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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE  
UNDER S. 29 OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gravenhurst intends to designate **Church of Our Lady** (also sometimes referred to as Southwood Church) which is located at Part of Lot 15, Concession 5, in the former Township of Wood, now in the Town of Gravenhurst, District Municipality of Muskoka, at property municipally known as 3411 Southwood Road, as a property of Cultural Heritage Value under Part IV of *The Ontario Heritage Act* (R.S.O 1990, Ch. O. 18).

A By-law to designate the property is to be considered by Gravenhurst Town Planning Council at its regular meeting to be held at **5:00 p.m. on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE:** *The first church that was located at this site was built in 1924-1928, the floor being built 5 feet underground with exterior log walls measuring about 5 feet high. A small bell turret of unstained boards completed it. There were two small windows, one on each side. The Ernest Chapman family and the Percy Tonge family were responsible for beginning this isolated church for a few English immigrants to that area.*

*By 1936, a new log church was built. The pine pews, organ, lectern, the Bible, the Madonna Statue and liturgical items are all original. The brass bell was retrieved from a swamp nearby, having landed there as a result of a train accident on the tracks nearby. It was then donated by the Canadian National Railway.*

*Over the years, the congregation dwindled and the church fell into disrepair. The Friends of Southwood Church was formed and is now the custodian of this edifice. The land is leased from the Town of Gravenhurst. It is surrounded by a small cemetery containing the graves of several pioneers of that area.*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** is available at the Planning Department in the Municipal office during office hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday). For further information, please contact Angela Ghikadis, Planner at 705-687-3412.

**Notice of objection to the designation setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts must be filed with the Clerk of the municipality by Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Dated at the Town of Gravenhurst  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

Kayla Thibeault  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk