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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

BY-LAW

Number 214-2005

To designate the property at 4501 Ebenezer Road (Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel and Cemetery) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

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

WHEREAS the Brampton Heritage Board supports the designation of the properties described herein;

WHEREAS a Notice of Intention to Designate has been published and served in accordance with the Act, and there has been no Notice of Objection served on the Clerk;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brampton HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

- 1. The property at 4501 Ebenezer Road (Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel and Cemetery) more particularly described in Schedule "A" is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. The City Solicitor shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at 4501 Ebenezer Road (Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel and Cemetery) and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Brampton as required by the Ontario Heritage Act.
4. The City Clerk shall publish notice of this by-law to be published in accordance with the Act.
5. The short statement of the reason for the designation of the property, including a description of the heritage attributes are set out in Schedule "B" to this by-law.
6. The affidavit of Leonard J. Mikulich attached, as Schedule "C" hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 11th DAY OF July 2005.

Approved as to form
[Signature]
03-17-05

[Signature: Susan Fennell]
SUSAN FENNELL - MAYOR

[Signature: T. Brenton]
LEONARD JOSEPH MIKULICH - CLERK
T. Brenton, Acting Clerk

Approved as to Content:
[Signature: Karl Walsh]
Karl Walsh, Director, Community Design, Parks Planning and Development

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 214-2005**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Part of Lot 5, Concession 10, ND (the former Toronto Gore) Brampton

PIN 14021-0136 (Registry)

## SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 214-2005

### SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION OF EBENEZER PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL AND CEMETERY (PART OF LOT 5, CONCESSION 10 N.D., E.H.S.)

The Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel (built 1858), Ebenezer Cemetery (established in 1847) along with the surrounding grounds, trees and landscaping features, hold cultural heritage value or interest. Architectural, historical, contextual heritage attributes are significant.

The Ebenezer Chapel and cemetery hold tremendous significance as part of the early history of the City and the former Toronto Gore Township. The Cemetery holds several beautifully carved tombstones and monuments in a variety of shapes and materials. The site is also representative of the history of Methodism in Ontario. Many prominent members of the community are buried in the cemetery. The property has been the focal point of countless public meetings, religious services and social events since the mid 19th century. Ebenezer Chapel was one of three primitive Methodist churches serving the local area, with the others being Thistletown and St Paul's. In the mid 19th century it was the second largest Methodist congregation in area (Brampton had largest congregation).

The Chapel and cemetery are focal points at the intersection at Gore and Ebenezer Roads. This intersection is a cultural heritage landscape. The Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel is directly linked to the vanishing rural environment. It is a tangible and well-preserved symbol of the history and development of the area. It also holds significant landmark status and is directly associated, both visually and historically, to the equally significant Ebenezer Schoolhouse (Ebenezer Community Hall). It is also linked historically to the site of the now demolished Toronto Gore Township Council Chamber.

Such unusually well preserved religious sites are increasingly rare in southern Ontario. The exterior of the Chapel and its grounds, have remained essentially unaltered since at least the 1920s.

Architecturally, the simple, masonry chapel with Tuscan style windows, is one of the best examples of primitive religious structures in the Greater Toronto Area.

Unless otherwise indicated, the reason for designation apply generally to all exterior elevations, facades, foundation, roof and roof trim, all doors, windows, other structural openings and associated trim, all architectural detailing, construction materials of wood, stone, brick, plaster parging, metal and glazing and related building techniques, cemetery and tombstones, fencing, all trees, shrubs, hedgerows, other vegetation and the grounds and vistas generally.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

To ensure that the cultural heritage significance of this property remains intact, certain heritage attributes are to be conserved, and they include:

##### Architectural Heritage Attributes:

Rectangular plan of Chapel; pitched gable roof; coursed field stone foundation; un-painted, soft-clay, red brick masonry façade laid in common bond; all semi-circular (Italian/Tuscan style) wooden sash windows with round headed arches; imbrication or "fish scale" cedar shingling over the gable-end facing Gore Road; simple wood fascia and soffits with plain wood cornice; eaves with projecting verges and simple returns at gable ends; inscribed 1858 date stone on front façade; small, projecting brick entrance structure or vestibule on front façade with double leaved wooden doors with herring bone panels and the slender, arched wooden windows with wood sills in vestibule.

##### Historical Heritage Attributes:

Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel dedicated in April 1858; current Chapel replaced mud brick building erected in 1847; built by local congregation using brick from the kiln of James Sleightholm, (who settled the adjacent farm); in mid 19th century it was the second largest Methodist congregation in area (Brampton had largest congregation); cemetery established in 1847; land for both cemetery and church deeded by James and Ann Sleightholme; Primitive Methodist Conference of Canada held its annual meeting at Ebenezer Chapel in 1860; focal point of countless public meetings, religious services and social events since the late 1840s.

##### Contextual Heritage Attributes:

Prominent architectural landmark for 150 years; important symbol of rural heritage in an area that is quickly being urbanized; one of only two heritage structures left at intersection of Gore and Ebenezer Roads; several visual, historical and architectural links with Ebenezer Schoolhouse and with the site of the former Toronto Gore Township Council chambers and farmstead property of James Sleightholm.

Grounds surrounding the Chapel; 1847 cemetery with headstones; row of mature shade trees straddling the property line along Gore Road, small grove of tall conifers near of the eastern corner of the southern property line; groupings of mature shade trees; woven steel wire fence running the length of the property along Gore and Ebenezer Roads (1929 circa);

SCHEDULE "C" TO BY-LAW 214-2005

AFFIDAVIT OF LEONARD J. MIKULICH

I, LEONARD JOSEPH MIKULICH, of the Town of Shelbourne, County of Dufferin,  
MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am the Clerk for the Corporation of the City of Brampton and as such I have knowledge of the facts therein contained.
2. The public notice of intention to designate "4501 Ebenezer Road (Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel and Cemetery)" was served on the owner of the property and was advertised, in the form attached as Exhibit A to this my affidavit, in the Brampton Guardian, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Brampton, on 2005.
3. No notice of objection was served upon the Clerk.
4. The by-law to designate the "4501 Ebenezer Road (Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel and Cemetery)" came before City Council at a Council meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ 2005 and was approved.
5. A copy of the by-law, including a short statement of the reason for the designation has been served upon the owner of the property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and notice of such by-law was published in the Brampton Guardian, on 2005.

SWORN before me at the City )  
of Brampton, in the Region )  
of Peel, this )  
day of , )

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A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits, etc.