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THE CORPORATION OF LOYALIST TOWNSHIP

ONTARIO HETRITANSE TRUST

BY-LAW NO. 2005-98

Being a By-law to designate Trinity United Church (presently known as the Ferry Office) located in Part of Lot 1, Concession North Shore, and addressed as 5555 Front Road, as an architectural and historical property pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, C. 0.18 as amended, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and historical value; and

WHEREAS the Loyalist Township Heritage Committee has recommended to the Council that the former Trinity United Church be designated as an historical and cultural property; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of Loyalist Township has caused to be served on the owner of the former Trinity United Church and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspapers having general circulation in the municipality; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Loyalist Township enacts as follows:

- The real property formerly known as the Trinity United Church (presently known as the Ferry Office), more particularly described in Schedules 'A' and 'B' hereto, is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of historical and cultural value. The reasons for this designation are detailed on Schedule 'B' attached hereto.
- The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspapers having general circulation in the municipality.

Enacted and Passed day of September 26, 2005

REEVE TOWNSHIP CLERK

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SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2005-98

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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The property involved is described as being in Loyalist Township (formerly geographically known as Amherst Island) in the County of Lennox and Addington and the Province of Ontario, and being composed of Part of Lot 1, Concession North Shore more particularly described as being Parts 1, and 2 of Plan 29R- 2875.

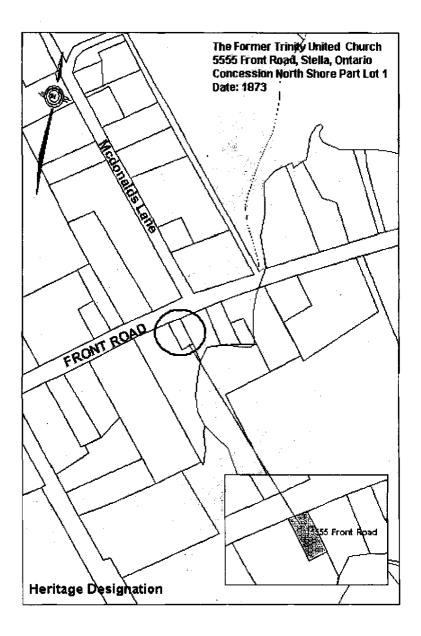
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LOCATION MAP

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REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The former Trinity United Church (also formerly known as the Wesley Methodist Church) was in service from 1873 until the 1960's. The former church represents the religious heritage of some of the original forefathers of Amherst Island.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Trinity United Church (also formerly known as the Wesley Methodist Church), established in 1873, was the first Methodist church on Amherst Island. The Methodists held the first preaching services in 1872 when Christian laymen from Bath and vicinity held services weekly in the old No.1 School House. Later services were held in the Orange Hall located in Stella not far from the location of the church. The zealous loyalty of the small congregation to the visiting preachers helped establish a permanent following on the island with the first Methodist minister being sent to the island in 1872. He was Rev. John Ferguson, a native of Prince Edward County, who formed the first congregation of fifteen members, which included early resident families of Amherst Island such as the Pollys, Flemings, Girvins and Pattersons. The small congregation converted an additional 30 members in the fall of 1872. The church was under construction in 1873 and completed in February of 1874. The construction costs of the church totalled \$1500 dollars.

An important change occurred in the history of the church in 1918, when cooperation between the Methodist and Presbytenian churches began. In 1925 through consummation of Union, the name of the church changed from that of Wesley Methodist Church to Trinity United Church, as it was known until the late 1960's. The church served as a municipal office and local library for the community of Amherst Island from the early 1970's. It is presently used, and known as, the Ferry Office and Stella library.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The building is a rectangular shaped one-storey structure. The roof is medium gabled with projecting verges and purlins exposed. The building is a white clapboard sided structure with a sheet metal covered roof. The façade is three bays across including the central entrance porch with double leafed carved wood door. Centered in the gable is a blind window with a date inscription. The east and west ends are also three bays across, with centered windows.

FEATURES TO BE COVERED BY THE DESIGNATION

The entire exterior of the building is to be designated, excluding the modern single leaf metal door, roof, eavestrough, foundation and wheelchair access ramp located on the east end.