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The Corporation of the

Township of Uxbridge

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February 6th, 2025

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
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Re: Notice of Intention to Designate – 14800 Regional Road 1 (Firstly: Part Lot 34 Concession 6 Scott And Part Lot 106 Plan 64 As In St325, St4509; Secondly: Part Lot 34 Concession 6 Scott, Part 22 40R23286 Township Of Uxbridge), known as the Udora United Church;

At the December 2nd 2024 General Purpose and Administration Committee Meeting, Uxbridge Council approved the Uxbridge Heritage Committee's recommendation for the Intention to Designate the Udora United Church located at 14800 Regional Road 1, Township of Uxbridge, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, for its cultural heritage value and interest.

The Notice of Intention to Designate was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Township of Uxbridge on Thursday February 6th and a copy is enclosed for your records. The notice was sent by way of registered mail to the owner of the property, with the last day for filing a Notice of Objection being Saturday, March 8th 2025.

Dated at the Township of Uxbridge

This 6th day of February, 2025



Debbie Leroux, Clerk

Township of Uxbridge

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**Notice of Intention to Pass a By-Law to Designate
The following property to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest Pursuant to
the Provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18)**

Take Notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge intends to pass a by-law under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, to designate the following lands to be of cultural heritage value and interest:

14800 Regional Road 1 (Firstly: Part Lot 34 Concession 6 Scott And Part Lot 106 Plan 64 As In St325, St4509; Secondly: Part Lot 34 Concession 6 Scott, Part 22 40r23286 Township Of Uxbridge), known as the **Udora United Church**;

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

The property at 14800 Regional Road 1, Udora Ontario is a rectangular lot with a horseshoe shaped driveway around a one storey place of worship currently known as the Udora United Church. The property is on the west side of Durham Regional Road 1, just south of Ravenshoe Road in the Hamlet of Udora. The front of the building faces east and is visible from the road.

The Udora United Church has historical value for its association with the residents of the historic Hamlet of Udora (formally known as Eudora and Snodden's Corners). The land was purchased on May 24th, 1850, from George and Ann Harrison for the sum of 5 shillings. A committee of five men started planning for a new Wesleyan Methodist Church to be built. Members of the community donated their time and resources to construct the church, including logs from local sawmills, handmade shingles, window sashes, and turned altar railings and rungs. A definitive list of the early contributors would not be possible due to the depth of the community's involvement, but some notable contributors were: James Bryan, James Taylor, Solomon Lodwick, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Baker, James Hamilton Umphrey, John Umphrey, Samuel Umphrey, Henry Harrison, Christopher St. John, Christopher Farrow, James Perkins, Jacob Lodwick, Fairfield brothers, Jesse Cook and Mr. Bates. The church has undergone renovation throughout its history, including an extensive renovation and relocation in 1949, and each time community members contributed. Originally a methodist church and then later joining the United Church of Canada, the building chronicles religious ties within rural Ontario.

The Udora United Church is a modest Gothic Revival church built in the Carpenter Gothic style. Made of wood and clad with white siding, its steep pitched roof is evocative of many other churches built around the late 19th century in the Ontario countryside. The building has a traditional form, with a main rectangular hall and a vestibule and alter mass protruding from either end of the hall. Simple frieze boards are tucked under the steep pitched roof and Gothic Lancet windows adorn all sides of the church. Stained

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glass windows from the renovation in 1949 remain in the front and rear of the church including the memorial mural window. The interior of the main hall is finished with plywood throughout, with a grooved diamond 'checkerboard' finish on the west wall directly facing the nave and wrapping into the chancel. The pews are solid wood with gothic lancet window detailing carved into the end boards and a rose window detail carved above. The original bell has been mounted on a fieldstone well in front of the building that is used before every Sunday service. A ground sign for the church is present closer to the road with a rustic gable roof above and surrounded by a small garden.

The Udora United Church remains in its location in the countryside Hamlet of Udora with farm fields still surrounding the hamlet. It has contextual value for being historically, culturally, visually and functionally linked to the community that it resides in, providing shelter to gather and a conduit for families to contribute.

Further information regarding the proposed heritage designation of the Udora United Church can be obtained by contacting the Uxbridge Heritage Committee at heritage@uxbridge.ca

Any notice of objection to this notice of intention to designate the property, setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts, must be served upon the Township of Uxbridge Clerk within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this notice.

Dated at the Township of Uxbridge

Debbie Leroux, Clerk

This 6th day of February, 2025

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