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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c.O. 18
SECTION 29 (3)**

AND IN THE MATTERS OF LAND AND PREMISES, known as **25152 WARDEN AVENUE**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina intends to designate the following property for reasons of cultural and heritage value or interest:

25152 WARDEN AVENUE

PT E1/2 LT 16 CON 4 N GWILLIMBURY AS IN NG10433, NG5655; GEORGINA

03500-0067 (LT)

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The property at 25152 Warden Avenue is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural value and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, (Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest) which establishes the prescribed provincial criteria for municipal designation.

DESCRIPTION

The building, constructed in 1880, has design and physical value because it is representative of a Carpenter Gothic style church, with elements of other architectural styles. The one-storey building is rectangular in plan, with a porch at the east face of the building, containing the entrance door. The main body of the church and porch have moderately sloped gable roofs, with the porch sitting lower than that of the main building mass. Constructed of wood, the siding has been covered by a modern horizontal wood siding. The entrance door has a pointed arch transom with simple curved wood tracery dividing the transom into three panes. This is repeated on each of the three windows per side of the building at the north and south elevations. The openings have painted moulded wood trim and sills. The modern horizontal siding and rear addition is not part of the physical value of the building.

The property has historical and associative value because it has direct association with the Free Methodist congregation in Georgina Township, serving as the only place of worship for the denomination in the township.

The church was originally called the North Church, and was constructed on the farm of Robert Pegg, and moved to land donated by Mr. A Willoughby in 1928 by a team of horses.

The property has contextual value as it supports and maintains the presence of the village character of Belhaven. It is visually connected to the surroundings, specifically the neighbouring house-form building to the north which had served as the parsonage for the church.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

Under Ontario Regulation 9/06, the property meets the following criteria:

Criterion 1: The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.

Rationale for Designation: The property is a unique example of a Carpenter Gothic church, featuring the modest scale, pointed-arch detailing, and wood craftsmanship that define the style.

Criterion 5: The property yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.

Rationale for Designation: The property is significant for its association with the Free Methodist Church, serving as the only place of worship for the denomination within the township.

Criterion 7: The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.

Rationale for Designation: The property is important in supporting the character of the historic core of Belhaven, as part of the development of amenities along the main street.

Criterion 8: The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.

Rationale for Designation: The property is functionally linked to the neighbouring building, having served as the parsonage for the church.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Design or Physical Value

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of the 25152 Warden Avenue as a representative example of Georgina's 19th century Carpenter Gothic Church style:

- The church's overall height, modest scale, and rectangular plan with a gable-roofed porch projecting from the east façade.
- The moderately pitched gable roofs of the main mass and porch, with the porch roof set below the main roofline.
- The wood construction of the building.
- The pointed-arch entrance transom with simple curved wood tracery dividing the transom into three panes.
- The pointed-arch openings on the north and south elevations, each containing hung windows with divided transoms matching the entrance transom.
- The painted moulded wood trim framing the door, and the painted moulded wood trim and sills framing the window openings.
- The Carpenter Gothic expression evident in the pointed-arch detailing and craftsmanship.
- The building's siting on its current location within the village of Belhaven.

Historical and Associative Value

Attributes that contribute to the cultural heritage value of the property at 25152 Warden Avenue as having the potential to yield associations with religious congregations and members of the Belhaven community:

- The property's location in the village of Belhaven, serving as the only location for worship for the Free Methodist congregation in Georgina Township.
- The building's location in the village of Belhaven, on land donated by Mr. A Willoughby and reflecting its relocation by a team of horses in 1928.
- Its location in a town centre, representation of the spread of religious congregations across Georgina in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Contextual Value

The following heritage attributes contribute to the cultural heritage value of 25152 Warden Avenue in being physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings:

- The church's presence in the core of Belhaven, contributing to the village character of the area.

- Its visual and historical relationship with the neighbouring house-form building to the north, which historically served as the parsonage for the church.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information is available for viewing at the Office of the Clerk in the Town of Georgina Municipal Offices, 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick, Ontario.

TIME FOR DELIVERY OF NOTICE OF OBJECTION

Under the Ontario Heritage Act, a Notice of Objection to the intention to designate the property described above may be served by the owner to the Clerk within thirty days of the date of publication of this Notice. The last day to appeal by the owner for the proposed designation is March 20, 2026. The Belhaven Free Methodist Church in Trust are the owners of 25152 Warden Avenue.