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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1974, S.O.,
CHAPTER 122 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES
KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 35 WELLINGTON STREET.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street, West,
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Attention: Mrs. Kathy McLaughlin

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford, on the 30th day of October, 1978, decided to designate the lands and buildings known as 35 Wellington Street, as a property of historical and architectural value or interest under The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122, but that designation be limited to the exterior architectural structure and bulk.

Short Statement of the Reasons
for the Proposed Designation:

Messiah Church, at 35 Wellington Street, corner of Queen Street, now serving as the offices for the Family Service Bureau of Brantford and Brant County is recommended for designation on historical and architectural grounds.

Messiah Church was built as a Christian Adventist Church in 1869. The establishment of this Adventist church when Brantford was much smaller and much more isolated shows the influence of world-wide Messianic expectation in the middle of the Nineteenth Century. After the Adventists, Congregationalists and a Methodist Episcopal denomination worshipped in the building. The building was sold for secular purposes in 1884.

Benevolent social agencies which have occupied the building include the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Social Service League of Brantford and the Family Service Bureau of Brantford and Brant County.

Messiah Church was designed as a plain meeting house decorated simply with pilasters, a gable arch and two stone markers - one bearing the words "Occupy Till I Come", and the other "1869". But this unobtrusive building has been the centre of functions dedicated to the spiritual and social welfare of the people of Brantford.

Notice of objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk within thirty days of the 27th day of December, 1978.

DATED at Brantford this 21st day of December, 1978.


W. Coulson
City Clerk