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Notice of Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act

The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

October 22nd, 2025

To: THE TRUSTEES OF THE TEMPERANCEVILLE
UNITED CHURCH
734 KING RD
RICHMOND HILL ON L4E 2Y8
CANADA

Re: Property Designated (“Subject Property”)

734 King Rd
City of Richmond Hill ON L4E 2Y8
City File No.: D12-07234

Take notice that, in accordance with Section 29(8) of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill at its meeting held on October 15th, 2025 passed **By-law 107-25** (the “Designation By-law”) to designate the Subject Property as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

Notice of Appeal:

Any person who objects to the above noted by-law shall, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, file a Notice of Appeal with the Ontario Land Tribunal (the “Tribunal”) and the Clerk of the City of Richmond Hill at the addresses set out below. **The last day to make an appeal is November 21st, 2025.**

The Notice of Appeal must set out:

- (1) the objection to the Designation By-law; and
- (2) the reasons in support of the objection to the Designation By-law.

The Notice of Appeal must be filed with both:

- (1) the Tribunal, accompanied by any fee charged by the Tribunal. Information regarding how to file with the Tribunal can be obtained on its website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca>; and



(2) the Clerk of the City of Richmond Hill either personally or by Regular Mail at the address below, and must be accompanied by the processing fee prescribed under the City's Tariff of Fees By-law in the amount of \$351.00 payable by certified cheque in Canadian funds to The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill.

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk
The City of Richmond Hill
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill ON L4B 3P4

Take note that a Notice of Appeal may only be served to the Clerk of the City of Richmond Hill as stated above.

Should no appeal be received, the Designation By-law will come into effect on November 22nd, 2025.

Obtaining Additional Information:

Additional information about heritage planning at the City of Richmond Hill may be obtained by contacting Heritage Planning City staff by e-mail at heritage@richmondhill.ca.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2025

Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk
The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 3P4
E-mail: clerks@richmondhill.ca

The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-law 107-25

A By-law to Designate 734 King Road (*Temperanceville Methodist Church and Cemetery*) Under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Whereas Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate property to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill ("City Council") has consulted with Heritage Richmond Hill concerning this matter;

And Whereas City Council thereafter caused the City Clerk to serve on the owner(s) of the property known as 734 King Road, Richmond Hill, as well as upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to Designate the aforesaid property and has also caused the City Clerk to publish the Notice of Intention to Designate on the City's website in accordance with subsection 26(4) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and City By-law 12-20, as amended;

And Whereas no Notice of Objection was served upon the City Clerk under subsection 29(5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

And Whereas the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, the Description of Heritage Attributes, and a scaled drawing identifying the location of the property's cultural heritage value or interest are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law;

Now Therefore The Council of The Corporation of The City of Richmond Hill enacts as follows:

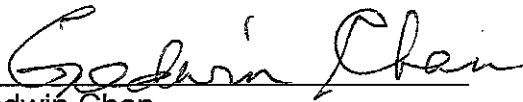
1. That the property located at 734 King Road, being Part of Lot 66, Concession 1 King as in K113220; except Part 7 on expropriation plan R163424; City of Richmond Hill; Regional Municipality of York [PIN 03206-0620 (LT)], is hereby designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner(s) of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust, and publish a Notice of the Passing of this by-law on the City's website in accordance with subsection 26(4) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and City By-law 12-20, as amended.

The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill
By-law 107-25

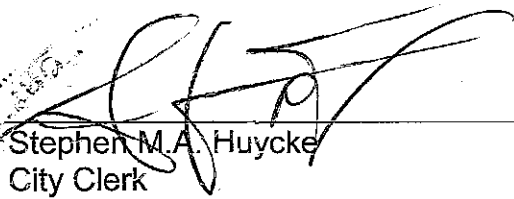
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3. That the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" in the Land Registry Office.
4. That Schedule "A" attached to By-law 107-25 is declared to form a part of this by-law.

Passed this 15th day of October, 2025.



