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December 22, 2015



Dr. Thomas H.B. Symons, Chairman
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street, East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Dr. Thomas Symons:

SUBJECT: Approval of request to designate Heritage Properties
File No: 501-06-2

The City of Burlington Council enacted by-laws 98-2015, 99-2015, 100-2015, 101-2015, and 102-2015 on the 16th day of December, 2015, to designate the following properties as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18:

By-law 98-2015 designates the properties located at 1018 Greenwood Drive, By-law 99-2015 designates the property located at 2085 Caroline Street, By-law 100-2015 designates the property located at 6201 Walker's Line, By-law 101-2015 designates the property located at 1375 Ontario Street, and By-law 102-2015 designates the property located at 1172 Britannia Road (previous address: 1040 Britannia Road) in the City of Burlington.

Enclosed is a copy of the by-law for your records. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at lisa.palermo@burlington.ca or 905-335-7600 ext. 7492.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Palermo".

Lisa Palermo
Committee Clerk

c: Banani Afsana, Thomas Douglas, planning & building dept
Incl: By-laws 98-2015, 99-2015, 100-2015, 101-2015, 102-2015

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

BY-LAW NUMBER 102-2015

A By-law to designate 1172 Britannia Road, in the City of Burlington, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, to be of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, chapter O.18, as amended

Whereas Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18 (as amended) authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact By-law to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (Heritage Burlington) supports the designation of the property described herein; and

Whereas a Notice of Intention to Designate has been published in the Burlington Post on November 12, 2015 in accordance with the Act; and

Whereas no Notice of Objection has been served on the City Clerk of the City of Burlington;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the City of Burlington Hereby Enacts as Follows:

1. That the property at 1172 Britannia Road (previous address: 1040 Britannia Road) being CON 1 NS PT LOT 5 RP 20R-17117 PART 1, City of Burlington, Regional Municipality of Halton, more particularly described in Schedule "A", is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
2. That a copy of this By-law be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" to this By-law in the proper Land Registry Office;
3. That a copy of this By-law be served on the owners of the property at 1172 Britannia Road and the Ontario Heritage Trust;
4. That a notice of this By-law be published in a local newspaper having general circulation in the City of Burlington as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and
5. That this By-law shall take effect on the date of its passing.

Enacted and passed this 16th day of December, 2015.



Rick Goldring Mayor

Angela Morgan City Clerk

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

[Signature]
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

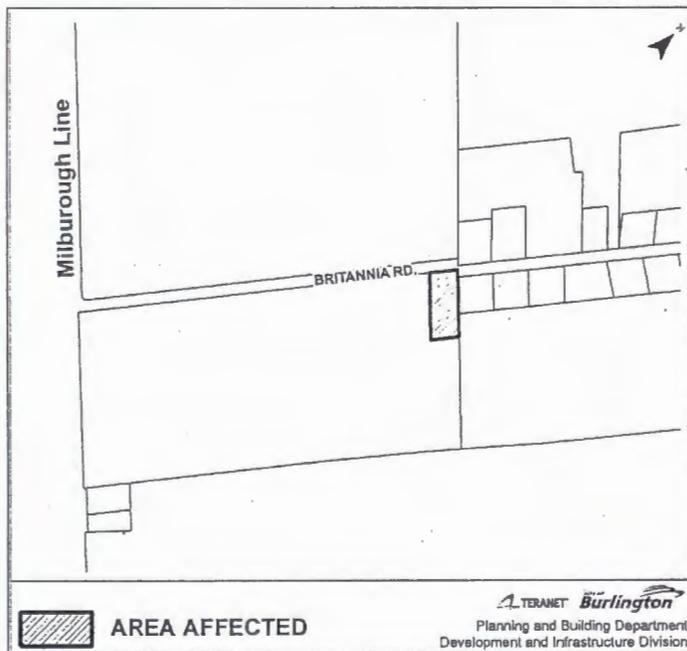
SCHEDULE "A"

Description and Reasons for Designation: 1172 Britannia Road

Legal Description:

CON 1 NS PT LOT 5 RP 20R-17117 PART 1 (municipally known as 1172 Britannia Road (previous address: 1040 Britannia Road), City of Burlington, and Regional Municipality of Halton)

Description of Property:



The property consists of The Bethel Chapel, a one-storey wood cladding church, constructed in 1853; and a pioneer cemetery known as The Bethel Chapel Cemetery. The property is located on the south side of Britannia Road and east of Milborough Line in Burlington.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Bethel Chapel has significant physical or design, historical or associative, and contextual values:

