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August 4, 2015

Mr. Calvin Ostner
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East,
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Mr. Ostner:

Re: Updated Designating By-law for Old St. John's the Evangelist Church

Please find enclosed a copy of the updated designating By-law No. 2015-049, for Old St. John's the Evangelist Church at 3428 Portage Rd, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The by-law was updated as part of a complete review and update of all designating by-laws in the City, as most were written pre 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours truly,

Peggy Boyle, CAHP
Assistant Planner

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Attach.

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I, the undersigned, Deputy Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of.....
By-law 2015-49.....
Given under my hand and the seal of the said Corporation this 3rd..... day of June, 2015.
Deputy Clerk

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

By-law No. 2015 – 49

A by-law to amend By-law No. 2014-144 being a by-law to amend By-law No. 78-24, the designating by-law for the Old St. John the Evangelist Church, located at 3428 Portage Road as a building of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS By-law No. 78-24 designated the property located at 3428 Portage Road to be cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS By-law No. 2014-144 amended the by-law to clarify the statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest and the description of heritage attributes;

AND WHEREAS the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value contained in by-law No. 2014-144 was incorrect,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. By-law No. 2014-144 is amended by deleting Schedule "B" and Schedule "B" attached hereto shall be inserted in lieu thereof.

Passed this twelfth day of May, 2015.


DEAN IORFIDA, CITY CLERK


JAMES M. DIODATI, MAYOR

First Reading: May 12, 2015
Second Reading: May 12, 2015
Third Reading: May 12, 2015

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NO. 2015- 49

Description of Property – Old Saint John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 3394-3428 Portage Road

Old St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church is located on the north side of Portage Road, opposite the designated Stamford Green. The church was built in the Gothic Revival style, and features pointed window arches, buttresses, and a stout bell tower.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Built in what was originally known as Stamford Township, the Old St. John's Anglican Church is situated along the historic portage road that connected Queenston and Chippawa. The area was colonized by English loyalists, and consisted primarily of orchards and businesses related to the carrying trade. Prior to 1825, the community's Anglican congregation had no place of worship and services were often held in the Stamford Presbyterian Church. However, with the arrival of Lieutenant-Governor Sir Peregrine Maitland in 1822, there was greater incentive for the erection of an Anglican church. The land on which the church was built was donated by Captain R. H. Dee, Esq., and through Maitland's patronage, the building was erected in 1825. St. John's first pastor was Reverend William Leeming, who was a prominent figure within the Anglican Church, and was instrumental in the building of this and two other churches in the City.

Serving the Anglican community for a span of five generations, the church congregation moved in 1957 to a newer St. John's Anglican Church. The old building was leased to the Lundy's Lane Historical Society for several years, and as it began to deteriorate, a separate heritage group with the express purpose of restoring the old church was formed. The Old St. John's Stamford Heritage Association Incorporated was established in 1977 as a non-denominational, charitable organization, and completed restoration of the building in 1988. Restoration was completed in accordance with a plan prepared by Baird Sampson Architects. Since 1990, the building is used as a columbarium and museum.

The Old St. John's Anglican Church is an early example of the vernacular Gothic Revival style. The one-storey building features a symmetrical, three-bay façade. An entryway that projects forward from the building is likely a later addition and is enclosed by a six paneled double door with a plain trim. The entryway is made of local limestone, with stucco finish. The roof is cedar shake and features a simple gable with eave returns. The gable's fascia boards and eaves exhibit highly decorated molding. Above the front entrance is a shorter pointed arch opening with a 9-light window, also containing interlacing glazing bars. A square date stone is located above the entryway.

A trilateral apse is situated at the east end (back) of the church. Three triangular buttresses on the south side were later additions to the building, most likely erected to correct structural problems on the side of the building.

Centered over the roof's ridge is relatively short, square tower that is set back slightly from the front façade. Finished with clapboard siding, the tower originally included corner buttresses which have since been replaced with corner boards. It has a plain entablature, four pinnacles, and a short bell cast metal spire. Situated on each side of the tower is a pair of lancet openings, covered by louvers, and containing a small quatrefoil and four colonettes.

The building's windows are primarily restored, pointed arch openings with plain sills and simple moulded trim. Each opening contains an 18 over 24 sash window with interlacing glazing bars.

As one of the earliest Anglican churches in the province, the Old St. John's Anglican Church is an architectural and culturally significant site with deep rooted connection to several prominent figures in the area. It is intimately connected to the history of the historic Portage Road and to that of Stamford Green. Given the buildings place in the history of the province and the Anglican Church, it is also the subject of an easement held by the Ontario Heritage Trust, only one of two such properties in the City. The building was deconsecrated by the Anglican Church in 1962, designated in 1978 and in 1989, after suitable restoration, the building became a columbarium, which is its present use. The building is now known as the Stamford Green Heritage Columbarium, operated by the City of Niagara Falls, but managed by the Old St. John's Stamford Heritage Association.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior features that embody the heritage value and are important to the preservation of 3394-3428 Portage Road includes the following heritage attributes:

- symmetrical one-storey building with a balanced three-bay façade
- made of local limestone, with an exterior stucco finish
- cedar shake gable roof with a simple entablature and eave returns
- 3 tall pointed arch window openings located on each side of building with plain sills and simple moulded trim, containing an 18 over 24 sash window with interlacing glazing bars
- short, square tower that is placed in the centre of the west (front) façade and finished with clapboard siding
- tower includes a plain entablature, four pinnacles, and a short bell cast metal spire, four pointed arch openings, containing a pair of lancet louvered openings, a small quatrefoil and four colonettes
- 9-light window with interlacing glazing bars located above front entrance
- Two 16 over 16 sash on either side of front entrance
- six paneled double door with a plain trim used for the main entrance
- square date stone located above the entryway
- one of the earliest Anglican churches in the province of Ontario

- connection to several prominent figures in the area including: Sir Peregrine Maitland, Lieutenant-Governor from 1818-1828, Reverend William Leeming, and Captain R. H. Dee, Esq.
- connection to the history of the Stamford Township, the designated Stamford Green, and the historic Portage Road.