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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Dear Ontario Heritage Trust:

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate:
St. John's Presbyterian Church and Cemetery (Coulson's Hill Property)
CON 11 PT S 1/2 LOT 15, municipally known as 2528 Line 11,
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury**

On May 16, 2017, the Council of Bradford West Gwillimbury resolved to give notice of intent to designate 2528 Line 11, under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.18, as it is of cultural heritage value and interest.

The purpose of this letter, as prescribed in Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act is to give Notice of Intent to Designate to the Ontario Heritage Trust. Additionally, Notice of Intent to Designate has been mailed to the owner and will be included in the upcoming edition of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Times.

Please see the attached 'Notice of Intention to Designate' which includes the required description of property, statement of cultural heritage value and description of heritage attributes.

We trust the above is satisfactory. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

Brandon Slopach, MES
Planner

***NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 29 OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
R.S.O. 1990 c. O.18, AS AMENDED***

**St. John's Presbyterian Church and Cemetery (Coulson's Hill Property) (circa 1889)
CON 11 PT S 1/2 LOT 15, municipally known as 2528 Line 11,
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, on May 16, 2017, resolved to give notice of intent to designate 2528 Line 11, under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.18, as it is of cultural heritage value and interest.

Description of the property

The Coulson's Hill Presbyterian Church is located at 2528 Line 11, Bradford and is a single story brick building in the gothic revival style build in 1889 and in active use until the 1960's. It is now inactive. The interior of the building is excluded from this designation by-law.

Statement of cultural heritage value (history)

The church has cultural heritage value due to its architectural style and design, its historic associations and its contextual value in contributing to its immediate context. The site is associated with the development of the hamlet of Coulson's Hill as well as the development and ongoing evolution of Bradford from the church's original inception in 1857 to the present.

The church has significant architectural value, as an excellent example of vernacular church design by a well know local builder. The exterior maintains almost all of its original details. The cemetery is a good example of 19th and 20th century cemetery design and evolution. It is characterized by a naturalistic setting to comfort and attract the living, the creation of secure resting plots for the dead and the use of markers and monuments to perpetuate the memories of individuals of historic importance.

The church has significant historical value as having served the spiritual and social needs of the community of Coulson's Hill and Bradford including many well-known early settler families important in the development of the community.

The church contributes to its context as being the focal point of the surrounding cemetery sharing a prominent hilltop with the neighboring Anglican Church and cemetery.

Description of heritage attributes (architecture)

The largely unaltered building represents an excellent example of vernacular church design by a local builder, and features these key exterior attributes:

- General form and massing including vestibule and main building with gable roofs;
- Materials including dichromatic brick with belt and cornice courses, lintels, stone foundation;
- The composition and features of the main, south entrance including vestibule with gothic arched doors, main entrance with double wooden doors within a gothic arch opening, arched windows with wooden tracery, frames and sills, etched glass and the historic plaque;

- The composition and features of the east and west elevations including gothic arched windows with wooden tracery and sills, etched and colored glass on the main level and arched basement windows on the foundation level, prominent buttresses with dichromatic brick;
- The setback of the building from Line 11;
- The historic iron fence with stone columns and plaque;
- The cemetery grounds, stone monuments, markers and mausoleum; and
- The mature trees to the west and north of the cemetery.

This building and cemetery are being recommended for historic designation because of historical significance and architectural merit as described in the statement of cultural heritage value. This statement is prepared by the Bradford West Gwillimbury Division of Community Planning based upon information provided in the "St. John's Presbyterian Church, Coulson's Hill" Designation Report, written by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Heritage Committee, 2017.

Any objection to this designation must be filed in writing no later than March 10, 2018.

Objections should be directed to:

Rebecca Murphy, Director of Corporate Services/Town Solicitor/Clerk
100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8,
P.O. Box 100
Bradford ON L3Z 2A7

Requests for additional information regarding the property and the designation process may be directed to:

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