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November 10, 2010

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Heritage Designation, Municipality of North Grenville

Please find enclosed a certified copy of By-Law 71-10 passed by the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville regarding the designation of a property in the Municipality of North Grenville.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact this office.

Yours truly,


Heather Render
Deputy Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE

BY-LAW NO. 71-10

*A By-Law to Designate the Property
Situated at 61 Water Street, Oxford Mills, Geographic Township of Oxford-on-Rideau
As Being of Cultural Heritage Value*

WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, authorizes municipal councils to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value and interest;

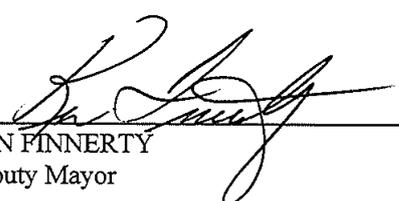
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of North Grenville has served notice of its intentions to designate the property situated at 61 Water Street, Oxford Mills, in the geographic Township of Oxford-on-Rideau, as being of cultural heritage value and interest and has caused such Notice to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

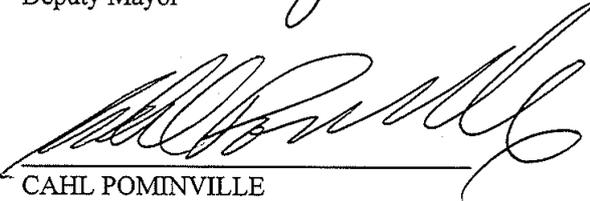
AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville enacts as follows:

1. The property located at 61 Water Street, Oxford Mills, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage interest and value as identified on Schedule 'A' attached hereto.
2. The Municipality's solicitor is hereby authorized to ensure a copy of this by-law to be registered against the subject property in the proper land registry.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to ensure a copy of this by-law to be served on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
4. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of passing.

PASSED AND ENACTED
THIS 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010.


KEN FINNERTY
Deputy Mayor

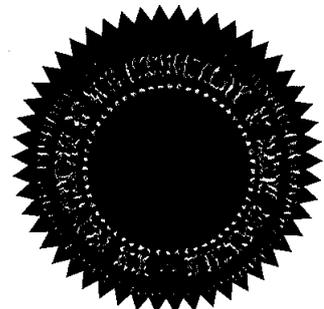

CAHLE POMINVILLE
Clerk

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

Date Nov. 10, 2010

Heather Lender

Deputy Clerk
Municipality of North Grenville



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE

Schedule "A" to By-Law No. 71-10 Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

61 Water Street, Oxford Mills
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Historical Background:

The First Presbyterian Church (Lot 20, Concession 5, Oxford-on-Rideau)

In 1819, Reverend Robert Boyd, D.D., arrived as minister to the Prescott Presbyterian Church. He had been sent from the Church of Scotland, where he had received his Doctorate from Queens, the Church of Scotland University. The following year he started to hold mid-week services in Mountain, South Mountain and Oxford-on-Rideau Township.

By 1826, a church had been built in South Gower, and many from the area gathered there for Divine Worship. It was constructed in what is now the South Gower Cemetery, in about the location of the present vault.

In the early 1830's the work had grown to the point where Reverend Boyd petitioned the Church of Scotland for a minister. Subsequently, in the spring of 1834, Reverend Joseph Anderson arrived to take up his duties. He had a three point charge: Mountain, South Gower and Oxford. In order to augment his minister's stipend, Reverend Anderson acquired land to farm in South Gower. This farm was located on Scott Road and the Nine Mile (South Gower Drive). Reverend Anderson's ministry lasted from 1834 to 1857.

On August 2nd 1834, lands were purchased by three Trustees of the religious congregation of Presbyterians in Oxford-on-Rideau. The Trustees were John Dool, Robert Leo Kernahan and Andrew Holmes. They paid John Hobson the sum of ten pounds for a half-acre of land, for the site of a church and burying ground. In the fall of 1834, after the harvest season, construction began on churches at Hallville, (Mountain Township) and in Oxford-on-Rideau Township at Lot 20, Concession 5, on Bedell Road, at the corner of Dennison Road. The church in Oxford was a plain, simple building, twenty-five feet square, built out of logs. The land between the church and the extreme north-eastern corner of the property was used as a cemetery.

In 1845, Reverend W. J. McDowell held services in this log building prior to commencing construction of the St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Kemptville.

In 1884, the remains of the early settlers who had been buried there were moved the new Union Cemetery, which had just been opened at the south end of Oxford Mills. On January 15th 1895, three Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Oxford Mills, having been authorized by the congregation, conveyed the land and old church to the adjoining land owner, Hamilton Moorehead. The old church building was moved up beside the other buildings on the farm, and was eventually demolished. One of the large headstones was later incorporated as the hearth of a fireplace in a nearby farmhouse.

