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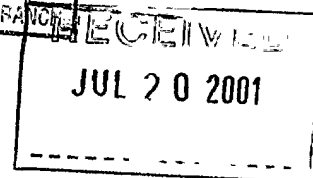
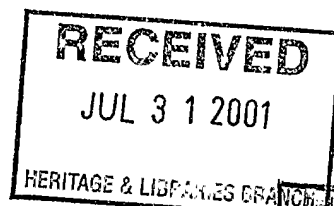
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file.

Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: Wilton Wesleyan Methodist Church – Passing of By-law 2001-31

Please be aware of the passing of By-law 2001-31.

This by-law has designated the Wilton Wesleyan Methodist Church, Hamlet of Wilton, Loyalist Township as an architectural and historical property pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

I have provided a copy of By-law 2001-31 for your files.

If you have questions on this matter, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Fisher".

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THE CORPORATION OF LOYALIST TOWNSHIP

BY-LAW NO. 2001-31

Being a By-law to amend Heritage Designation By-law 90-49 to include Schedule "B". The intent of this schedule is to clarify the designated exterior and interior historical features and to add the historical significance of the Wilton Wesleyan Methodist Church, as per Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, C. 0.18 as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and historical value; and

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of Ernestown adopted By-law 90-49 to designate the Wilton Wesleyan Methodist Church to be of architectural and historical value;

AND WHEREAS by Order of the Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated January 7, 1997 made under Section 25.2 of The Municipal Act, The Corporation of the Township of Ernestown amalgamated with The Corporation of the Village of Bath and The Corporation of the Township of Amherst Island to become The Corporation of Loyalist Township effective January 1, 1998;

AND WHEREAS the Loyalist Township Heritage Committee has recommended to the Council that the Wilton Wesleyan Methodist Church, be amended to clarify the designated exterior and interior historical features and to add the historical significance

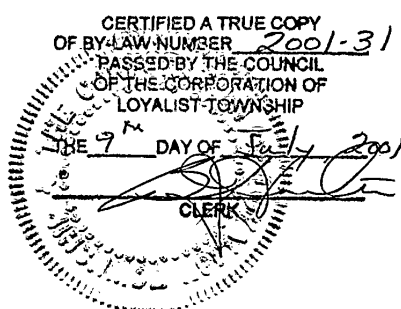
AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of Loyalist Township has caused to be served on the owner of the Wilton Wesleyan Methodist Church and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to amend by-law 90-49 and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspapers having general circulation in the municipality; and


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 Loyalist Township enacts as follows:

- 1) The real property known as the Wilton Wesleyan Methodist Church, more particularly described in Schedules "A" hereto, is hereby amended to include Schedule "B" which is to clarify the designated exterior and interior historical features and the historical significance of the Wilton Wesleyan Methodist Church
- 2) The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk of The Corporation of Loyalist Township 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 same newspapers having general circulation in the municipality.

Enacted and Passed this 9th day of July, 2001




REEVE


CLERK

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2001-31

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in Loyalist Township (formerly Township of Ernestown) in the County of Lennox and Addington and the Province of Ontario and being composed of part of Lot 39 in Concession 6 of the said Township, which said parcel may be more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that the bearing hereinafter mentioned are astronomic derived from observations on Polaris, and are referred to the meridian through the northwest angle of Lot 40 in Concession 6 of the said Loyalist Township (formerly Township of Ernestown);

COMMENCING at a standard iron bar with aluminum survey cap planted in the northwesterly limit of the Given Road crossing the said lot, the said standard iron bar with cap being also at a point in the south-easterly limit of the United Church property, and being distant 2,916.29 feet measured on a bearing of south 33 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds east from a standard iron bar with survey cap planted in the north-westerly angle of the said Lot 39;

THENCE north 71 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds west a distance of 214.02 feet to an iron bar planted in an old post and wire fence;

