



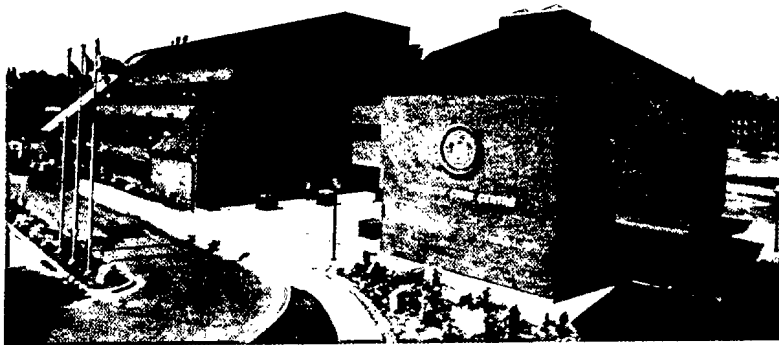
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DEPARTMENT OF
City Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM

P.O. BOX 640
CHATHAM, ONT., December 11, 1979
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REGISTERED MAIL

Ontario Heritage Foundation
Queen's Park
TORONTO, Ontario
M7A 2R9

Dear Sirs:

RE: The Victoria Chapel - British Methodist
Episcopal Church, Chatham, Ontario

Further to my letter of July 30, 1979, advising you of the Council's intention to designate the above noted property as a heritage building, we wish to advise you as follows.

Our solicitor recommended that in order for this Notice of Intention to be properly served, we must make the service in person or by registered mail.

The purpose of this letter is to comply with our solicitor's instructions.

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM

Maxine M. Miller

Maxine M. Miller (Mrs.)
City Clerk

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C R E S T

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE

WHEREAS The Ontario Heritage Act, Statutes of Ontario, 1974, Chapter 122 as amended provides that The Municipal Council may designate a property, within the boundaries of the municipality, to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to Designate such a property must be given in accordance with the said Act.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Chatham hereby gives Notice of Intent to designate the following:

"That certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent and the Province of Ontario and being composed of the westerly half of Lot 57, Old Survey, located on the north side of Wellington Street East at Princess Street, known as 'The Victoria Chapel,' British Methodist Episcopal Church."

"SIGNIFICANCE"

The Victoria Chapel - British Methodist Episcopal Church is the seat of the first Canadian religious institution, established, owned and governed by sons and daughters of black slaves who settled in Canada around 1834.

The exterior is of red brick and of early 20th Century design. The structure comprises two storeys. One of the most impressive features of the interior is the chancel and some of the wood work.

THEREFORE because of its historical significance, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Chatham recommends that this building, both exterior and interior, be designated as a heritage building to retain its original and present charter.

This designation shall not preclude any changes that may be deemed necessary for the efficient use of the building but that any and all such changes should be in keeping with the original and present character of the building and in consultation with The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee.

Notice of Objection to this designation may be served on the City Clerk within 30 days of this publication in The Chatham Daily News.

A full report on the Victoria Chapel and the criteria for designation is available upon request from the Clerk's Department, Civic Centre.

THIS Notice of Intent shall be published in The Chatham Daily News for three consecutive weeks.

(Mrs.) Maxine M. Miller,
City Clerk.