Today the only indication of the first church and burying ground is a commemorative plaque, which was erected near the site in 1984. The ministers of that first church, who were responsible for the pastoral care of the congregation were as follows:

1820-1834 Reverend Robert Boyd
1834-1857(?) Reverend Joseph Anderson
1845-1857 Reverend W. J. McDowell
1857-1868 Reverend Charles Quinn
1868-1872 Reverend W. Bennett
1873-1875 Reverend James Douglas
1876-1879 Reverend G. M. Clark
1880-1883 Reverend J. McIntyre

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Oxford Mills

In 1880, Trustees of the Church (John A. Lamrock, Samuel Miles Buck, and Thomas Anderson) procured one-half acre of land in the Village of Oxford Mills from Michael Hanlon, for the site of a new church. This new church was not always known as St. Andrew's. It was first called the Central Presbyterian Church at Oxford Mills. In 1896, it became the Oxford Mills Presbyterian Church. In 1925, at the time of Church Union (although it did not join Church Union), its name was changed to St. Andrew's.

In the early days, the back section of the church yard was a burying ground. When the Union Cemetery opened, south of the Village in 1884, some of the bodies were relocated there. However, according to local sources there are still twenty-eight bodies interred here.

In addition to the church, there was also a large drive shed on the grounds, which stood there well into the twentieth century. It was relocated on the site, farther back from the road, when the foundation was underpinned in 1897. It was set behind the church, and the path to it was very narrow. Consequently, if the horses got away at all, they would damage the headstones, which were already experiencing deterioration from the natural elements. Consequently, the headstones were gathered up and incorporated into a cairn which was erected on site in the spring of 1978, in memory of the early members of the congregation who were buried there.

The ministers responsible for the pastoral care of the congregation were as follows:

1883-1899	Reverend H. J. McDiarmid
1889-1907	Reverend J. Chisolm
1907-1910	Reverend A. L. Howard
1910-1913	Reverend C. C. Salisbury
1913-1925	Reverend P. A. MacLeod
1926-1930	Reverend A. J. Fowlie
1934-1938	Reverend H. J. Hurlow
1938-1939	Reverend B. D. Armstrong
1940-1943	Mr. H. L. Henderson (student)
1944-1948	Reverend J. A. Botting
1950-1954	Reverend M. N. MacDonald
1955	Reverend James Hamilton
1956-1958	Reverend L. Louis De Groot
1959-1961	Reverend S. Lotfi
1961-1963	Reverend P. W. Murray, A. W. MacLeod, Reverend D. Baldson
1963-1967	Reverend John Anderson
1968-1972	Reverend Jonathon Greene
1972-1977	Reverend J. P. Schissler
1978-	Reverend S. J. Kennedy

Architectural Significance:

The cornerstone for the church was laid on May 26th, 1882. The stone for the building was quarried on Robert Patton's farm in Lot 13, Concession 5, west of Oxford Mills on the Bishop's Mills Road. The stone was drawn to the site on the new church by men of the congregation. Joseph Wilson was the mason and William N. Acton did the carpentry work. The church was officially opened on May 20th, 1883, by Reverend Grant, the Principal of Queen's University in Kingston.

The building is rectangular in form with a high pitched gable roof. There is one tower, located in the centre of the front facade, which houses a vestibule and belfry above, and is topped by an octagonal steeple. The front of the tower is supported by two buttresses. The whole structure is raised on a stone plinth.

The building is constructed of coursed rough-cut limestone masonry, and is accentuated by masonry details such as rusticated stone face on the quoins and buttresses, with tooled exposed corners. The window sills are plain lug-style, each consisting of a single piece of limestone, which has tooled corners and bush-hammered faces. The heads of all masonry openings have rusticated-face stone voussoirs, and the keystones in the arches are diamond-shaped sandstone.

The windows in the nave and vestibule are gothic-style with pointed arches. The windows are glazed with lace tracery design glass, and coloured glass in the uppermost section of the sash. There are two leaded glass windows in the vestibule, which appear to be of a more recent date.

There are gothic-style louvered openings on the sides of the belfry and a round louvered opening on the front. The main entrance is on the south side of the vestibule and consists of double plank-style doors. The head of the door opening has a flattened gothic-style arch.

The eaves of the roof have exposed rafter ends with a single molded fascia board. There is a marble date-stone in the front of the tower with the inscription:

"PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
In Canada
1882"

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Designation Restrictions:

The designation includes the form, scale and massing of the building, including the roof shape and steeple; and includes the north, east and west facades of the building, and their original exterior architectural elements. The designation does not cover the modern addition on the west side of the building, and does not include the interior of the building.