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City of Belleville

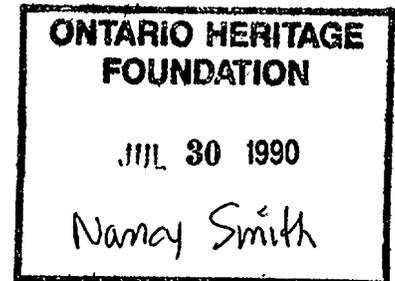
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OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

169 FRONT STREET  
BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO  
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July 24, 1990

Mr. John White, Chairman  
The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
7th Floor  
77 Bloor Street West  
TORONTO, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. White:

Re: Designation of Church of St. Michael the Archangel  
No. 296 Church Street, Belleville, Ontario

Further to my letter of July 18, 1989, which was Notice of Intent, I am pleased to advise that By-Law Number 12752 has been passed designating the subject property to be of historic or architectural value or interest pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980. By-Law Number 12752 was finally registered as Instrument No. 439873 on July 17, 1990.

Attached hereto is a copy of By-Law Number 12752 for your files. The necessary notice of the passing of this by-law appeared in the local press on September 21, 1989.

Yours very truly,

William C. Moreton, A.M.C.T.  
CITY CLERK

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ATT:

c.c. Chief Administrative Officer  
City Engineer  
Secretary, Heritage Belleville

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 12752

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A BUILDING WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE TO BE OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST (MUNICIPAL NO. 296 CHURCH STREET - CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL)

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980 provides that where the Council of a municipality has given notice of its intention to designate a property to be of historic or architectural value or interest and, where objections to said notice of designation are duly received and duly processed through the Conservation Review Board, the Council shall pass a By-Law designating the property to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS all statutory requirements for giving notice of Council's intention to pass a By-Law designating the property herein described to be of historic or architectural value have been complied with;

AND WHEREAS no objections to said notice of designation were received;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the building located at Municipal No. 296 Church Street, which parcel of land is more particularly described in SCHEDULE "A" attached hereto, be and the same is designated as a property of historic or architectural value or interest, for the reasons stated in SCHEDULE "B" attached hereto as provided for in The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980.

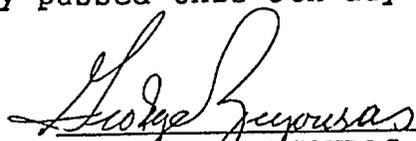
2. THAT nothing in this By-Law shall be construed to designate any of the lands described in SCHEDULE "A" attached hereto to be of historic or architectural interest, as provided in The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980.

THIS BY-LAW SHALL COME INTO FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY ON AND AFTER THE PASSING THEREOF.

Read a first time this 5th day of September, 1989.

Read a second time this 5th day of September, 1989

Read a third time and finally passed this 5th day of September, 1989.

  
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GEORGE A. ZEGOURAS, MAYOR

  
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WILLIAM C. MORETON, CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER

12752

296 CHURCH STREET

Church of St. Michael the Archangel, 296 Church Street, west side of Church Street, City of Belleville, County of Hastings.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION296 CHURCH STREET

The history of the parish of St. Michael's the Archangel dates back to the early pioneer days, when Rev. Alexander MacDonnell came to this district. Father MacDonnell and his assistant were then the only Roman Catholic Priests in Upper Canada. He was appointed the first Vicar-Apostolic in this area. In 1826 the Vicariate was created a Diocese by Pope Leo XII, and Kingston was named the See. Among the new priests to be ordained was Rev. Michael Brennan who became the first resident priest in Belleville in 1829. Father Brennan travelled far to celebrate mass in the homes of settlers, but before the end of his first year, he erected a small wooden church, no more than twenty by thirty feet in size, on the south east corner of the lot where the present church now stands. The congregation grew rapidly, and in 1837 a stone church replaced the former structure. Father Brennan served the church for forty years. With the growth of Belleville the old stone structure became inadequate after half a century of service. On August 22, 1886, the corner stone was laid by Archbishop Cleary. On December 17, 1904, this church, which was similar in design and architecture to the present St. Michael's Church, burned to the ground. There was little or no insurance carried and financing the building of a new structure seemed impossible. But, built on the faith of willing parishioners, a new St. Michael's rose out of the ashes within a year. This new beautiful church was built under the guidance of a truly remarkable man, Father Twomey. Today, Father Twomey rests under the tower of the church he helped to erect. The present Church of St. Michael's the Archangel was opened on October 15, 1905, and continues to serve as a place of worship for thousands of Roman Catholic Bellevillians today.

W. C. Mikel refers to St. Michael's Church in his 1943 book of Belleville's history as "...a gem of architecture" and states that the church "...is regarded as one of the finest in Canada". The tower of this church projects high into the Belleville skyline as St. Michael's is perched on one of the highest points of east hill. It's sturdy structure can be admired from almost every part of Belleville. This Gothic styled church is built of rusticated stone. The plan of the church is rectangular, excepting a small gabled wing on the north west corner which contains the sacristy, and the chancel wall which is a polygonal apse. The roof is pitched and segmented into the clerestorey roof of the nave and the lower aisle rooves.