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Notice of Passing of a Heritage Designation By-law Amendment

Dated: December 30, 2021

As per Section 30.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Norwich passed By-law No. 67-2021 during its regular meeting held December 14th, 2021. This By-law amends the designation of the former Curries United Church located at Part Lot 18, Concession 5 (former East Oxford) municipally known as 465003 Curries Road.

The amendment of By-law 14-84, "A by-law to designate the Curries United Church as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest", was to facilitate conversion to a residential dwelling; clarify the statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest and the description of the property's heritage attributes; change the legal description to recognize changes made as a result of recent Consent applications which changed the lot configuration; and to revise the language of the by-law to make it consistent with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Take Notice that any person or public body may, not later than the 31st day of January 2022, appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of The Township of Norwich a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee as prescribed under the Ontario Land Tribunal Act. Further information and the appellant form can be found at:

<https://olt.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/>

Further information regarding this amendment is available from the Township of Norwich. Any inquiries may be directed to Kimberley Armstrong, Deputy Clerk at 519-468-2410 ext. 226 or karmstrong@norwich.ca

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The Corporation of the Township of Norwich

By-law Number 67-2021

Being a By-law to Amend By-law 14-84. Being a By-law to Designate the Property known Municipally as the former Curries United Church, Part Lot 18, Concession 5, former Township of East Oxford, as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest

WHEREAS Section 30.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, as amended authorizes the Council of a municipality to amend a by-law designating property made under Section 29 of the OHA to: clarify or correct the statement explaining the properties cultural heritage value or interest or the description of the property's heritage attributes: correct the legal description of the property; or otherwise revise the language of the by-law to make it consistent with the requirement of the OHA or the Regulations;

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Norwich on March 27, 1984 passed By-law 14-84 being a By-law to Designate the Curries United Church as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest;

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Norwich on September 14, 2021, after consultation with the Municipal Heritage Committee, approved a proposal to amend By-law 14-84 to recognize a consent on the property which severs the cemetery from the lands; to recognize changes made as a result of the conversion from a Church to a residential use; and to revise the language of the by-law to make it consistent with the requirements of the OHA.

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Norwich on September 14, 2021, pursuant to the requirements of Subsection 30.1(4) of the OHA also authorize a Notice of Council's intention to amend By-law 14-84 to be served on the owners of the lands located at: 465003 Curries Road and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust with an explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed amendment and an indication that the owner may, within 30 days of receiving the Notice, may file a notice of objection to the amendment with Clerk setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts;

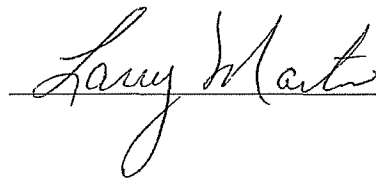
WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed amendment was filed with the Clerk on or before November 29, 2021;

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 30.1(7) of the OHA, the Council of the Township of Norwich may now pass the proposed amending by-law;

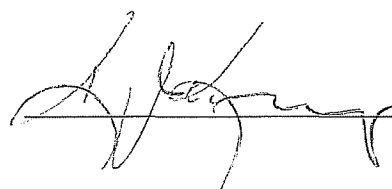
NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of The Township of Norwich hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Schedule A of By-law 14-84 be deleted and replaced with Schedule A attached hereto.
2. That the reasons for designation are as described in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
3. That a copy of the by-law be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office.
4. That the Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
5. That this by-law shall be effective upon the passing thereof.

Read a First, Second and Third Time and Finally Passed this 14th Day of December, 2021.



Mayor
Larry Martin



CAO / Clerk
Kyle Kruger

SCHEDULE "A"
TO
BY-LAW 67-2021

Description of Lands

In the Township of Norwich, County of Oxford being composed of Part Lot 18, Concession 5, former Township of East Oxford, designated as Parts 1 and 2 Plan 41R-10116, and municipally known as 465003 Curries Road, Township of Norwich.

SCHEDULE "B"
TO
BY-LAW 67-2021

Description of Property: 465003 Curries Road

The property is located on the northeast corner of the Curries Road and Oxford Road 59. The property contains the structure formerly known as the Curries United Church.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The exterior and sanctuary of this 1891 Victorian red brick church are original as designed by Cuthbertson of Woodstock, Ontario. Cuthbertson also designed the Woodstock Opera House, the House of Refuge and the Oxford County Court House.

Description of Heritage Attributes

- The asymmetrical façade features regularly placed windows, intricate brickwork and a bell tower.
- The interior dark wooden ceiling has curved portions along the wall and is supported from above by hidden hand-hewn beams.
- A detailed wrought iron railing, also designed by Cuthbertson is located on the mezzanine floor. (Formerly located in the church gallery)
- Some pews from the original 1855 Church to be displayed within the structure
- Sanctuary features include: sloping pine floors, wainscoting and stained-glass windows

Contextual Value

This building represents a historical focal point for the rural community of Curries. Several families have worshiped here for five and six generations and include members from the original 1891 congregation in their ancestry. A Wesleyan Methodist Congregation was formed in 1855 and purchased land in the same year. The Cemetery property was acquired in 1861 and additional property was purchased in 1885 to allow the erection of the present church, which was opened on Thanksgiving Day, November 12, 1891. The hamlet formerly called Zion, became Curries in 1903 and in 1925 the church became part of the United Church of Canada.