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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
1990, R.S.O., CHAPTER 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES  
AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN  
THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Woodstock 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, 1990, R.S.O., Chapter 0.18.

**MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS:**

Chalmers United Church of Canada  
15 Vansittart Avenue  
Woodstock, Ontario

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

a) **Architectural:**

The style is Neo-Gothic, with the tall peaked roof and the nave-transept-chancel floor plan typical of the original Gothic architecture. This is the only church building in Woodstock of this architectural style. The 1993 addition to the building was carefully designed to harmonize with the existing 1929 structure.

b) **Historical:**

The Chalmers congregation has deep and significant roots in Woodstock. The congregation began in an 1852 building, the Gaelic Free Church, on the southeast corner of Hunter and Delatre Streets, that site is now the Badminton Club, whose building incorporates the bricks of the original Gaelic Church. Its original adherents were part of the migration of Scot Presbyterians, mostly from Sutherlandshire, who settled in Zorra in the 1820's. Their original Gaelic Bible is on permanent display in the Chalmers narthex.

Dated at the City of Woodstock this 12th day of February, 1996.



Louise Gartshore  
City Clerk