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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PETROLIA

BY-LAW NUMBER 30-2005

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS  
CHRIST CHURCH, INCLUDING THE CHIME OF ELEVEN BELLS AND  
THE HISTORY OF OIL STAINED GLASS WINDOW,  
OIL STREET, IN THE TOWN OF PETROLIA,  
AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR  
INTEREST.**

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1980, R.S.O. Chapter 337, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-Laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises of Christ Church, including The Chime of Eleven Bells and The History of Oil stained glass window, Oil street, in the Town of Petrolia, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality for one week; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk-Administrator of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia hereby enacts as follows:

1. This is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest of the real property as Christ Church, including The Chime of Eleven Bells and The History of Oil stained glass window, in the Town of Petrolia, Province of Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
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-Administrator 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 newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

By-Law Read a First, Second and Third time and Finally Passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

I, DELA HORLEY,  
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR of the TOWN  
OF PETROLIA, hereby certify the foregoing  
to be a true copy of  
By-Law 30 of 2005, passed by the  
Council of the Town of Petrolia on the  
9TH day of May, 2005.

Clerk/Administrator

*Brian McQuinn*

Mayor

*Dea Horley*  
Clerk-Administrator

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REASONS FOR DESIGNATION OF  
PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF  
BY-LAW 30 OF 2005

**Historical Reasons:**

Date of Construction: 1909

**Source of Data:**

Form of Service – Dedication of the Bells, Tower and Porch, Christ Church, Petrolia for Sunday, January 2, 1910.

**Record:**

The Chime of Eleven Bells, including the frame, mounts and clavier, was donated to the Parish of Christ Church by parishioner Jacob Lewis Englehart in memory of his wife, Charlotte Eleanor (Thompson) Englehart, who died December 31, 1908. Jake Englehart, one of the founders of Imperial Oil, had made his fortune in Petrolia and also donated his home in his wife's memory for use as a hospital in Petrolia.

The main purpose of the bells is to invite the congregation to worship. When fire destroyed the church in 1957, valiant efforts were made by the fire department to save the bell tower. As a result, the chime has been rung every year since its installation. Of particular note, on Christmas Day 1957, bell ringer Fred Bicknell climbed a ladder in the charred bell tower to maintain this tradition.

**The Architectural Reasons:**

A "chime" of bells consists of 8 to 22 bells. Christ Church's chime is made of 11 cast bronze bells hung dead and played from a stand-up chimestand or clavier. The bells weigh approximately 10,000 pounds; with frame, mounting and clavier the total weight is approximately 13,000 pounds. The chime was cast by the renowned Meneely and Co. Bell Foundry of West Troy, New York, which also built the replacement of the famed Liberty Bell in the United States. This chime of eleven bells is one of only nine registered in Canada today.

The chime consists of bells in the key of E, specifically E, F#, G#, A, A#, B, C#, D, D#, E, F#. The bells also have a name inscribed on each – Charity, Faith Hope, Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Meekness and Temperance.

The chimestand is built of quarter-sawn oak and is connected to the inside clappers by a transmission of nickel-plated adjusting bars, wooden rods, leather straps and steel chain.

## **SCHEDULE "A"**

### **Legal Description:**

**Property:** The Chime of Eleven Bells and The History of Oil Stained Glass Window, Christ Church, Petrolia.

**Owner:** The Diocese of Huron, The Parish of Christ Church Petrolia

**Location:** Oil Street, Petrolia NON 1RO  
PLAN 38 BLK F PT LOT 1  
PT LOT 2  
CHRIST CHURCH