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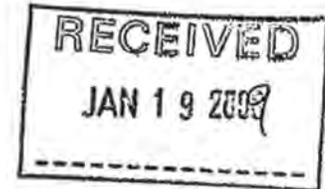
# THE CITY OF WINDSOR

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

VALERIE CRITCHLEY  
CITY CLERK

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER  
TO OUR FILE NO. MBA/9718

## REGISTERED MAIL



January 9, 2009

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide St. E., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir / Madam:

### Re: Designation of St Rose of Lima Church - 891 St Rose Ave

Council, for the Corporation of the City of Windsor, at its meeting held **December 8, 2008** passed **By-law Number 214-2008** to designate **891 St Rose Ave.**, as a property of architectural and/or historic significance under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

- \* A copy of the by-law outlining the reasons for designation is attached. Notice of the designating By-law will be published in the Windsor Star on January 17, 2009.

Yours very truly,

Steve Vlachodimos  
Manager of Council & Committee Services / Deputy Clerk

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*attachments*

*e applicant(s) hereby applies to the Land Registrar.*

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**Properties**

**IN** 01079 - 0827 LT  
**description** PT LT 123 CON 1 SANDWICH EAST AS IN R15413; PT LT 122 CON 1 SANDWICH EAST AS IN R15407, PT 1 12R15323; PT HOWARD AV PL 1145 RIVERSIDE (AKA ONTARIO ST); PT HOWARD AV PL 1247 RIVERSIDE (AKA ONTARIO ST) CLOSED BY R1269177 PTS 1 & 2 12R15323 ; S/T R199330E WINDSOR.  
**address** 00891 ST. ROSE AV WINDSOR

**Applicant(s)**

This Order/By-law affects the selected PINs.

**name** THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR  
**address for Service** City Clerk  
 350 City Hall Square West  
 Windsor, ON N9A 6S1

This document is being authorized by a municipal corporation by Eddie Francis, Mayor and Valerie Critchley, Clerk pursuant to CR 1158-2008.

This document is not authorized under Power of Attorney by this party.

**Statements**

This application is based on the Municipality By-Law No. 214-2008 dated 2008/08/12.

Schedule: See Schedules

**Signed By**

Janis Lynn Bjorkquist 400 City Hall Square East, Suite 201 acting for Applicant(s) Signed 2008 12 12  
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**Submitted By**

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR 400 City Hall Square East, Suite 201 2008 12 12  
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**Fees/Taxes/Payment**

**Statutory Registration Fee** \$60.00  
**Total Paid** \$60.00

**File Number**

**Applicant Client File Number :** HER3800 BYL 214-2008 891 ST. ROSE

BY - LAW NUMBER 214-2008

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE LANDS AND PREMISES SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 891 ST. ROSE AVENUE, TO BE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18, AS AMENDED

Passed the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

**WHEREAS** by virtue of the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, the Council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

**AND WHEREAS** upon consideration of the recommendation of the Windsor Heritage Committee, The Corporation of the City of Windsor deems it desirable and expedient to designate the lands municipally known as 891 St. Rose Avenue, more particularly described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law (the subject lands), to be of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons stated in Schedule "B" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law.

**AND WHEREAS** notice of intention to so designate the subject lands, was served on the owner(s) of the said subject lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and such notice was published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, on August 25, 2007.

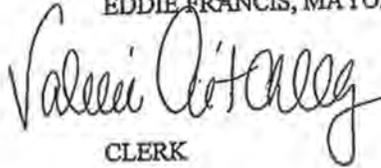
**AND WHEREAS** notice of objection was withdrawn.

**THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Windsor enacts as follows:

1. That the lands municipally known as 891 St. Rose Avenue, more particularly described in said Schedule "A" annexed hereto, be and the same is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons stated in said Schedule "B" annexed hereto.

2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect after the final passing thereof on the day upon which it is electronically registered in the Land Registry Office for the County of Essex (No. 12).

  
EDDIE FRANCIS, MAYOR

  
CLERK

First Reading - December 8, 2008  
Second Reading - December 8, 2008  
Third Reading - December 8, 2008

**SCHEDULE "A"**

Part Lot 123 Con 1 Sandwich East as in R15413; Pt Lot 122 Con 1 Sandwich East as in R15407, Part 1 12R15323; Pt Howard Av Plan 1145 Riverside (aka Ontario St.); Pt Howard Av Plan 1247 Riverside (aka Ontario St.) closed by R1269177 Pts 1 and 2 12R15323; s/t R199330E Windsor

P.I.N. 01079-0827 (LT)

City of Windsor, County of Essex

**SCHEDULE " B "*****REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:*****Description of Historic Place**

St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church is an imposing Romanesque style brick and limestone church located at 891 St. Rose Avenue, just south of Wyandotte Street East, in the former Town of Riverside (now part of the east end of the City of Windsor). As the visual anchor on St. Rose Street, the church has been a neighbourhood landmark since it was built in 1924 – when the Riverside area was largely undeveloped.

