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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 92-19

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A LAND AND PREMISES  
UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT  
FOR SACRED HEART CHURCH [REDACTED]  
LOT 4, CONCESSION 9, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, authorizes Council of a municipality to enact By-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and/or structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest, and;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton has caused to be served on the owners of lands and premises below, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and/or buildings and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the Cobourg Star having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks, and;

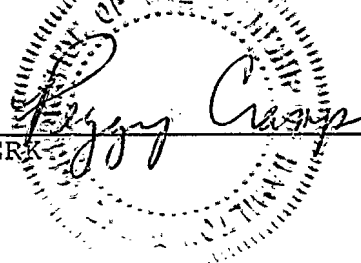
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton Council ENACTS as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property as follows:
  - a) The Sacred Heart Church  
[REDACTED]  
General Delivery  
Harwood, Ontario  
KOK 2H0 Lot 4, Concession 9
  - Good example of a late victorian modest style church of the 1884 for the exterior of the building only.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-Law to be registered against the properties described above in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-Law to be published in the Cobourg Star having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

This By-Law given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 27th day of January, 1992.

I, Peggy Cramp, Clerk of the Township of Hamilton hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a By-Law that was passed by the Township of Hamilton Council on the 27th day of January, 1992.

  
CLERK Peggy Cramp

Charlotte Clay-Ireland  
REEVE

Peggy Cramp  
CLERK

HARWOOD SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH/ [REDACTED]

Address: Harwood, Ont.  
Lot 4, concession 9  
Hamilton Township

OWNER/BUILDER: Catholic communicants of Harwood

Date: 1884

Present Owner: [REDACTED]

Historical analysis, April 1991

Several Roman Catholic families settled along the south Rice Lake shore in the early 1850s. They were under the pastoral care of St. Polycarp's Parish, Cobourg, later renamed St. Michael's.

Four times a year many of the parishioners walked, fasting, the long fourteen miles to Cobourg to go to Mass. After two large lumber companies located in Harwood in the late 1860s it became necessary for Mass to be celebrated once a month as the population had risen to 500, many of them Catholic communicants.

Priests from Cobourg visited mission stations at Rice Lake; the homes of Dennis Corkery in Gore's Landing and Thomas Dwyer in Harwood, the Lake View Hotel and the Harwood school.

In 1879, with the arrival of Father Murray, the Catholic people of Harwood began to raise money to build a church. There were private donations, picnics at Spook Island and Thompson's Point and a pass-the-hat collection from the mill workers organized by Thomas Dwyer.

In 1884 the church was completed by C. Carruthers and dedicated on Feb. 10 by the Rt. Rev. Francois Janot, Bishop of Peterborough, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Harwood became a mission of Burnley where the priest resided but the mission dwindled in numbers when the mills closed around the turn of the century. The incumbent then transferred his residence to Warkworth and the Harwood Church remained under that parish until 1962.

In 1920 the building was renovated and the vestry constructed, an excavation for a furnace was made and the interior redecorated. The focal point was a rose window with a medallion of the Sacred Heart located in the sanctuary above the altar. The window was removed when the church was closed and is now installed where the present congregation worships at the former Bethesda North United Church.

In 1962 Sacred Heart again became attached to St. Michael's in Cobourg. In the mid-1970s structural repairs became necessary and the congregation removed to the community hall during the renovations. In 1989 Sacred Heart was permanently closed because it was considered unsafe to accomodate large numbers of people and repair costs were prohibitive. The congregation worshiped at St. George's Anglican Church in Gore's Landing for a year and in June, 1990, leased the closed Bethesda North United Church in Haldimand Township. They have undertaken to make some needed repairs to that building. There is no longer a Catholic Church in Hamilton Township.

The former Sacred Heart Catholic Church building was purchased by [REDACTED] in 1991, who plans to make it into her home.