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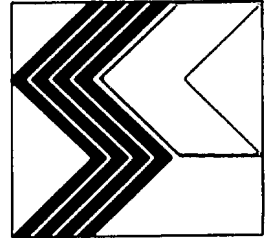
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September 19th, 1990

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CITY CLERK

Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Second Floor
TORONTO, Ontario
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Dear Sirs:

Re: By-laws to Designate Properties
at 366 St. Paul Street and
134 Church Street to be of Historic
or Architectural Value or Interest
Our File No. 10.64.138

Enclosed is a copy of By-law No. 90-377 and By-law No. 90-378 which were enacted by the Council of the City of St. Catharines on September 17th 1990, and which designate the above-noted properties pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

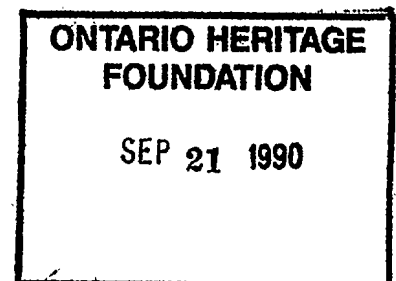
In accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act a public notice will be placed in the St. Catharines Standard respecting this matter.

Yours truly,

Delores Tobin
Assistant Clerk (Legislation)

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Enclosure



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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW NO. 90-377

A By-law to designate the property at 366 St. Paul Street to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a property within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS property under the Ontario Heritage Act means real property and includes all buildings or structures thereon;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines has caused to be served upon the owner of the property described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as No. 366 St. Paul Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to designate the property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out as Schedule "B" hereto;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES enacts as follows:

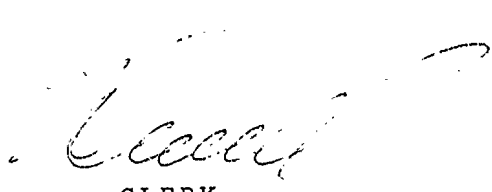
1. The property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, known as No. 366 St. Paul Street, is hereby designated to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

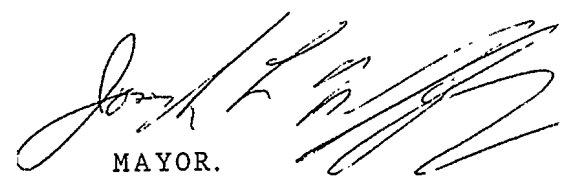
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.

3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of St. Catharines.

Read a first and second time this 17TH day of SEPTEMBER 1990.

Read a third time and passed this 17TH day of SEPTEMBER 1990.


CLERK


MAYOR.

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 90-377

Lot 133, Corporation Plan No. 2, in the City of St. Catharines, in the
Regional Municipality of Niagara

SCHEDULE "B"

Recommendation from the Local Architectural
Conservation Advisory Committee to
Council of City of St. Catharines for
Designation of St. Paul Street United Church
Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Name: St. Paul Street United Church.

Municipal Address: 366 St. Paul Street.

Legal Description: C.P. 2, Lot 133.

Owner: Property held in Trust by Board of Directors for the United Church of Canada; (permission to designate granted by Niagara Presbytery of United Church of Canada, May 16th 1989).

Mortgage: None.

Date of Recommendation for Designation by LACAC: May 11th 1989.

Features to be Designated: The exterior of the Church only to be designated since the interior was entirely rebuilt after the 1962 fire.

Significant Architectural Features: Built of the red brick much favoured by the Methodist Church, the St. Paul Street United Church exemplifies the round-windowed, pinnacled and centre-towered Italianate style of the time. There is no record of involvement by an architect which may have led to the numerous construction changes detailed in "Methodism in the City of St. Catharines". It can be regarded as a classic, if slightly simplified, example of this particular style with such benchmark features as round-headed windows, corbelled brickwork trim at different levels, pinnacles at building corners, centre tower (typically not leading to a centre aisle which was regarded as characteristic of Anglican or Roman Catholic churches), tower pinnacles and a tall central tower spire.

In 1954 the main tower entrance was rearranged. The side doors were changed to windows, the large street-facing window was shortened and the entrance below this window was transformed by the addition of outer fully glazed doors and inner wood doors bearing the symbols of the twelve apostles.

"Architectural and Historical Buildings" also mentions the hooded dormers on three sides of the steeple for ventilation, small triangular gabled parapets with trifol vents facing in each direction on the tower, ornamental buttresses at each corner on each side of the building and militant turrets adding to the spiky effect. The stained glass window is modern.

Norman Macdonald, Architect, says that it is an "undisputed fact that the loss of this edifice would be an architectural tragedy for St. Catharines." He considers the St. Paul Street United Church to be "our best example of its particular pinnacled, centre-towered Italianate style and worthy of designation. Moreover, the fact of 165 years of continuing Methodism on this property, 125 years of it in the same building, seems additional justification."

Significant Historical Features:

Originally Canada was a mission field of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. The Niagara Circuit was formed in 1788. In 1816 the Methodists in St. Catharines began meeting at the home of Rufus Wright at the corner of Ontario and Trafalgar Streets. Around 1823 they acquired the present site from Jonathan Clendennan. John B. Hainer cleared the trees which provided the timber for the original little frame church. This was the second church in St. Catharines; the Anglicans had established themselves at the other end of St. Paul Street in 1792. In 1845 wings were added to the rear and a stone foundation was constructed.

By 1860 the cemetery had been moved to a plot in what is now Victoria Lawn Cemetery. The frame church was moved back into the church graveyard and the present brick church was constructed between 1861 and 1863. Henry Burgoyne was the contractor. It was modelled after Grace Methodist Church in Buffalo.

The Third Welland Canal brought in a boom period for St. Catharines. In 1870 the original steeple was replaced by a spire built by Samuel G. Dolson. It was also in this period that the St. Paul Street Methodist Church was instrumental in establishing several other Methodist churches in St. Catharines: in 1870 the Welland Avenue Methodist Church and in 1874 the Niagara Street Wesleyan Church (later Memorial United Church). In 1876 the St. Paul Street Methodist Church was renamed First Methodist Church. They also had a Collier Hill Church and Sunday School under their direction.

On 10 January 1876, the interior of the church was gutted by fire. In 1890 the original frame church was demolished and replaced by a brick Sunday School addition. In 1932 the Sunday School was rebuilt and a wing was added. In 1956 the Christian Education wing was added at the rear of the 1932 wing and a fireproof wall was constructed. In 1959 the steeple required repairs; it was covered with aluminum sheet metal and the spire was illuminated by four mercury lamps placed at each corner at the base of the steeple.

Unfortunately on 22 January 1962, a fire again gutted the interior of the church; only the walls were left standing. A number of downtown merchants were so interested that the spire remain a landmark that they very generously donated to the reconstruction.

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