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The Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands

By-law No. 2022-062

**Being a By-law to Designate the Old Baptist Chapel
located at 37 Sydenham Street 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, 37 Sydenham Street is the civic address of the property known as the Old Baptist Chapel with a roll number of 420818001013200; 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 directed staff at the March 16, 2022 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; and

Whereas, required notice was posted in the Flesherton Advance on May 11, 2022 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 Lot 1, BLK M, PL 39; PT BEACHELL ST BTN LT 1 AND LT 2 BLK M PL 39 ARTEMESIA AS IN R486275; Former Township of Artemesia, Grey Highlands having roll number 420818001013200 is hereby designated to be of cultural 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 June 15 2022.

The Corporation of the
Municipality of Grey Highlands



Paul McQueen, Mayor



Raylene Martell, Municipal Clerk

Old Baptist Chapel & Manse

37 Sydenham St, Flesherton (Grey Highlands)
Located on the northeast corner of Highway 10 and Margaret St; one block north of the junction of Hwy 10 and Grey Road 4.



Description of property:

The Old Baptist Chapel is a typical Ontario one-room protestant chapel with entry narthex on Margaret Street. It is connected by an interior door to an attached 1½ storey Ontario Gothic style Manse fronting onto Sydenham St (Highway 10). The church served as Cedarside Baptist until 1984 at which time the congregation moved to a larger facility. At that time the manse was converted into a private dwelling. For many years the chapel was used as a yoga studio. At the present time it is an art gallery. The buildings are located atop a hillock that slopes

down to the Boyne River and to Sydenham St (Hwy 10).
Note: The shed to the east of the driveway has no heritage attributes.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:



Design and physical heritage value: The chapel is a typically proportioned one-room protestant church with narthex and gable roof. Having no bell tower is unusual but was likely an economic decision. The common bond double-brick exterior has design value for textured color variations of the local red brick (Bowler), and for contrast buttresses, banding and vousoirs of local yellow brick, for added banding at the windowsill level and for the

decorative two-colour banding above the narthex, all of which exemplify the high degree of skill and creativity in local heritage brickwork. The design and physical value of the façade lies in well-balanced placement and proportion of the protruding narthex, with the unusual façade feature of banding and Gothic window being identical in size and placement to the main structure. The chapel interior has design and physical value for much natural light permitted by the tall wood-framed Gothic-arched windows and for the raised dais centered on the north wall.

The attached Manse has design and physical value for the massing and placement of the structure, for the contrast texture of cedar shake cladding distinguishing it from the brick chapel, and for the unusual feature of a connecting door straight into the chapel.

The historical and associative value of the Old Baptist Chapel is the connection to the "Wesleyan Mission" that fostered a variety of devout Protestant congregations in Artemesia Township. After the Baptist congregation rejected joining the United Church in 1925, the congregation of Cedarside Baptist Church remained vibrant enough to outgrow this original home, and in 1961 reestablished Cedarside Baptist in the former Chalmers Presbyterian Church at 44 Collingwood St. (which now serves as the local food bank run by Gentle Shepherd Church who now own that building).

The contextual value of the Old Baptist Church and Manse is its prominence as a visible landmark atop a ridge overlooking the Boyne River at the northern edge of Flesherton. Contextual value is enhanced by the proximity to Hickling House, a designated property at 25 Sydenham St. and to the South Grey Museum, diagonally across the road at 40 Sydenham.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

Key exterior attributes that exemplify both the typical and the unique design value of the Old Baptist Chapel and Manse include:

- All heritage brickwork, particularly all contrasting brickwork in rows of banding and the vousoirs that outline the arched windows
- Contrasting yellow brick buttresses with red "caps" at two levels
- Identically sized tall Gothic windows in the narthex and throughout the chapel
- Original west entry door of the protruding brick narthex
- The location and massing of the attached manse at rear is an essential component of the property
- The original weathered cedar shake siding enhances an authentic historical appearance of the manse. Unfortunately, the condition of this attribute has deteriorated with age. When replacement becomes necessary, a heritage renovation permit approving the colours and materials will be required.

Key interior attributes that enhance the design value of the chapel include:

- Original "natural" wood frames and sills for Gothic windows and doors
- Original beadboard paneling on side walls below the windows and dais
- Original interior wooden door connecting the chapel to the manse
- The manse has no other interior heritage attributes