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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE PURSUANT TO THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo intends to designate the hereinafter mentioned Property for its cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended:

### **Municipal Addresses and Legal Descriptions:**

1. 33 Allen Street East, Waterloo, ON

LT 355, 359 PL 385 CITY OF WATERLOO; LT 62 CHRISTIAN KUMPF SURVEY PL 498 CITY OF WATERLOO; PT LT 356, 388 PL 385 CITY OF WATERLOO; PT LT 59 CHRISTIAN KUMPF SURVEY PL 498 CITY OF WATERLOO; PT LT 60 CHRISTIAN KUMPF SURVEY PL 498 CITY OF WATERLOO; PT LT 61 CHRISTIAN KUMPF SURVEY PL 498 CITY OF WATERLOO AS IN 156488, G11162, G7058, G30558, 228037, 242157, PT 1, 58R8437 EXCEPT PT 1, 58R12528, 1207837; WATERLOO – PIN: 22416-0125 (LT) (LRO#58)

(the “Property”)

### **Description of the Property**

The Property at 33 Allen Street East, known as the Church of the Holy Saviour, is located on the south side of Allen Street East between Mary Street and Herbert Street. Constructed in 1897-1898 according to the designs of renowned Canadian architect Eden Smith, the buff brick church displays elements of the Gothic Revival style. A Parish Hall (Seagram Memorial Hall) was added in 1912 and in 1928 the Norman Tower was constructed. In 1936-37, the façade and nave underwent unspecified alterations according to the design of Waterloo architect Theophilus Hughes Wells.

The Property is located in the Mary Allen Neighbourhood Cultural Heritage Landscape (CHL), a residential district that emerged in the mid-1850s on the east side of King Street, south of Erb Street East. The church’s proximity to two other churches in the Mary Allen CHL – Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church (formerly St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church; 1888) on George Street and St. Louis Church (1890) also on Allen Street East – is indicative of the evolving character of the neighbourhood in the late 19th century.

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

The Property at 33 Allen Street East, known as the Church of the Holy Saviour, is located on the south side of Allen Street East between Mary Street and Herbert Street.



Constructed in 1898, the buff brick church meets Criterion 1 of O. Reg. 9/06 because it is a representative example of the ecclesiological Gothic Revival style. A Parish Hall (Seagram Memorial Hall) was added in 1912 and in 1928, the Norman Tower was constructed. In 1936-37, unspecified alterations were undertaken to the façade and nave, according to the design of Waterloo architect Theophilus Hughes Wells.

The buff brick Church of the Holy Saviour is set onto a rectangular footprint with a northwest-southeast axis and features stepped buttresses and paired pointed window openings along its length. The north gable end features three pointed windows containing stained glass. The main entrance is raised and contained within a low porch with pointed double wooden doors contained within a pointed stone door surround and flanked by decorative metal light fixtures. The porch gable contains a simple inset stone cross. Gabled roofs cover the various portions of the building.

The Seagram Memorial Hall was constructed in 1912 and features a rectangular footprint, buff brick construction, and pointed windows and stepped buttresses along its length. In its gable is a rectangular window opening and a stone plaque bearing the words "Seagram Memorial Building A.D. 1912." Below, the main entrance is contained within a low porch highlighted by a stone surround and is flanked by decorative metal lights.

The Norman Tower, situated adjacent to the northwest corner of the church, features buff brick construction, stepped angle buttresses with stone coping, flat-headed window openings with stained glass, upper-level louvers and pointed openings in the perpendicular style, and is covered by a flat roof.

The Property meets Criterion 4 of O. Reg. 9/06 because it has historical value as it was Waterloo's first Anglican church in the Diocese of Huron and has significant historical associations with the prominent Seagram family, who were members of the congregation as well as generous benefactors. The Parish Hall, later named the Seagram Memorial Hall, was funded by Joseph E. Seagram in memory of his wife, Stephanie. Many of the interior enhancements, including wood furnishings and ornamentations from the Globe Furniture Company, are associated with a donation Edward Frowde Seagram, Mayor of Waterloo between 1906-1907. In addition, the church has associations with the prominent Massey family of Toronto, as Denton Massey (1900-1984) served there as minister between 1963-1970.

The Property meets Criterion 5 of O. Reg. 9/06 because it has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of the Anglican Church which has congregated on this site for more than 125 years. It also has historical and associative value meeting Criterion 6 of O. Reg. 9/06 due to its design of prominent Canadian architect Eden Smith. Over a four-decade career, Smith designed over 2,000 domestic and other types of buildings, but only three were constructed in Waterloo.



The Property at 33 Allen Street East meets Criterion 7 and Criterion 8 of O. Reg. 9/06 because it helps to define the ecclesiastical nature of the Mary Allen Neighbourhood and is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to the residential and ecclesiastical landscape along Allen Street East and the adjacent portion of George Street.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes of the Property**

Each attribute contributes to the design, historical/associative, and contextual value of the Property – Criteria 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of O. Reg. 9/06.

#### **1898 Church:**

- Gothic Revival style;
- Rectangular plan;
- Buff brick construction;
- Stepped buttresses and pointed window openings along the nave;
- Three pointed windows in gable end with stone sills and stained glass;
- Raised entry porch with inset stone cross and a pointed stone door surround with flanking decorative light fixtures;
- Pointed wooden double doors; and
- Gabled roofs over all portions of the building.

#### **1912 Parish Hall:**

- Rectangular plan;
- Buff brick construction;
- Stepped buttresses;
- Single ground-storey pointed openings with decorative glass;
- In the gable end, horizontal panel containing fixed multi-paned windows and a sash window;
- In the gable end, commemorative stone panel bearing the inscription “Seagram Memorial Hall, A.D. 1912”;
- Entry porch with cast-stone arched door surround and flanking decorative light fixtures;
- Arched wooden double doors;
- Gabled roofs over all portions of the building; and
- Cornerstone in south corner of northwest elevation.

#### **Tower:**

- Buff brick;
- Stepped angle buttresses with stone coping;
- Ground storey square window openings with stone sills and containing stained glass;



- Pointed upper-level openings on all elevations containing tracery after the perpendicular style;
- Unornamented cornice; and
- Flat roof.

### **Further Information**

A copy of this Notice of Intention to Designate may be found on the City of Waterloo's Heritage Notices webpage (pursuant to By-law No. 2024-055):

[www.waterloo.ca/heritage-notices](http://www.waterloo.ca/heritage-notices)

The complete cultural heritage value report and evaluation of this Property may be obtained through the Heritage Designation Research & Evaluation Report, Appendix 'B', dated January 21, 2025, on Engage Waterloo: [www.engagewr.ca/waterloo-heritage-register-review](http://www.engagewr.ca/waterloo-heritage-register-review) under the 'Documents' section.

Further information and inquiries about the intention to designate may be directed to **Dominik Simpson, Senior Policy Planner** by phone 519-747-8546 or by email at [dominik.simpson@waterloo.ca](mailto:dominik.simpson@waterloo.ca).

### **Notice of Objection**

Notice of objection to the intention to designate the Property may be served on the City Clerk of The Corporation of the City of Waterloo within 30 days after this Notice has been published on the City's Heritage Notices webpage ([www.waterloo.ca/heritage-notices](http://www.waterloo.ca/heritage-notices)). Any notice of objection shall indicate the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day for filing an objection is **Friday, March 28, 2025**.

DATED at Waterloo this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

Julie Finley-Swaren, City Clerk  
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