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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

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File No. 15-01-28

February 15, 1979

Mrs. Kathy McLaughlin
The Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street, West
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mrs. McLaughlin:

Please be advised that Bylaw 4-79 (certified copy enclosed) of the City of Brantford, being a bylaw to designate the Family Service Bureau at 35 Wellington Street, Brantford, Ontario, has now been registered as Instrument No. A 228423 on February 9, 1979, at the Land Registry Division of Brant (No. 2) as required under The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

Yours truly,

W. Coulson
City Clerk

Encl.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

A bylaw to designate the property known as the Family Service Bureau, 35 Wellington Street as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact bylaws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises known as the Family Service Bureau, 35 Wellington St. and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real 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;

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set in Schedule 'B' hereto; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the clerk of the municipality;

THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as the Family Service Bureau at 35 Wellington Street.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the bylaw 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 bylaw to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this bylaw to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the City of Brantford once for each three consecutive weeks.

READ a 1st time - January 22, 1979

READ a 2nd time - January 22, 1979

PASSED - January 22, 1979

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MAYOR

CLERK

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of
 By-law No. H-79 passed by the Council
 of The Corporation of the City of Brantford at
 its meeting held January 22, 1979

 City Clerk

Reasons for the designation of Messiah Church (the offices of the Family Service Bureau at 35 Wellington Street.

Messiah Church, at 35 Wellington Street, corner of Queen Street, now serving as the offices for the Family Service Bureau of Brantford and Brant County, is designated on historical and architectural grounds.

Messiah Church has had an important history through its association with a series of religious organizations and social welfare agencies.

Messiah Church was probably built as a Christian Adventist Church in 1869. The establishment of this Adventist Church when Brantford was much smaller and much more isolated shows the degree and influence of the world-wide Messianic expectation in the middle of the nineteenth century. Congregationalists purchased the church from the Adventists in 1876 and renamed it Emmanuel Congregational Church. Subsequently, a Methodist Episcopal denomination worshipped in the building from 1878 when that group bought it from the Congregationalists. In 1884, all Methodist churches in Canada were united into the Methodist Church of Canada. With two Methodist churches on the south side of Wellington Street in the same block (Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal and Wellington Street Wesleyan Methodist), Emmanuel Church (the former Messiah Church) was sold for secular purposes.

Benevolent social agencies which have occupied the building include the Women's Christian Temperance Union (when the building was called Willard Hall), the Social Service League of Brantford and the Family Service Bureau of Brantford and Brant County.

Messiah Church was designed as a plain, two-and-a-half storey, brick meeting house decorated simply with pilasters, a gable arch and two stone markers - one bearing the words "Occupy Till I Come" and the other, "1869". But this unobtrusive building has been the centre of functions dedicated to the spiritual and social welfare of the people of Brantford.

PASSED - January 22, 1979

C. Owen

Mayor

Clerk

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