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THE CITY OF WINDSOR

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

VALERIE CRITCHLEY
CITY CLERK

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER

TO OUR FILE NO. **MBA/9450**

October 22, 2012

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide St. E., 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sirs:

RE: Amendment to Designation of Bedford United Church – 3340 Sandwich Street

Council at its meeting held October 15, 2012 passed By-law Number 147-2012, "A By-law to amend By-Law 11-2007, a by-law to designate the lands and premises situated within the City of Windsor, known as 3340 Sandwich Street (also known as the Bedford United Church), 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."

- * By-law 147-2012 outlining the reasons for the amendment is attached.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact Karen Kadour at 255-6211, extension 6430, quoting file number MBA/9450 when you call.

Yours very truly,

Agatha Armstrong
Deputy City Clerk & Supervisor of Council Services

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attachment

BY - LAW NUMBER 147-2012

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 11-2007, A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE LANDS AND PREMISES SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, KNOWN AS 3340 *Sandwich Street (also known as the Bedford United Church)*, 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 15th day of October, 2012.

WHEREAS by By-law Number 11-2007 passed on January 15, 2007 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Windsor designated the lands described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law (the subject lands), under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act 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 amend By-law 11-2007 by changing the general list of heritage features to a more detailed description for the designation of the lands, municipally known as 3340 *Sandwich Street*, more particularly described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law (the subject lands).

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to amend By-law 11-2007 was given to the owner(s) of the said subject lands and no notice of objection was filed by the Owner.

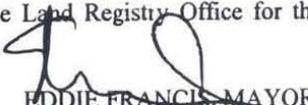
THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Windsor enacts as follows:

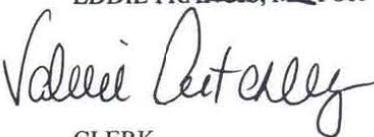
1. That By-law Number 11-2007 be amended by deleting paragraph 1. of the By-law and substituting the following paragraph therefore:

"1. That the lands municipally known as 3340 *Sandwich Street (also known as the Bedford United Church)* described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto, be and the same is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons stated in Schedule "B" annexed hereto."

2. That By-law Number 11-2007 be amended by deleting Schedule "A" attached thereto and substituting Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" attached hereto.

3. 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 - October 15, 2012
Second Reading - October 15, 2012
Third Reading - October 15, 2012

SCHEDULE "A"

Part Lot 10 w/s Sandwich Street, Plan 40 abstracted as Bedford St. Town of Sandwich as
in TS4547; Windsor

P.I.N. 01591-0143 (LT)
3340 Sandwich Street
City of Windsor, County of Essex

SCHEDULE "B"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

Description of Historic Place

The Bedford United Church, originally called the Sandwich Methodist Church, is located at 3340 Sandwich Street, south of Brock Street in the core of the historic former Town of Sandwich, now part of the City of Windsor. It is a well-preserved red brick Gothic Revival style church building with a Romanesque style tower, built in 1906.

Historical Value:

The Bedford United Church is historically significant because of its ties with the early Methodist Church ministry in Sandwich. The first Sandwich Methodist Church was built on Mill Street in 1838, with the first regular services being conducted in early 1839. By 1874 the Methodist Church in Windsor was serving the needs of the parishioners and in April 1879 the church building on Mill Street was sold to the Town of Sandwich for a council chamber and other purposes. By 1904 Methodist services were being held in Sandwich once again in private homes, commercial buildings, schools, and ironically, the Town Hall, formerly the Methodist Church. A new Methodist Church was built in 1906 at a cost of \$6,500 and was dedicated on May 12, 1907. The Thompson Bros., of Windsor, were the contractors of the stone and brickwork, and Frank B. Tofflemire, of Walkerville, the woodwork.

One minister, Rev. J.O.L. Spracklin (1918-1921) gained notoriety when he shot and killed Mr. Beverly "Babe" Trumble, the owner of the Chappell House (was at 3885 Sandwich Street) in 1920. In addition to being the Methodist minister and leading area prohibitionist, Spracklin was also a provincial liquor inspector. It was in that capacity he had the encounter at the Chappell House. He was later acquitted of manslaughter, as evidence showed that he had shot Trumble in self-defence. The story has been captured in a play by local writer Marty Gervais called "The Fighting Parson".

In 1925, the United Church of Canada was created, and Sandwich Methodist Church became part of the new denomination.

In 1992 the congregation of Calvary United joined the Sandwich United congregation and they became the Bedford United Church – a name that commemorates the original name of Sandwich Street.

Design Value

The original (1906) section of Bedford United Church is architecturally significant as a well-preserved example of a Gothic Revival style church with a Romanesque-style tower – a style indicative of other Methodist churches of its era.

Contextual Value

Located in the historic core of the former Town of Sandwich, the church is a landmark along Sandwich Street – **the major arterial roadway serving Sandwich. It is located just south of the intersection of Brock and Sandwich Streets** - the institutional core of the former Town of Sandwich. Properties adjacent to this intersection had been set aside for governmental, religious, and educational purposes when surveyor Abraham Iredell laid out the town in 1797. The active congregation of Sandwich United Church celebrated 100 years of witness and service to the Sandwich community in 2006-07.

Character Defining Elements

Items that contribute to the historical value of the Bedford United Church include:

- Its association with the early Methodist ministry in Sandwich.
- Its continuous Methodist-United Church presence in the Sandwich community since 1906-07.

- Its association with Rev. J.O.L. Spracklin (1918-1921) who gained notoriety when he shot and killed Mr. Beverly "Babe" Trumble, the owner of the Chappell House (was at 3885 Sandwich Street) in 1920 during Prohibition.

Exterior features that contribute to the architectural value of the Bedford United Church include:

- The overall style of the original (1906) red brick building – embodying the Gothic style in the main structure and the Romanesque style in the tower.
- The foundation of rusticated masonry, four courses high and topped by a stone sill.
- The two-storey tower with a bell cast roof with C-shaped wooden brackets under the eaves.
- The original lancet, non-figurative stained glass windows on the north, east and south facades, all with brick voussoirs and tracery. The glass features rich colours in geometric forms in the central panels, and head and foot panels with floral designs.
- The centrally located blind Roman-arch window centrally located on the main front gable end.
- The original rough-sawn board double door with wrought iron strap-hinges, this being topped by a Gothic arch with brick voussoir with a leaded glass window with the words Sandwich Bedford United Church.
- The five square stones that were set in the brickwork to commemorate the liberal donations towards the construction of the church of the following: The Building Committee, The Ladies' Aid, Hon. R. F. Sutherland, M.P., A.H. Clarke, M.P., J. E. Stone, County Warden in 1906

Interior features that contribute to the architectural value of the Bedford United Church include:

- The cruciform shape with a baptistery offset at an angle on the west side.
- The vaulted ceilings faced with unadorned plaster.
- The front doors of dark leather.
- The original curved wooden pews.

Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value of the Bedford United Church include:

- Its central location within the historic core of the former Town of Sandwich
- Its location facing Sandwich Street, the main arterial roadway in Sandwich, contributing to the church's landmark status.
- Its proximity to other designated and listed heritage properties.