**Historical Value**

St. Rose of Lima Church was built in 1924 and was the first church of any denomination in the former Town of Riverside (amalgamated with Windsor in 1966). The church was built because the population of the Windsor area was growing rapidly, and urban development was expanding eastward along the Detroit River. Automotive factories were humming, immigrants were moving into the area, and former French farmsteads were being subdivided for housing. The parish church, Our Lady of the Lake in Ford City (now Our Lady of the Rosary), was becoming overcrowded. Rev. F.X. Laurendeau from Our Lady of the Lake received permission from the Diocese of London to build a new church and Messrs. Alfred St. Louis, Alphonse St. Louis and Eugene Mailloux generously donated the land needed. Architect Mr. John R. Boyde designed the church that was constructed by Blonde Contractors of Chatham at a contract price of \$69,700.

Some 2,500 people reportedly attended the cornerstone laying ceremony on June 21, 1924 and the church was completed by October 1924. The first mass was held in the building on November 16, 1924. Continued urban development in the Riverside area caused the St. Rose Parish membership to grow from 150 families to over 1000 families by 1951. This necessitated that daughter parishes be established: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (1951), St. John Vianney (1955), and St. Thomas the Apostle (1965).

**Design Value**

St. Rose of Lima was designed by renowned local architect John Boyde in the Romanesque Revival style. Some of the finest public buildings in Windsor can be attributed to architect John Boyde (1877-1955), a "faithful Catholic layman" who was often used by the Roman Catholic Diocese of London during the first half of the twentieth century.

Typical of the Romanesque Revival style is the solid, massive heavy appearance of the building. Also typical is the brick construction (common bond with full headers every sixth course), rounded window openings, and the parapeted entrance tower. The red brick is offset by limestone trim.

The most striking feature of the church is the central 60-foot high entrance tower with double wooden doors with crucifix design, limestone panels, central arched stained glass window and panel with the words "Ste Rose." There is a trio of louvered arched windows on each of three sides of the bell tower, above the stepped brick buttresses flanking the tower. The tower is topped by a brick castellated parapet with stone capping and an illuminated cross. Three unpainted limestone courses give the front tower its horizontal elements: at about the four foot level, at the arched window and at the bottom of the parapet wall. Behind the tower/buttresses is the main body of the church with a steep gable roof – originally of wooden shingles. Brick pilasters with stone coping divide the windows (of mixed styles) on the east and west facades.

The interior of the church has a domed ceiling in the Nave, reflective of the Romanesque design. Also reflective of the Romanesque style are the beautiful original stained glass windows.

### Contextual Value

St. Rose of Lima church is significant because it was the first church of any denomination to be built in former Town of Riverside, a "bedroom" community that was amalgamated with Windsor in 1966. The church was built before anything else existed in the area, and has always been a community/neighbourhood landmark. For decades it served as a community centre/ recreational facility for area residents.

Even though urban development now surrounds the property, the visual prominence of St. Rose of Lima Church from the major arterial roads in the vicinity remains. The front of the church is the anchor of the vista looking south along St. Rose Avenue from the north. The church can be seen clearly from Riverside Drive and Wyandotte Street – the two major east-west roads in the area.

### Character Defining Elements

**Items that contribute to the historical value of St. Rose of Lima Church include:**

- Its status as the first church of any denomination to be built in the former Town of Riverside – constructed prior to the urbanization of the area.
- Its relatively early date of construction – 1924
- Its ties to early French settler families
- Its design by renowned local architect John Boyde (1877-1955)

**Exterior features that contribute to the architectural value of St. Rose of Lima Church include:**

- Its solid Romanesque style
- Its red brick construction (common bond with full headers every sixth course) with limestone trim
- Its central 60-foot high parapeted entrance tower with double wooden doors (with crucifix design), limestone panels (central one with the words "Ste. Rose"), central arched stained glass window, a trio of open-arched windows on each of three sides of the bell tower, above the stepped brick buttresses flanking the tower – topped by a brick castellated parapet with limestone capping.
- Its nave with steep gable roof – originally covered with wooden shingles.
- Its brick pilasters with stone coping that divide the windows (of mixed styles).
- Its Romanesque style original stained glass windows.

**Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value of St. Rose of Lima Church include:**

- Its community/neighbourhood landmark status since it was built (1924) as the first church in former Town of Riverside (amalgamated with Windsor in 1966) – serving for decades as a community centre/recreational facility for the community.
- Its visual prominence from the major arterial roads in the vicinity – serving as the terminus of the vista along St. Rose Avenue from the north.