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**Notice of Intention to Designate  
Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

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**Take notice** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Oro-Medonte intends to designate the following property, under Section 29 of *The Ontario Heritage Act* (R.S.O 1990, Ch. O. 18):

**St. Thomas Anglican Church, Township of Oro-Medonte (28 Church St, Oro-Medonte, Ontario, L0L 2L0)**

By-laws to designate these properties are to be considered by the Council of Oro-Medonte Township at its regular meeting to be held on **April 25, 2018**.

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**Description of Property:**

The St. Thomas Anglican Church, is located at 28 Church St. on the north side of the street, with additional frontage on Line 2 South. The legal description of the subject property is Plan 104 Lot 1 Pt Lot 2 in the Township of Oro-Medonte.

**Statement of cultural heritage value:** *St. Thomas Anglican Church* is a significant central settlement structure for the Shanty Bay area. The church's construction was completed in 1842 and is settled amidst towering spruce, a cemetery including the local O'Brien family and mausoleum dating from 1913. The unusual craftsmanship of the structure is evident in the interior wood elements (pews, lectern, pulpit, plan flooring, wainscoting, ceiling beams and reredos and interior paneling with adze marks). The structure is built on a land grant provided to and then donated by Lt. Col. Edward O'Brien, a half-pay British officer who influenced the design and direction of the construction.



## **Heritage Attributes**

### **Exterior of the Church:**

- Symmetrical three-bay façade with center tower and a gable roof
- Rounded-arched multi-paned wood windows with wood storm
- Rounded-arched stained glass windows
- Buttresses on the side walls
- Bell tower with rounded-arched louvered windows and modillions supporting the eaves
- Load-bearing walls of mud construction (28 inches) rendered in rough-cast stucco
- Rubble stone foundations
- Setback of the church from the main road
- Surrounded by a cemetery on the north and east side

### **Interior of the Church:**

- Centre aisle symmetrical plan
- Plaster walls and ceiling
- Wood-truss system
- Decorative woodwork including pews, pulpit/lectern, flooring, wainscoting, trim, reredos
- Rounded arches including windows, doorways and the rounded archway framing the altar

### **Cemetery:**

- Range of style, variety, size and inscriptions of the grave markers
- Original plan and layout of the grave markers
- Mausoleum (Romanesque and Edwardian with Eclecticism) with copper clad doors and eave troughs, clay tile roof, red-brick laid in common bond, stone trim and detailing
- Views of the church from the cemetery and views from the church to the cemetery
- Mature trees (in particular the Norway Spruce) planted around the periphery of the cemetery, which isolates it from its surroundings.

Any person may send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Township of Oro-Medonte (to 148 Line 7 S., Oro-Medonte, ON L0L 2E0) notice of their objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. Notice of objection must be received within 30 days of this publication. If such a notice is received, the Council of the Township of Oro Medonte will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Dated at the Township of Oro Medonte this 19 day of March, 2018.

Karen Way  
Clerk

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**Additional information** is available from the Township of Oro-Medonte. Please contact Roz Llewellyn at 705-487-2171 ext. 2134 or by email at [rllewellyn@oro-medonte.ca](mailto:rllewellyn@oro-medonte.ca) during office hours (8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday).