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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, S.O.
CHAPTER 122**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2R9

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value of interest under part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

- a) 135 Elgin Street West
Arnprior, Ontario

Reasons for Proposed Designation

Please see attached report

Notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Arnprior before the 19th day of April, 2005.

DATED at the Town of Arnprior
this 18th day of March, 2005


Carol A. Rousselle
Town Clerk



Heritage Survey Form
Elgin Street Baptist Church, 135 Elgin Street

1. Architecture:

The Elgin Street Baptist Church was built in 1902. The building is in the Gothic Revival style which was popular for ecclesiastical architecture in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in Canada. It features brick cladding and buttresses, pointed arch windows with stained glass decoration, a bell tower on the south end of the building and a variety of decorative brickwork. The front and side entrances have label molds and label stops, and there is a brick stringcourse associated with the heads of the windows at ground level. There are corbelled reveals around the front entrance.

Interior elements of note include the exposed roof trusses and tongue and groove ceiling, the wood for both from the McLachlin mills, and original oak pews from the Valley Seating Company. The interior woodwork is treated with a dark varnish.

Alterations to the original fabric have included the metal roof and the repointing of a portion of the brick masonry. The round window opening on the front façade has been filled in. All the other exterior (clear) storm windows have been replaced for heat efficiency. Because of a 1949 fire in the basement, which damaged the front (sanctuary) portion of the auditorium, the pulpit and communion table were replaced.

2. History:

The church was built to serve the local English-speaking Baptist congregation, formed in 1874. The English and German-speaking congregations had been sharing a church building several blocks to the southwest. During the period between 1874 and 1900, a single pastor served the communities in White Lake and Fitzroy Harbour, as well as Arnprior. Several members (including two ministers) lost their lives while serving in First and Second World Wars. Since its construction, the same congregation has owned and used this building. The building has been well maintained since its construction date.

3. Streetscape:

The Elgin Street Baptist Church is a contributing element in the Elgin Street streetscape.

Statement of Reason for Designation

The Elgin Street Baptist Church, 135 Elgin Street, is recommended for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act* because of its cultural heritage significance.

The Elgin Street Baptist Church was built in 1902. It is a one-storey, red brick structure with a steeply pitched roof and fine interior finishes. It is an example of the Gothic Revival style, which was popular for ecclesiastical architecture in Canada in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The congregation of the Regular Baptist Church of Arnprior, formed in 1874, shared a church with the German First Baptist Church until building their own church at the present location on Elgin Street. The church has served the needs of the Elgin Street congregation since its construction, and through this period has been a focal point of community activity.

The attributes which contribute to the cultural heritage value of the Elgin Street Baptist Church include the steeply pitched roof, bell-cote over the south end of the building, decorative brickwork around the pointed arch windows with stained glass decoration, brick buttresses, corbelled reveals around the front entrance and the circular window openings on the front and rear façades. Notable interior elements include the exposed roof trusses and tongue and groove pine ceiling. The wood for both the trusses and the ceiling came from the McLachlin mills. Of particular note are the fine oak pews from the Valley Seating Company. The choice of style and the use of fine finishes demonstrate the importance of the building to the congregation.

The Elgin Street Baptist Church is a contributing element in the Elgin Street streetscape.