to the architectural value of the Bedford United Church include:

- The overall style of the original (1906) red brick building - embodying the Gothic style in the main structure and the Romanesque style in the tower.
- The foundation of rusticated masonry, four courses high and topped by a stone sill.
- The two-storey tower with a bell cast roof with C-shaped wooden brackets under the eaves.
- The original lancet, non-figurative stained glass windows on the north, east and south facades, all with brick voussoirs and tracery. The glass features rich colours in geometric forms in the central panels, and head and foot panels with floral designs.
- The centrally located blind Roman-arch window centrally located on the main front gable end.
- The original rough-sawn board double door with wrought iron strap-hinges, this being topped by a Gothic arch with brick voussoir with a leaded glass window with the words Sandwich Bedford United Church.

- The five square stones that were set in the brickwork to commemorate the liberal donations towards the construction of the church of the following: The Building Committee, The Ladies' Aid, Hon. R. F. Sutherland, M.P., A.H. Clarke, M.P., J. E. Stone, County Warden in 1906

Interior features that contribute to the architectural value of the Bedford United Church include:

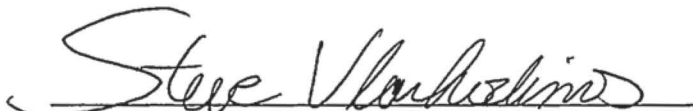
- The cruciform shape with a baptistery offset at an angle on the west side.
- The vaulted ceilings faced with unadorned plaster.
- The front doors of dark leather.
- The original curved wooden pews.

Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value of the Bedford United Church include:

- Its central location within the historic core of the former Town of Sandwich
- Its location facing Sandwich Street, the main arterial roadway in Sandwich, contributing to the church's landmark status.
- Its proximity to other designated and listed heritage properties.

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Windsor 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 Corporation of the City of Windsor shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at Windsor, Ontario this 10th day of October 2006
Steve Vlachodimos Deputy Clerk, City Hall, Windsor, Ontario



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Deputy Clerk
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