



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

Ce document est tiré du registre aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.



300 Dufferin Avenue
P.O. Box 5035
London, ON
N6A 4L9

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

AUG 14 2019

RECEIVED

August 12, 2019

United Church of Canada
c/o [REDACTED]

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3


Re: Designation of 2442 Oxford Street W (Kilworth United Church)
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18

Enclosed for your information is notice pursuant to Section 29(2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 of the Council of The Corporation of the City of London's intention to designate the property identified above and the reasons for designation.

Any person who objects to any intended designation must, **within thirty days** after the date of the first publication, serve on the City Clerk a notice of objection in writing, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The Office of the City Clerk is located in Room 308, 300 Dufferin Ave, London ON. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Date of Publication in the Londoner: August 15 2019

Last Date for Objection: September 16, 2019


Catharine Saunders
City Clerk
/kg

encl.

cc: Heritage Planners, Planning Services, heritage@london.ca



London
CANADA

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of The Corporation of the City of London intends to designate as a property of cultural heritage value or interest the following property in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990*:

| <u>Property Description</u> | <u>Publication Date</u> | <u>Last Date For Objection</u> |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2442 Oxford St W (Kilworth United Church) | August 15, 2019 | September 16, 2019 |

Notice of Objection

Any person who objects to any intended designation must, **within thirty days** after the date of the first publication, serve on the City Clerk a notice of objection in writing, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The Office of the City Clerk is located in Room 308, 300 Dufferin Ave, London ON. The *Ontario Heritage Act* provides that where a notice of objection has been served, the Council shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Description of Property

The Kilworth United Church is a modest, vernacular stone church built in 1850-1851 with Gothic Revival stylistic details located at 2442 Oxford Street West at the west edge of the City of London. The structure is located to the southwest corner of the lot approximately 32.5m (106') from Oxford Street West with a lawn. The property is bounded on three sides by the Komoka Provincial Park and on the north by Oxford Street West.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Kilworth United Church is of significant cultural heritage value because of its physical/design values, historical/associative values, and contextual values.

Kilworth United Church, built in 1850-1851, is an example of a rare and early modest, vernacular stone church with Gothic Revival stylistic elements. It is a single storey building with a simple rectangular plan and gable roof with belfry. The Sanctuary of Kilworth United Church is constructed of locally-sourced, multi-coloured granite field stones that have been split to provide a flat exterior face and are arranged in loose courses with hand-hewn porous limestone quoins, which are attributed to a quarry in the Wishing Well Falls area. The use of stone is rare because timber or brick were more common and accessible building materials and stone is a rare building material in the London area. The Gothic Revival style is evident in pointed stained glass windows, which were installed in 1876 to replace what were believed to be the original clear-glass rectangular frames in the Sanctuary. Within the City of London, only the St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral building (472 Richmond Street, built in 1845) is older than the Kilworth United Church Sanctuary.

The stone Sanctuary of Kilworth United Church is the only room in the original structure. Two frame extensions have been added to the rear of the building; the first in 1890 for use as a Sunday School hall also has stained glass windows complementary, but slightly different, with those found in the Sanctuary, and the second in the 1970s added a kitchen. A vestibule (front entrance) of matching granite stone was added to Kilworth United Church in 1939.

Kilworth United Church (originally the Kilworth Episcopal Methodist Church) has directly historical associations with Methodism, which is significant in Canada. As the second Methodist church in the village of Kilworth, it contributes to our understanding of the popularity and development of Methodism in Ontario. Kilworth United Church also has directly associated with early pioneer families including (but not limited to) the Kilbourne,

Uptigrove, and Woodhull families who made significant contributions to the settlement and development of the former Delaware Township. Members of these families are among the first trustees of Kilworth United Church and are listed as donors for the installation of the existing windows in 1876 as well as subsequent donations, including the bell installed (and since replaced) in the belfry in 1976 in memory of M. Mae Woodhull Doan.

As the only remaining community building, Kilworth United Church is integral in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character of Kilworth as an historic settlement that is now part of the City of London. While it has been isolated from its surroundings by the Komoka Provincial Park, the Kilworth United Church is historically linked to its surroundings and is a relic of Kilworth's pioneer history. Kilworth United Church provides a tangible link to the history and evolution of the village of Kilworth. Kilworth United Church is considered by the community to be a landmark.

Heritage Attributes

Heritage attributes which support and contribute to the cultural heritage value or interest of this property include:

- ❖ Form, scale, and massing of the building, including: vestibule, Sanctuary
- ❖ Location of the building on the property, which is set back from Oxford Street West with a lawn directly in front of the building
- ❖ Stone construction of the building including locally-sourced, multi-coloured granite field stones that have been split to provide a flat exterior face and are arranged in loose courses on the exterior walls of the vestibule and Sanctuary and the hand-hewn porous limestone quoins, which are attributed to a quarry in the Wishing Well Falls area
- ❖ Stained glass windows including: eight pointed sash windows in the Sanctuary (three on east wall, three on west wall, two on north wall), and one pointed transom on the north side above the main door
- ❖ Simple gable roof with belfry and bell

The Sunday School hall, annex added to the rear of the Sunday School hall in the 1970s, and parking area to the east of the Kilworth United Church building are not considered to be heritage attributes.