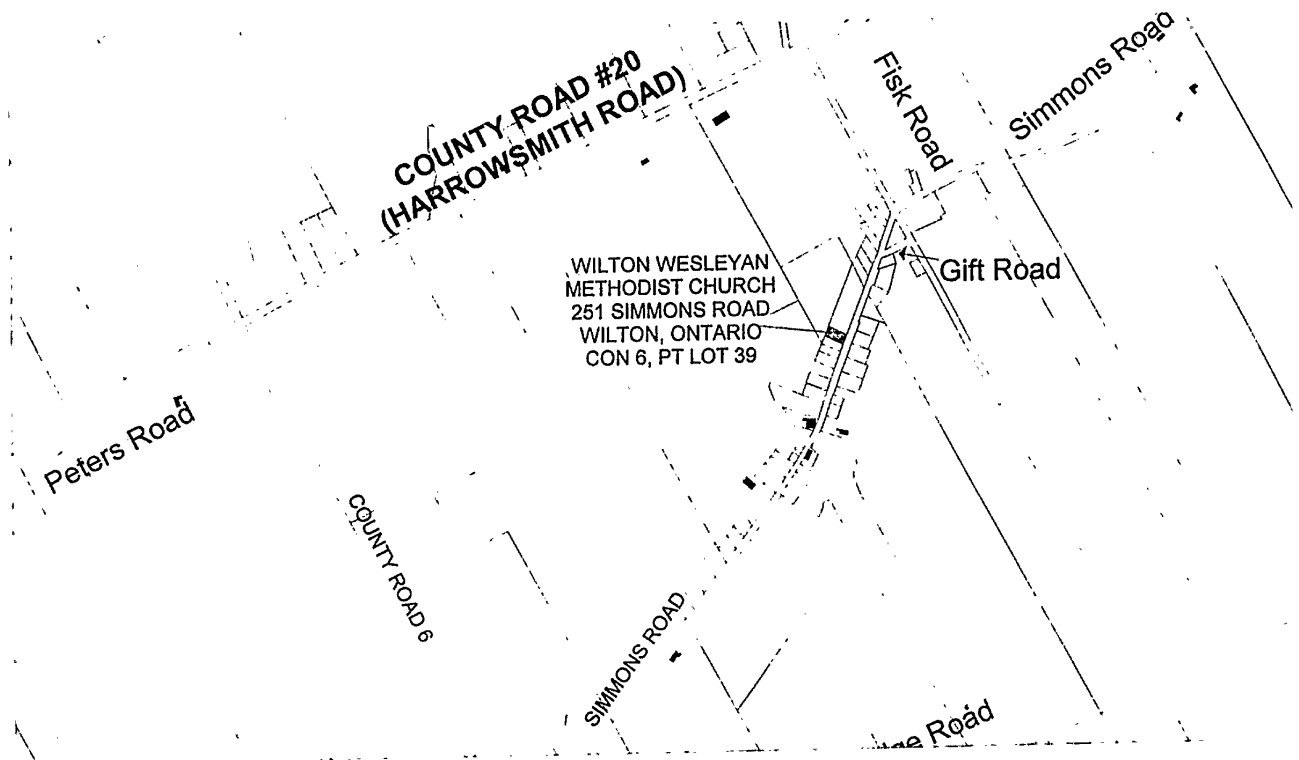
THENCE north 18 degrees 38 minutes 20 seconds east along the said post and wire fence and distance of 102 feet more or less to the intersection of wire fence running south easterly therefrom defining the south-westerly limit of the school ground property;

THENCE south-easterly along the said intersecting fence a distance of 214.06 feet to a point in the said north-westerly limit of Given Road;

THENCE south 18 degrees 39 minutes 40 seconds west along the said north-westerly limit of Given Road a distance of 102 feet more or less to the point of commencement.

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2001-31

LOCATION MAP



SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2001-31

REASON FOR DESIGNATION

The full exterior and significant features of the interior of the former Wilton Wesleyan Methodist Church are recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons. This church, built in 1873, is a fine example of the Gothic style carried out using local craftsmanship and materials. Interior renovations of about 1900 show continuation traditions in the building trades and express the important role of the church for its congregation.

The building was dedicated in February 1874 as a Wesleyan Methodist Church from 1925 to 1968, it served as a United Church. Although closed as a church in 1968, the building, now owned by the Wilton Women's Institute, continues to serve the area as an active meeting place and polling site during elections.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Churches were an important component in the formation and continuation of communities in Ernestown. The Wilton Wesleyan Methodist Church represents this role well.

When a half-acre of Lot 39, Concession 6, was purchased in 1873 from William and Elisha Ovens as the site for a new Methodist Church building, it joined portions of Lot 39 already owned by Wilton's Methodist congregation. Methodists of the area had been meeting in Wilton since 1834 and in 1840 had acquired land for a chapel and a burying ground. Their chapel, or church, was dedicated in December 1840. By 1873 there was also an explained parsonage lot and parsonage built during 1867/68 to replace one built in 1857.

Nearby on an acre of Lot 38 was the small stone Presbyterian Church with its burying ground. In later years, this Presbyterian congregation worshipped with the United congregation in the church built by the Methodists in 1873.

The new Wesleyan Methodist church was dedicated at services from February 4th to 8th 1874. The interior of the church was renovated in 1900. Upon the formation of the United Church of Canada, the church became the Wilton Emmanuel United Church. This historic church has its last service on July 1, 1968. Its congregation was amalgamated with that of Odessa United Church.

The Wilton church building was sold to the Wilton Women's Institute. The building is used as their meeting place and also serves as the local polling site during municipal, provincial, and federal elections.

The building has the further distinction of having been the convention site for organization of the Lennox and Addington Ladies Aid Society on October 16, 1923. This was the first county-wide Ladies Aid Society in Ontario. The Ladies Aid Society became the Women's Association in 1940 and in 1962, The United Church Women.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The church was built by the prolific regional masons William and Hugh Saul. William and Hugh Saul came to Odessa around 1855; their first local contract was to build the grist mill there. Although their local residence became Camden East, their work in Ernestown in succeeding years included houses, commercial and public structures, and three churches.

The limestone church built in Wilton in 1873 for the Wesleyan Methodists is sixty (60) by thirty-eight (38) feet in dimension. The stone is described as being "blue limestone quarried near Camden East." The building is now distinguished by its buttressed tower topped by battlements joining decorative pinnacles. When originally built, the tower was topped by a steeple, but that was removed and the present details built early in the 1900's. The bell remains in its loft.

Other exterior features, such as the front entrance, window openings, and wall corner buttresses, express the Gothic style, felt to be the most suitable style for churches by congregations in Victorian times. The verges of the front of the church are decorated with wooden brackets typical of up-to-date building in the 1870's.

Leaded stained glass windows include those manufactured and installed by J. M. Hoosey of Kingston in 1873/74. At the front of the church is a memorial window depicting "Christ Blessing the Children" installed after 1907, in memory of Jeremiah Snider and his son K.T. Snider.

Mr. James Thompson of Wilton did the original interior woodwork. The interior retains a rear gallery closed with removable panel doors added in the 1900 renovation, woodwork decorated with painted graining, and a decorative pressed copper ceiling.