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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Designation By-law Passed
Maxwell United (Presbyterian) Church

Further to the previous notice dated January 12, 2021, Council passed By-law 2021-026 at the March 3, 2021 Council meeting.

Please find attached information related to the designation.

The current information on the property is:
Maxwell United Presbyterian Church
Civic Address: 453985 Grey Road 2
Roll number of 4208 140 004 15500

If you require any other information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Raylene Martell

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Encl:

- Notice of Intent dated January 12, 2021
- Newspaper Notice – published January 20, 2021
- By-law 2021-026

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January 12, 2021

Notice of Intention to Designate a Heritage Property

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands intends to designate the former Maxwell United Presbyterian Church located at 453985 Grey Road 2 as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under section 29 Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

Description of the property

The property at 453985 Grey Road 2, Maxwell Grey Highlands is located on the east side of Grey Road 2, south of the junction with Grey Road 4. The legal description of the property is Con 6 PT; LOT 11 in the former Township of Osprey, Grey Highlands having roll number 420814000415500.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Maxwell United Church has design and physical heritage value as a typically proportioned one-room protestant church with narthex, gable roof and bell tower. The single-brick exterior has design value for textured color variations of the local red brick and for contrast banding and vousoirs of local yellow brick. The Gothic windows are of design value for the tracery patterns that incorporate both etched and stained glass in various colors. The design and physical value of the façade lies in well-balanced placement and proportion of the protruding narthex, a local rarity even more unusual due to a single front entry door and for the Gothic side windows. The design of the simple square open bell tower with a wooden railing is also different than other local heritage churches. The chapel interior has design and physical value for the tall Gothic stained-glass windows with original wooden frames and sills; and for the raised dais with curved "bandshell" ceiling and carved wooden railing. The renovated Sunday School has design and physical value for the careful choice of interior design elements which includes heritage wall and flooring elements insofar as feasible. The historical and associative value of Maxwell United Church lies partly in the connection to Joseph Maxwell, an early pioneer to the Osprey Twp. village of Charleston whose popular coaching inn "Maxwell's" became such a common description of the village's location that it was renamed in his honor. 1871 Maxwell donated the land for the Presbyterian Church and

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The contextual value of Maxwell United Church is its prominence as a highly visible landmark on various approaches to the hamlet of Maxwell. Contextual value is enhanced by the adjacent open space of the community park and ball diamond, with the landmark church and the Sunday school building having provided a contiguous resource for many events and festivities identified with the multi-generational community. Through adaptive re-use that converts the decommissioned church property into an events venue, the contextual value of this locally beloved heritage property is expected to continue as a visual and social benefit to the entire community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that exemplify both the typical and the unique design value of Maxwell United Church include:

- Protruding brick narthex with Gothic arched window over central double door and Gothic double-hung side windows
- Stained and etched glass windows with tracery in both the narthex and throughout the chapel highlighted with contrasting brickwork and tied into simple two-row banding
- Original woodwork in tracery, window frames and sills, painted on the exterior
- Square open bell tower with wood railing and steeple-type pointed roof
- Attached Sunday school at rear has no identifiable exterior or interior heritage attributes but it being there is an essential component of the property

Key interior attributes that enhance the design value of the church property include:

- Original "natural" wood frames and sills for Gothic windows and doors
- Raised dais with bandshell curved ceiling and carved railing

The Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands

By-law No. 2021-026

**Being a By-law to Designate the former Maxwell
United Presbyterian Church located at 453985 Grey
Road 2 as a Heritage Property**

Whereas, pursuant to Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter O.18, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas, 453985 Grey Road 2 is the civic address of the property formerly known as the Maxwell United (Presbyterian) Church with a roll number of 420814000415500; and

Whereas, the Council of the Corporation of Grey Highlands through Heritage Grey Highlands have been in discussion with the owners of the property who have agreed to designation; and

Whereas, Council instructed staff at the December 16, 2020 Council meeting to bring forward a by-law to designate the property as a Heritage Property; and

Whereas, Heritage Grey Highlands has described the property and set out the statement of Cultural Heritage Value as described in Schedule A to this By-law which forms part of this By-law;

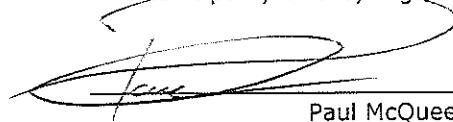
Whereas, required notice was posted in the Flesherton Advance on January 20, 2021 and received no objections within the 30 day period;

Now Therefore the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the real property described as 453985 Grey Road 2 being Con 6 PT; LOT 11 in the former Township of Osprey, Grey Highlands having roll number 420814000415500 is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. That the description of the property, statement of its cultural heritage value or interest, and the description of its heritage attributes are set out in schedule A to this by-law.
3. That the attached schedule forms part of this by-law.
4. That the Clerk be authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property at the land registry office, served on the property owner and publish notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality.

Read a first, second and third time, and finally passed on March 03 2021.

The Corporation of the
Municipality of Grey Highlands



Paul McQueen, Mayor

Maxwell United Church

453985 Grey Road 2, Maxwell (Grey Highlands)

Located on east side of Grey Road 2, south of the junction with Grey Road 4

Description of property:

The Maxwell United Church (originally Presbyterian) is a typical Ontario one-room protestant chapel with entry narthex on the roadside and attached to the rear, a one-story addition that housed the Sunday School, contained washrooms and also a kitchen for church "socials". The grounds to the rear include forested glades and walking trails. The church is under renovation to become an events venue. The Sunday School has been renovated into an open concept 2-bedroom B&B. The municipally owned open space containing Maxwell Ball Diamond abuts the property to the north.

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