Godwin Chan
Deputy Mayor



Stephen M.A. Huycke
City Clerk

File D12-07234

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 107-25

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

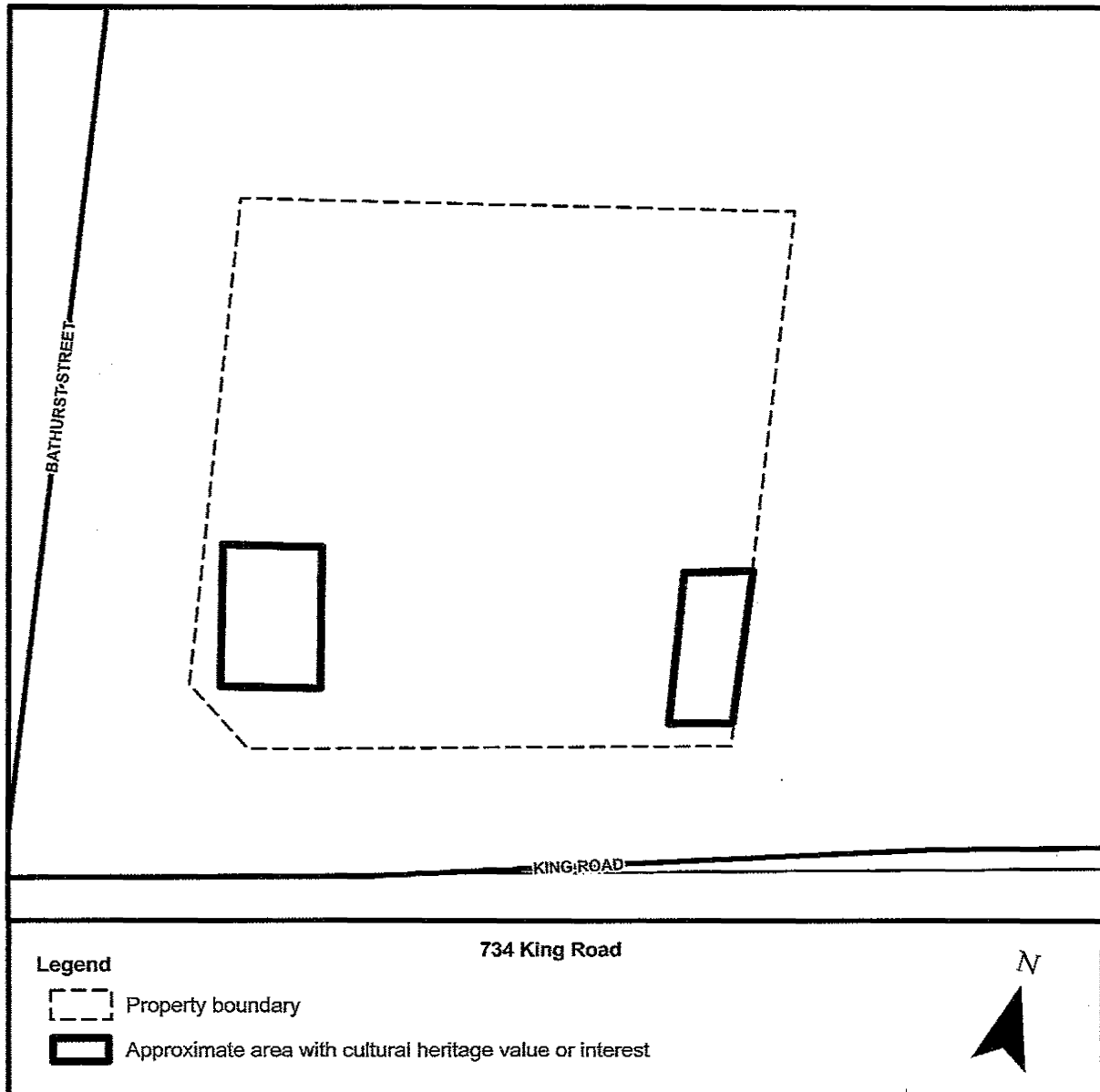
734 King Road

Temperanceville Methodist Church and Cemetery

Description of Property

The Temperanceville Methodist Church at 734 King Road is a single-storey brick church with a raised fieldstone basement located at the northeast corner of King Road and Bathurst Street, within the historical hamlet of Temperanceville and now within the urban boundary of Richmond Hill.

Area of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest



Statement of Significance

Design and Physical Value

Dating to 1897, the Temperanceville Methodist Church at 734 King Road has physical value as a representative example of the late-Victorian vernacular "country church" building typology and architectural style, which combines Classically-derived form and

symmetry with restrained Gothic Revival detailing. While the subject building's simple rectangular plan, centered southern entrance, and balanced arrangement of bays and window openings are rooted in the Classical stylistic tradition, its steeply-pitched front-gabled roof, Gothic-arched windows and doors, stained-glass windows, brick buttresses, and red brick cladding with restrained decorative brickwork are hallmarks of late-Victorian Gothic Revival ecclesiastical architecture.

