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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT Planning Division

February 12, 2015

Ontario Heritage Trust, 10 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3

Re: Notice of Amendment to Designating By-law under Section 30.1(2) to (10) of the Ontario Heritage Act

Julia Yager Community Centre (Humberstone School no. 6)

2703 Chippawa (Carl) Road, Port Colborne

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed a copy of By-law 6190/16/15 which was passed by the Council of the City of Port Colborne on February 9, 2015.

Sincerely,

Shannon Larocque, MCIP, RPP

Planner, Department of Planning & Development

cc: Ashley Grigg, City Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE

6190/16/15 BY-LAW NO. _____

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 5585/15/11, BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE JULIA YAGER COMMUNITY CENTRE, MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 2703 CHIPPAWA ROAD, IN THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE, AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 30.1(2) to (10) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to amend a by-law to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

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

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne passed By-law 5585/15/11 on February 28, 2011 to designate the property located at 2703 Chippawa Road to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne is now desirous of amending By-law 5585/15/11 to include the original tin/copper ceiling and crown molding in the second floor classroom in the description of heritage attributes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.1(2) to (10) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That Schedule A to By-law 5585/15/11 is hereby replaced with Schedule attached
- The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this amended by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule A in the proper land registry office.
- The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015

John Maloney, MAYOR

Ashley Grigg, CLERK

Schedule A

Reasons for Designation

Description of Property

The property is located in the City of Port Colborne, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara and is legally described as Part Lot 18 Concession 3, former Humberstone Township. It is municipally known as 2703 Chippawa Road. The site is known as the "Julia Yager Community Centre" and will be designated as "Humberstone School No. 6".

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

As a property housing an educational institution, this site has a history of 168 years, during which it has housed three different Bethel Schools. The first existed from 1848 – 1866, the second existed from 1866 – 1915, and the third was built in 1915 and is the structure currently present at this site.

The current structure dates back to one of the oldest schools still in existence in what is now called Port Colborne and sits on the site of possibly the first school in this area. Consequently, the property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with institutions that have had significance to our community and the property yields information that contributes to an understanding of our community.

The style of this school is an example of the early 1900 style schools – "one room" red brick schoolhouses - and may contain some of the bricks used in the previous school structure, which dates back to 1866. Hence, the property has design value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method and it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.

This building, being located at a visually dominant position at the intersection of two historic and old traveled roads, forms an important feature on what may be classified as a "cultural heritage landscape". The property therefore has contextual value because it is important in defining and supporting the character of the area, is physically and functionally linked to its surroundings, and is a landmark. Furthermore, many of the original city founders would have been educated at this site.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The exterior westerly portion of the structure constructed in 1915 constructed of red brick which has remained relatively unchanged and many of the unique features are still present. For example, the front elevation of the building, facing west onto Chippawa Road, contains a symmetrically balanced facade with two windows flanking either side of the main entrance. Also, the front entry contains a covered porch or "portico", with tapered square wooden columns or pillars resting upon stone foundation piers. The hipped roof at the front of the structure is broken by a "gable" containing a half-moon window. The front wall also contains a "date stone" between the two windows, which bears the inscription "1915 AD". The front of the building is visually dominated by the "louvered belfry", while the chimney stack is located at the rear of the structure. Inside the building, the second floor classroom contains an original tin/aluminium ceiling with crown molding.