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April 4, 2023

A/Provincial Heritage Registrar, Ontario Heritage Act
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1J3
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To whom it may concern,

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate a Property, *Ontario Heritage Act*

The Council of the Town of New Tecumseth intends to designate the following property for reasons of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990:

St. John's United Church
56 Victoria St. E
Alliston, ON

Notice of Objections will be received on or before 4:30pm on May 4, 2023, at the following address:

Clerk's Department, Town of New Tecumseth
Attention: Pamela Fettes
10 Wellington Street East
Alliston, ON, L9R 1A1

A statement of significance/reasons for the designation is attached.

Sincerely,


Pamela Fettes
Clerk/Director of Administration Services



The Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth in the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990
R.S.O. Chapter O.18
56 Victoria St. E, Alliston, New Tecumseth, Province of Ontario

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth intends to designate, under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act the façade along with the East and West brick walls of the building described as west part of Lot 14, Plan 254, municipally known as 56 Victoria St. E, in the Town of New Tecumseth (Beeton), in the County of Simcoe, in the Province of Ontario.

Reasons for Proposed Designation:

The property known municipally as 56 Victoria St. E, is a 19th century, Gothic Revival brick building, purposely built as a place of worship. These findings are based on information compiled from primary and secondary source research, including property records, and a site visit.

William Fletcher (the founder of Alliston) and members of his family were devout Wesleyan Methodists. William's sons John and George became a Class Leader, and a licensed local preacher. Around 1862, a Methodist Hall was built near Paris St. (about 60 Victoria St.). This new congregation was a part of the Cookstown Circuit and had a minister there every second Sunday. George Fletcher preached there.

In 1871, John Fletcher donated land at 56 Victoria St. E, on which to build a new house of worship. After a crop of wheat was harvested from the property in the fall of 1872, the building of the Wesleyan Methodist Church began. The church was built in 1872, but officially opened on March 9, 1873, where a dedication ceremony was held. During the ceremony, the Fletcher family were recognized as "the foundation of Methodism in the place".

The Fletcher family was important to the development of Alliston as a growing population. Through their support and effort, the property is linked visually, historically, and spiritually with neighbouring 19th century residences and businesses which together make up the 19th century hamlet streetscape. St. John's United Church specifically defines, maintains, and supports the heritage character of Alliston as it physically, visually, and historically embodies key themes and events in the community's settlement and growth history.

For further information regarding the heritage attributes and designation of this property, please contact vljo@newtecumseth.ca

Any person may, within thirty days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at the Town of New Tecumseth this 4th day of April 2023.

Pamela Fettes, Clerk/Director of Administration Services