Historical and Associative Value

The Temperanceville Methodist Church at 734 King Road has historical and associative value for its direct links to both the historical Hamlet of Temperanceville and to the Methodist Church that was fundamental to the community's genesis in the early-19th century. The crossroads community of Love's Corners (now Temperanceville) was founded by the Love family at the intersection of Bathurst Street and King Road in the early-19th century. The Loves were devout Methodists and supporters of the Temperance movement who hosted religious services and gatherings in their home just north of the subject property as early as 1804. John Love granted the subject property to the Wesleyan Methodists in 1835 for the erection of a church and cemetery, and the property has been associated with the Methodist church since this time. Methodism, founded in England by John Wesley in the 1720s, flourished in rural Upper Canada in the early 1800s due to its unique system of itinerant ministers serving multiple smaller congregations within a region or "circuit." This system resulted in the establishment of many small methodist churches in modest crossroads communities like Temperanceville throughout the 19th century. While the Methodists built the current church to replace an older building in 1897, the subject property has been a significant nucleus for religious and community life in Love's Corners/Temperanceville since the 1830s. Today, the Temperanceville church and cemetery stand as rare remnants of the historical crossroads community that once existed at Bathurst Street and King Road.

The Temperanceville Methodist Church at 734 King Road also has historical and associative value for its direct associations with the United Church of Canada. Like other United Churches across the country, the Temperanceville United Church was formed because of a union between Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, and General Council of Local Union Churches in 1925 to bring together the churches' ministry and missionary work in Canada and abroad. As a result of the union, church congregations combined and grew, and the church's doctrines evolved. The Temperanceville church has housed a United Church congregation since 1925, and continues to function as a significant religious and social gathering space for the local community.

Contextual Value

The Temperanceville Methodist Church has contextual value as a local landmark in the historical hamlet of Temperanceville, which was established as "Love's Corners" around the intersection of King Road and Bathurst Street in the early 1800s. The church is sited in a prominent and highly visible location at the northeast corner of King Road and Bathurst Street, where it has served as a nucleus and marker for the local community for over 125 years. The church is regarded as a local landmark due to its distinct historical character, longstanding role as a religious and community gathering place, and prominent scale and location at the 'four corners' of King Road and Bathurst Street.

Heritage Attributes

Design and Physical Value

Heritage attributes contributing to the value of the property as a late-Victorian vernacular "country church" building typology and architectural style are:

Exterior Attributes

- The scale, form and massing of the one-storey building with raised basement and rectangular plan;
- The steeply-pitched front-gable roof with boxed eaves;
- The red brick cladding laid in common bond and the fieldstone foundation with false pointing;
- The symmetrical three-bay arrangement of doors and windows on all elevations;
- The red brick and stone detailing, including:
 - A five-course projecting plinth above the foundation;
 - Gothic window arches on first-storey windows comprised of a row of stretcher bricks topped by a row of header bricks;
 - Radiating segmental arches on basement windows;
 - A Gothic door arch on the south elevation comprised of a row of stretcher bricks, a row of dogtooth bricks, and a row of header bricks;
 - Stepped buttresses with fieldstone bases; and
 - Sandstone buttress bases on the south elevation inscribed with "METHODIST" (west block) and "1897" (east block);
- The windows and doors, including:
 - Gothic-arched first-storey window openings with wood lugsills and historical wood window units, where extant;
 - Segmental-arched basement window openings;
 - The tripartite Gothic-arched stained-glass window on the north elevation [*note that while the existing stained glass was added in the early 2000s, the presence of stained glass in this window is original to the church's design and is considered a heritage attribute];
 - The principal Gothic-arched doorway on the south elevation; and
 - The rear segmental-arched doorway on the north elevation;
- The large circular opening in the south gable, bordered by stretcher bricks; and
- The single-stack brick chimney with a projecting plinth, and corbelled cap on the eastern slope of the roof.

Interior Attributes

- The gothic-arched chancel behind the altar at the north end of the church, trimmed with decorative wood molding, and featuring a raised platform and tripartite stained-glass window.

Historical and Associative Value

Heritage attributes that contribute to the value of the property for its associations with the historical hamlet of Love's Corners/Temperanceville, and the Methodist and United Churches are:

- The property's scale, siting and orientation at the northeast corner of King Road and Bathurst Street;
- The building's late-Victorian vernacular "country church" style and building typology;
- The gothic-arched chancel behind the altar at the north end of the church, trimmed with decorative wood molding, and featuring a raised platform and tripartite stained-glass window;
- The datestone from the 1854 Wesleyan Church located in the church's southern entry vestibule;

- The commemorative plaque containing the names of those buried in the original Love's Corners Methodist Burial Ground; and
- The grave markers at the southeast corner of the property [*note that the location/position of these grave markers is not original and is not considered a heritage attribute].

Contextual Value

Heritage attributes contributing to the contextual value of the property for being a landmark are:

- The property's scale, siting and orientation at the northeast corner of King Road and Bathurst Street; and
- The building's late-Victorian vernacular "country church" style and building typology.

Note: the church's 1970s one-storey rear (north) concrete block addition is not considered to possess heritage attributes.