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TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD



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Provincial Heritage Registrar Ontario Heritage Trust 10 Adelaide Street East Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

To Whom It May Concern,

The Town of Collingwood Council passed By-law 2023-008 on January 30, 2023 to Designate 310 Seventh Street, Collingwood under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the designation by-law.

Any person who objects to this By-law may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal by notifying the Ontario Land Tribunal and the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood in writing within 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Passing. The last day to appeal is March 18th, 2023. A notice of appeal must set out the objections to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the Ontario Land Tribunal which must be in the form of a certified cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

BY-LAW No. 2023-008 OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD



BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 310 SEVENTH STREET TO BE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER SECTION 29 OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter O.18, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a property, including all buildings and structures thereon, within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS 310 Seventh Street is the municipal address legally described in Schedule "A" to this By-law ("the Property");

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood has consulted with its Municipal Heritage Committee pertaining to this by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood has caused to be served on the owners of the Property located at 310 Seventh Street, Collingwood, ON and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Property, and further, has caused the notice of intention to be published the newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no objections to the notice of intention to designate have been served on the Clerk of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood has described the Property, set out the statement of cultural heritage value or interest for the Property, and described the heritage attributes of the Property in Schedule "B" to this By-law, which forms part of this By-law;

NOW THEREFORE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- THAT the real property legally described in Schedule "A" to this By-law, is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act;
- THAT the description of the Property, the statement of its cultural heritage value or interest, and the description of its heritage attributes are set out in Schedule "B" to this By-law;
- 3. THAT the attached Schedules form part of the By-law;
- 4. **THAT** the Town Clerk be authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the Property and the Ontario Heritage Trust, and publish notice of passing of this By-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town; and
- 5. **THAT** once this By-law comes into force and effect in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Town Solicitor be authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against whole of the Property legally described in Schedule "A" at the Land Registry Office.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 30th day of January, 2023.

MAYOR

CLERK

BY-LAW No. 2023-008 OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

SCHEDULE A

LT 29 S/S SEVENTH ST PLAN 45; COLLINGWOOD 58277-0045 (LT)

BY-LAW No. 2023-008 OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

SCHEDULE B

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The 0.1 hectare property at 310 Seventh Street is comprised of a one-storey brick church building with a sided 1.5-storey rear addition located on the south side of Seventh Street and east of Walnut Street in the Town of Collingwood, County of Simcoe.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The historical or associative value or interest of this property is found in its direct association from 1870 with settlers of African descent who began arriving in the Collingwood area possibly as early as the 1840s. Some were Loyalists settlers, some were second or third generation residents of Canada, others were fugitives escaping from bondage in the United States who travelled the Underground Railway to its northernmost terminus at Owen Sound in Grey County. They formed a congregation of the British Methodist Episcopal Church and raised the funds to purchase a quarter acre lot in 1870 and construct a succession of three church buildings on this site in c.1872, c.1898-1905, and 1976/2018. This property yields information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture, being the traditional place of worship and a centre of socio-cultural education and support for generations of people of African descent in Collingwood. In the words of a long-term congregation member: "Gatherings for Black folk gave them recognition, self esteem and courage to face racial taunts and rejection. The survival of the Collingwood church is a visible Statement that People of African descent met all the challenges faced in Collingwood of discrimination from local citizens, within our settlement, on the street, to officials in public sectors, and survived."

From a design or physical value or interest perspective, the 1976/2018 church building is an example of a contemporary place of worship in a small urban community in Ontario. It is representative of the economic ability and socio-cultural values expressed in built form by persons of African descent and Methodist faith in Collingwood.

Contextually, since its purchase in 1870 this property has been a centre of worship in the part of Collingwood historically populated by persons of African descent. It is physically, functionally, visually and historically linked to its surroundings as the only location in Collingwood of the British Methodist Episcopal Church and from 1994 Heritage Community Church. The site as a place of worship and centre of Black cultural activity is a landmark.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The cultural heritage value or interest of this property is in the existence of a building used as a place of worship and centre of cultural activity by Collingwood community members of African descent. This cultural heritage value is currently embodied in the exterior elevations of the 1976/2018 church building as the heritage attribute.