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Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Dear Sirs/Madames:

**Subject: Notice of Intention to Designate
St. John's United Church
262 Randall Street, Oakville, Ontario**

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intention to Designate served upon you in accordance with subsection 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O. 18.

Sincerely,

Francesca Piazza
Legislative Coordinator

Encls.

cc: V. Tytaneck Town Clerk
D. Carr, Town Solicitor
D. Perlin, Assistant Town Solicitor
D. Childs, Manager, Policy Planning, Planning Services
C. Van Sligtenhorst, Heritage Planner

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

On September 13, 2021, Oakville Town Council resolved to pass a Notice of Intention to Designate the following property under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest:

St. John's United Church
262 Randall Street, Oakville, Ontario
LTS A & B & PT LTS D & E BLK 4, PL 1, PT 1, 20R17371; OAKVILLE. S/T EASE IN
FAVOUR OF PT LTS D & E, BLK 4, PL 1, PT 2, 20R17371 OVER PTS 1 & 2, 20R17445 AS
IN HR611286.

Description of Property

The St. John's United Church property is located at the southeast corner of Randall Street and Dunn Street in downtown Oakville. The property contains a 19th and early 20th century brick church building known as St. John's United Church.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

Design and Physical Value

The church property has cultural heritage value for its Gothic Revival church building and Neo-Gothic Lusk Hall addition. These structures are well-executed examples of their styles and display a high degree of craftsmanship.

The Gothic Revival style was prevalent in Ontario from 1830-1900 and very common in churches of all Christian denominations. In the latter half of the century, during which time the St. John's United Church building was constructed, the style was influenced not only by Gothic architecture from England but from central and southern Europe as well. The subject church building contains the hallmark of this style, the pointed lancet window, which is embellished throughout with polychromatic brickwork that echoes the window's pointed arch. The church's Gothic Revival style is also evident in its steep roof with cross gables, buttresses, quatrefoil windows and date marker, as well as the Gothic style details in the dichromatic brickwork.

The Neo-Gothic style used for Lusk Hall was a more understated version of the Gothic style, prevalent in the first half of the 20th century and most common in scholastic buildings. Whereas Gothic style churches were heavily decorated in picturesque details like lancet windows pointing to the heavens, Neo-Gothic structures adopted some of the Gothic elements but applied them on a simpler and often larger scale for institutional buildings. Lusk Hall contains many of the features typical of this style, including decorative buttresses, a parapet with a battlement motif, monochromatic brickwork, a multiplicity of muntins in the windows, and arched doorways and windows.

Historical and Associative Value

The subject property has cultural heritage value for its direct associations with St. John's United Church and its roots as a Methodist Church. The Wesleyan Methodist Church in Oakville was established in the early 1830s after two decades of church services being organized by saddle-bag preachers, or circuit

- The remaining elements of the original gallery, including its structure, decorative woodwork and metalwork, and cast iron columns supporting it.

Further information respecting this proposed designation is available from the Town of Oakville. Any inquiries may be directed to Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst, heritage planner at 905-845-6601, ext. 3870 (TTY 905-338-4200), or by email at carolyn.van@oakville.ca.

The last date to file a notice of objection is October 25, 2021.