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Please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known municipally as 353 Bury's Green Road, Geographic Township of Somerville.

The last date for objections is September 1, 2023. If no objections are filed by 4:00 p.m. on that date with the clerk of the municipality, Council will proceed to pass a bylaw designating the property at the next available Council meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Notice: Intention to Designate Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

Take Notice that the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes, on July 25, 2023, passed a resolution of intent to designate the following property under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

353 Bury's Green Road, Geographic Township of Somerville
PT LT 13 CON 1 SOMERVILLE AS IN SV514, SV3889; KAWARTHA LAKES

Statement of Reasons for Designation

Design and Physical Value

353 Bury's Green Road, also known as St. John's Chapel, has design and physical value as a representative example of a late nineteenth century rural Presbyterian church and cemetery landscape. Constructed around 1874, the church displays architectural features typical of Presbyterian church design from this period, including a mixing of Classical and Gothic elements, such as the return eaves and lancet windows, on what is otherwise a simple and utilitarian building. The church is demonstrative of trends in Presbyterian architecture specific to rural areas throughout the nineteenth century which had a tendency to evolve differently from their urban counterparts. As a cultural heritage landscape, the property is representative of a rural church cemetery from the second half of the nineteenth century where the burial pattern evolved organically around the place of worship.

Historical and Associative Value

353 Bury's Green Road has historical and associative value in its association with the history and development of the settlement of Bury's Green. The community arose as a scattered agricultural settlement straddling the border of Somerville and Verulam Townships, beginning around 1860, and the property of John Fell who became its postmaster. In particular, it has direct associations with Fell himself who became Reeve of Somerville Township, Warden of Victoria County and Member of Provincial Parliament for Victoria North in the second half of the nineteenth century, and who donated a parcel of land on the southern edge of his property for the church. It yields information regarding community and religious life in Bury's Green and the surrounding rural area in the second half of the nineteenth century and into the twentieth.



Contextual Value

353 Bury's Green Road has contextual value as an important local landmark in Bury's Green. The church, which is placed in a prominent position along Bury's Green Road is recognized in the wider community as the local United, formerly Presbyterian, church and associated cemetery. At the same time, the property maintains and supports the rural character of Bury's Green as one of its churches and cemeteries and is historically linked to its surroundings as part of the historic landscape of the community of Bury's Green and one of its surviving institutional buildings.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available at the City's Economic Development Department. Any objection to this designation must be filed within 30 days of August 3, 2023. Objections should be directed to: Cathie Richie, Clerk, City of Kawartha Lakes, P.O. Box 9000, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8.

Any inquiries may be directed to:

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