Physical / Design Value

The Bethel Chapel is an excellent example of a simple rural church with classical detailing. The one-storey wood frame structure has clapboard siding and a symmetrical façade with central main entrance. The wooden double leaf entrance doors and projecting cornice over the entranceway create a focal point on the façade. A hand

forged key is still used to open the door. The gable roof with plain boxed cornice, plain projecting verges, and return eaves on the façade and the rear elevation add a simple elegance to the building. The Bethel Chapel displays exceptional craftsmanship through its impressive 25-over-20 windows. The church retains six of these windows; flanking the entranceway on the façade, and the two on each of the east and west elevations. These windows retain their wood surrounds and wood sills. The façade of the Bethel Chapel clearly captured Robert Bateman's attention, as he immortalized the Chapel doors in a painting and stated "Bethel Chapel has the economy and simplicity of the pioneer spirit, but the finish of the molding and the care in the detail show the respect for quality of work found in our forefathers".

The Bethel Chapel interior also retains several original features including original woodstove, though not in operation, remains in at one of the corners. The original wood pews, at one time removed, were refinished and returned to the church in the 1930s. The original gated pulpit, a typical feature of early churches, remains inside the church.

The church is surrounded by The Bethel Chapel Cemetery to the east, west, and rear sides. The pioneer cemetery has approximately 73 graves with the oldest gravestones located to the west of the church. The gravestones' surviving inscriptions commemorate pioneers. The cemetery features gravestones and monuments in range of sizes and materials that display intricate designs including lambs, doves, urns-of-life, hands point heavenward and weeping willows. The cemetery remains open to burials.

Historical / Associative Value

The Bethel Chapel is associated with the Prudham Family, who donated the land for the construction of the church and an associated cemetery. John Prudham settled the property in 1844. Methodists of the area met for worship in the Prudham's log home prior to the construction of the church. The earliest interment is of Jonathan Dawson (1764 - Aug 14, 1845), which indicates that there were likely burials present before the land was donated and prior to church construction, common practice seen throughout pioneer cemeteries across Ontario. In 1853, John and his wife Elizabeth Prudham donated half an acre of land for construction of the church and an associated cemetery. The church was erected in 1853, constructed by Thomas LeMessurier - a fine carpenter from Carlisle, Ontario. Notably, William Bousfield provided split timbers and shingles from his mill at Tally Ho (formerly located west of the Cedar Springs Road).

The Bethel Chapel opened in 1853 as a Canadian Wesleyan New Connexion Church. Parishioners attended the chapel for services until 1874 when the congregation merged with the Ebenezer Church on Guelph Line. Following the merger of the two congregations, the Bethel Chapel experienced a period of abandonment. Though the Bethel Chapel was closed in 1874, the cemetery continued to accept interments. Pioneer families buried here including Prudham, Pegg, Coulson, Coverdale, Nicholson, Heatherington, Foster, and Peer. In 1930, yearly memorial services were reinstated on the first Sunday in September by the newly formed Board of Trustees. These services continue today. The original Board of Trustees included Charles Prudham (son of John),

Elmer Foster, A.J. Harris, George Coverdale, and William Vollick, and many of these families continue to serve on the board and maintain the property.

Contextual Value

The Bethel Chapel contributes to the rural landscape of Britannia Road. The church is close to the road and coupled with simple yet stunning architecture that makes it a landmark along Britannia Road. The church is located on the land donated by the Prudham Family, close to the house of the Prudham Family as well as near the early farmsteads of many of the pioneers buried here.

Cultural Heritage Attributes

- Contextual relationship of the church to rural landscape of Britannia Road and The Bethel Chapel Cemetery;
- Historical relationship of the property to the Prudham Family;
- One-storey wood-framed structure with clapboard siding;
- Symmetrical façade with central main entrance flanked by two windows;
- Two-bay east and west elevations with two windows on each;
- Six original 25-over-20 panned windows (on façade, east and west elevations);
- Windows with wood surrounds and wood sills;
- Entrance with wooden double leaf doors;
- Projecting cornice over the entranceway;
- Original hand forged key for entrance door;
- Gable roof with plain boxed cornice, plain projecting verges and return eaves on the façade and rear elevation;
- Façade retains plaque that depicts "Bethel Chapel C.W.N.C., A.D. 1853";
- Original interior wooden pews, pulpit with fence, pine floor, and wood stove;
- Original gravestones and monuments including their range of sizes and materials;
- Gravestones with surviving inscriptions that commemorate pioneers; and
- Gravestones with intricate design that includes lambs, doves, urns-of-life, hands pointing heavenward, and weeping willows.