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**RE: 12 PRINCESS STREET, ST. SAVIOURS ANGLICAN CHURCH (CP 1 LOT  
247 TO 249), Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Notice of Intention to Designate  
Ontario Heritage Act, Part IV**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29(3) (a) (b) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, please find enclosed a copy of:

Intention To Designate 12 PRINCESS STREET, ST. SAVIOURS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
(CP 1 LOT 247 TO 249)

Sincerely yours,

Grant Bivol  
Town Clerk

Enc.

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# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND IN  
THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF  
ONTARIO**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property at **12 PRINCESS STREET, ST. SAVIOURS ANGLICAN CHURCH (CP 1 LOT 247 TO LOT 249)** as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

## **Description of Property**

The subject property is a small site which overlooks the Niagara River and the Queenston docks to the east. On the subject property, the church building is located at the intersection of Princess Street and Highlander Street, towards the east of Princess Street. 12 Princess Street also contains a parish hall, located towards the south of the church building. The building was relocated in the 1950s from the St. Martin's Anglican church in Niagara Falls. The open space surrounding the church building and the parish hall is landscaped with a few mature trees located towards the north and south of the subject property. The structures have a moderate setback from Princess Street and Highlander Street. The access to the church and parish hall is through a paved pedestrian pathway through the Highlander Street, towards the northwest corner of the church building.

## **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property known as the St. Saviours Anglican Church has cultural heritage value or interest for its design and physical values, its historical and associative values and its contextual values.

The building which became to be known as the 'St. Saviours Anglican Church' was constructed in 1879. The property has design and physical value because it is a representative example of the Gothic Revival style. The one-and-a-half storey rectangular plan church has a large steeply pitched front and rear gable roof, lancet and pointed arched window openings, diagonally projecting vestry door, tracery on windows, angled buttresses, dressed and undressed voussoirs, stone chimney, and stained glass rose window which is typical of Gothic Revival structures. The asymmetrical façade and symmetrical side elevations and detailing are also typical of the Gothic Revival style.

St. Saviours Anglican Church has associative value as the Brock Memorial Church. It has direct association with Sir Isaac Brock who is considered the 'Saviour of Upper Canada'. He led the charge against the enemy in the Battle of Queenston in 1812. The church is dedicated to his memory and is believed to be the only church in Canada to be named after a layman. There are plaques located on the subject property dedicated to Sir Isaac Brock.

St. Saviours Anglican Church also has direct association with the parish of St. Saviours, which was formed in 1817. They met in various locations until 1879, by then the construction of the St. Saviours church was completed. The church also has the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of its parish community. St. Saviours Anglican Church also has the potential to offer new knowledge or a greater understanding of the commemoration aspects of the community's history as a former rector of the church is also buried on the grounds of the subject property near the west elevation.



St. Saviours Anglican Church has contextual value because it is important in maintaining the character of the area. St. Saviours church is part of the historic fabric of the Queenston urban area. It lies in close proximity to the Brock Memorial in Queenston Heights and both the structures are visible from the Niagara River. The church has served functionally to its community as a church to its congregation since 1879. Visually, the church sits on a rise of land which slopes down to the surrounding properties and the landscape and could be viewed from various vantage points in the neighborhood. The church is also designed with its main elevation facing the Niagara River which would have made the church more recognizable and visible for the people coming up and down the Niagara River.

### **Description of Key Heritage Attributes**

Key exterior and interior attributes that embody the heritage value of the church at 12 Princess Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake include its:

- One and a half storey Gothic Revival church
- Steeply pitched gable roofs
- Projecting chancel on the west side
- Tower with steeple on the northeast corner
- Stone chimney
- Diagonally projecting vestry door
- Broken course rubble construction
- Lancet and pointed arched openings
- Stained glass windows
- Dressed and undressed stone voussoirs and sills
- Trefoil and tracery details on window openings
- Angled buttresses
- Main door on east elevation with its hardware
- Plaques dedicated by Archbishop E. Scott and Queenston residents
- Brock memorial window above the altar
- The grave of a former rector located on the subject property
- Location of St. Saviours within Queenston facing the Niagara River on a rise of land
- Mature trees and landscaped lawn

### **Objections**

Any objection to this designation must be filled no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Intent to Designate. Objections should be directed to Grant Bivol, Town Clerk, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake, L0S 1T0. The last date to file a notice of objection is **March 8<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

### **Queries**

Any further queries should be directed to Sumra Zia, Heritage Planner at (905) 468-3266 ext. 327 or through email at [sumra.zia@notl.com](mailto:sumra.zia@notl.com).

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Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 7th day of February 2024  
GRANT BIVOL, CLERK