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**RE: 1294-1296 MCNAB ROAD, ANGLICAN CHRIST CHURCH (CP 5 PART LOT
23), 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 1294-1296 McNab Road, Anglican Christ Church (CP 5 Part Lot
23)

Sincerely yours,

Grant Bivol
Town Clerk

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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 **1294-1296 MCNAB ROAD, FORMER ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, (CP 5 PART LOT 23)** 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 located on 1294-1296 McNab Road and is called the Anglican Christ Church or better known as Christ Church McNab. The church building is located at the intersection of McNab Road and Lakeshore Road, towards the west of McNab Road. The church has a considerable setback from McNab Road. The church building is set on a picturesque forest covered rise of land, surrounded by oak, maple and pine trees. The 8 Mile Creek flows towards the west of the church.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property has cultural heritage value or interest for its design and physical values, its historical and associative values and its contextual values.

The subject property 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, stepped buttresses, red brick and buff brick voussoirs, and interior stained-glass windows which is typical of Gothic Revival structures. The symmetrical façade with symmetrical elements and symmetrical side elevations and detailing are also typical of the Gothic Revival style in places of worship.

Christ Church McNab has direct association with being a community centre for the surrounding farming and immigrant community. Since its inception in 1853, the church has held volunteer services to help those in need in the surrounding communities. The church has a history and connection with the migrant workers in the surrounding communities. Even in the recent years, the church has been associated with volunteer programs such as providing meals, transportation, medical help to those in need of it and translated information for bilingual church goers.

The subject property has the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of the community and the struggles of the black slaves that escaped the American civil war through the Niagara River. The subject property also contains a plaque on the west side towards the Eight Mile Creek that commemorates the loss of life. Research indicates that the slaves may have settled in the area for a period of time and are an essential chapter in the subject area's history. The subject property also has the potential to offer knowledge of the other immigrant communities in the area. It is suggested through research the church parish has been comprised of various ethnicities that include the Spanish and the Mexican Roman Catholic farm workers.

The Anglican Christ Church was designed by William Thomas. William Thomas was born in Britain in 1799. He practiced architecture in Birmingham, England, till 1843, when he moved to Toronto with his family. He has designed various housings, religious, educational, commercial and cultural

buildings throughout Canada. He has designed over 100 buildings in Canada but was well-known for his church designs. In Niagara-on-the-Lake, some of his well-known works include, the Court House on Queen Street, the Sir Isaac Brock Monument in Queenston, and the Grace United Church. The Anglican Christ Church also shares some architectural similarities to the Grace United Church.

The subject property has contextual value because it is important in maintaining the character of the area. Anglican Christ Church is part of the historic fabric of the Eight Mile Creek rural area. It lies in close proximity to the various farmsteads along Lakeshore Road and McNab Road. The church is also physically linked to its surroundings. The building is constructed of red brick that was made on site from the flats below the church. Historically, the church is linked to its surroundings as it was also called Christ Church McNab, after the original settlers in the area that were John and Colin McNab. Even the road that connects the church to the Lakeshore Road is named after these settlers.

Description of Key Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that embody the heritage value of the church at 1294-1296 McNab Road 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 façade
- Symmetrical side elevations
- Red brick construction in common bond
- Stepped buttresses
- Radiating voussoirs with wooden sills
- Entrance doorway with the wooden double doors, trim and mouldings details
- Pointed arch window openings
- Tower window with leaded glass in diamond shape
- Band of buff brick with diamond motifs
- Buff brick string course with beveled top and bottom faces
- Buff brick corbel table
- The plaques on the subject property
- Location of Former Christ Church McNab within rural area of Niagara-on-the-Lake facing the Eight Mile Creek

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 **April 5th 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.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 6th day of March 2024
GRANT BIVOL, CLERK

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