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THE TOWNSHIP OF
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Dear Sir / Madam;

RE: NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF HERITAGE BY-LAW

Please be advised that Council for the Township of Woolwich at their regular meeting held on November 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. passed the following By-law (copy attached):

- o By-law 53-2014, a By-law to designate the St. Boniface Catholic School and associated property at 1354 Maryhill Road, Maryhill in the Township of Woolwich, in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, to be of cultural heritage value, or interest pursuant to the provisions of section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O 1990, chapter O.18, as amended.

Notice of the passing of this by-law will be published in The Independent (December 5th edition), served on the owner of the property (Waterloo Catholic District School Board) and the by-law has been registered on title of the respective property.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please contact our office.

Yours truly,

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St. Boniface Catholic School

Enclosure

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

BY-LAW NUMBER 53-2014

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and associated property at 1354 Maryhill Road, Maryhill
in the Township of Woolwich, in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, to be of cultural
heritage value, or interest pursuant to the provisions of section 29 of the
Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O 1990, chapter O.18, as amended

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter O.18, as amended, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact By-laws to designate real property within the municipality, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Woolwich has caused to be served on the owner of the property know municipally as 1354 Maryhill Road, Maryhill in the Township of Woolwich, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to Designate as being of cultural heritage value or interest that part of the property more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the October 24, 2014 edition of the Elmira Independent, a newspaper having general circulation in the Township of Woolwich;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the property known as 1354 Maryhill Road, Maryhill having the legal description set out in Schedule A (the "property"), is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
2. The Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the Property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause a notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Township of Woolwich as required by the Ontario Heritage Act.
4. Nothing in this By-law, including the statement of cultural heritage value and the description of cultural heritage attributes, shall be construed so as to require the owner of the Property to make application for consent to make an alteration to the exterior of the structure from time to time in the nature of:
 - Minor maintenance and repair work including, without limitation, mortar repairs, roof repairs, graffiti removal and interior works;

- Emergency repair work as determined to be reasonably necessary by, and in the sole discretion of the Property Owner.
5. Nothing in this By-law, including the extent and description of the designation, the statement of cultural heritage value and the description of the cultural heritage attributes, shall be construed so as to require the owner of the Property to make application for consent to make an alteration to the Township of Woolwich prior to the owner undertaking any alteration to the exterior required in order to comply with all applicable requirements at law, as determined to be reasonably necessary by, and in sole discretion of, the Property owner from time to time.
6. Only those alterations described in sections 4 and 5 of this by-law that will not affect the cultural heritage value or interest and the cultural heritage attributes of the building described in Schedule 'A' are permitted under sections 4 and 5.

PASSED this 25th day of November, 2014



Mayor



Clerk (Acting)

Schedule A

Legal Description of the Property

Plan 596 Parts Lots A and N
Owned by the Waterloo Catholic District School Board

Description of Property

The St. Boniface Catholic School is located at 1354 Maryhill Road, Maryhill. The existing school was constructed in 1898, and is the oldest Roman Catholic School still operating in the Region of Waterloo, and one of only two Catholic Schools in the Township. The age, architectural style, and the limited number of institutional buildings in the Township from this time period, emphasize that it is a locally unique structure.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

This existing school is the third school in Maryhill since 1834, replacing a previous log school and smaller red brick school which were outgrown and discontinued. The school has also had a significant role in the community serving as a meeting hall and gathering place and having maintained a long standing and strong connection between the church, the Roman Catholic religion, the school and the community. Built directly across the road from the church, the school and the church are interconnected to the life of the community. In the past, this connection was even greater when the Sisters of Notre Dame as well as the priests have taught at the school, and it has served as the education center of the settlement and the surrounding area.

The yellow bricked 36 by 64 foot, 2 storey portion of the building has a raised field stone basement and is a symmetrical design, with double hung windows (not original), and an arched covered entry which is part of the bell tower. The tower no longer has the upper bell tower portion.

The exterior brick work has a subtle style where the brick work is projected out to frame the corners along the top and bottom. Decorative brick work was also used in a small area of the bell tower. The school is topped with a hipped roof.

Inside, the school maintains the center hallway on the two main floors, along with the original staircase railing and wainscoting in the rear stair case, and some of the original doors to the rooms. A unique element is that the basement has two rounded doors and doorways.

Within Maryhill the school is the second highest building, in the shadow of the church across the road. Both sit on top of the hill that overlooks the older portion of the community. Although both the church and school are setback from the road more than many other buildings along Maryhill Road, they portray a very strong presence given their size, location, and proximity to each other.

The school contributes to the landscape and cultural heritage serving as a landmark and reflecting the historic importance of the Catholic Church in the village. Therefore the

building meets all three elements of design or physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value (relationship to surroundings).

Description of Cultural Heritage Attributes

The attributes of the building that need to be protected are:

- Exterior
 - 2 storey yellow brick.
 - Decorative brickwork.
 - Symmetrical design.
 - Stone School Sign above front entry.
 - Stone window sills.
 - Hip roof.
 - Individual, symmetrically placed, double hung windows.
 - Field Stone foundation.
 - Bell tower
- Interior
 - Central hall (main and upper floors).
 - Original staircase and railing.
 - Two Rounded doors and door frames in basement.
 - Wood classroom doors
 - Wood wainscoting and trim.
- Context
 - Second highest building
 - Across from church
 - Oldest Roman Catholic School operating in the Region of Waterloo
 - 3rd school building serving the community since 1834