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**From:** Michael Michaud, Manager of Planning

**Date:** February 27, 2025

**RE:** Intention to Designate – 17811 Loyalist Parkway (Rose Hall Church), Ward of Hillier

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This letter is to inform you of the intention to designate the property located at 17811 Loyalist Parkway (Rose Hall Church), in the Ward of Hillier, in the County of Prince Edward. Please see the attached Statement of Cultural Heritage Value for the property, which includes a description of the property, statement explaining the cultural heritage value of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Notice of Objection to the proposed designation(s) must be received no later than the **29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025** by registered mail or delivered to the Municipality's Clerk, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the County of Prince Edward will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,

for Michael Michaud, MCIP RPP  
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**ROSE HALL METHODIST CHURCH**  
**1874**  
**17811 Loyalist Parkway, Hillier Ward**

**INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION**

The Wesleyan Methodist Church in the hamlet of Rose Hall, built in 1874, and designed and executed in the Italianate style, is a landmark building in the community and region. It was built by prominent Prince Edward County builder Lawrence B. Lyons of Cherry Valley. A projecting vestibule with tower and bell-cast roofed belfry distinguish this rural church. The church represents the ambitions of Methodist followers in this period reflected in the expression of Italianate architecture and representative details. Church services were discontinued in 1954, but Sunday school continued until 1963. The church was later sold and is now a privately owned.

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE/STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

**Design or Physical Value**

*CRITERIA: The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative, or early example of a style, type, expression, material, or construction method.*

The Rose Hall Methodist Church has physical value as expressed in the prevailing architectural style of the era in Italianate mode. The style and details of the church represent the evolving tastes of the Methodist followers. The use of brick fabric, the projecting front tower with belfry, and the prominent location in the hamlet, are a physical expression of the Methodists' investment in the building and of the importance of this religious and social gathering place in the community.

**Historical or Associative Value**

*CRITERIA: The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, activity, organization, or institution that are significant to the community.*

The Rose Hall Methodist Church has historical and associative value because of its direct association with the denomination's religious worship and also with a catastrophic community event. After the loss of the earlier frame church to fire, the residents of Rose Hall and the

surrounding community rallied to build a new church in 1874. The new church became an important focal point for the community and became a hub of activity, giving the community a common ground for work, worship, and entertainment.

*CRITERIA: The property has historical value or associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.*

The building has historical value because of its visual prominence and information about the community's investment in its rebuilding contribute to an understanding of the importance of the Methodist religion and the success of its followers in this rural community.

*CRITERIA: The property has historical value or associative value because it demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.*

The church was built by a prominent Prince Edward County contractor, designer, and church builder, Lawrence B. Lyons from Cherry Valley. The importance of the building is reflected in the use of brick, shipped by train from Cooksville to Trenton, and hauled by local farmers from Trenton to Rose Hall with teams of horses and wagons. Lyons's design features the bell-cast roof form of the Second Empire style, and Italianate details in the windows and doors. The Italianate details include the motif of a circle above two rounded arches, inside a round arch window and also in the semi-circular transom light located over the surviving original Italianate-style, double, wood-paneled front doors. Lyons extends the circle theme to the three circular windows in the belfry, with a centre circle punctuating the quad sectioning. The entablature on the main block and at top and bottom of the belfry enclosure articulates the form of the building. Also of note are the limestone windowsills and the details in the brick masonry, such as the recessed brick window openings with a compound brick arch, and the raised label that outlines the round brick arch over each window opening and front door, and terminates with a decorative label stop at each end, as well as the corners of the tower, above the stone band, which are articulated through projection.

## **Contextual Value**

*CRITERIA: The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining, or supporting the character of an area.*

As the most prominent building in the hamlet, the Rose Hall Methodist Church has contextual value as a symbol of faith and social connection, which are important in defining the character of the hamlet and surrounding rural community.

*CRITERIA: The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually, or historically linked to its surroundings.*

The hamlet of Rose Hall, originally named Raynor's Mills and later Hampsteadville, was one of the earliest mill sites in Prince Edward County; and through the nineteenth century, it grew to be a thriving hamlet. The Rose Hall Methodist Church has contextual value because it survives as a visible example of this once-vibrant economy and is historically linked to the development of religious life in the hamlet.

*CRITERIA: The property has contextual value because it is a landmark.*

The Rose Hall Methodist church, an ambitious structure for a rural church, holds a dominating presence on the main thoroughfare, commanding attention as an important institutional building in the hamlet.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Key elements that contribute to the cultural heritage value include:

- Massing of the main block and tower, from the aspect of the street and including the north, east (facing street), and west elevations.
- All brick fabric and brick masonry details, including the recessed brick window openings, the labels and label stops, and the projecting brick masonry corners in the upper tower.
- The date stone.
- The stone band on tower above the date stone.
- Italianate windows in the main church block and in the tower above the concrete stone band, and the Italianate semi-circular transom light above the front doors.
- The belfry enclosure, including the mansard slope and all circular windows
- The bell-cast roof over the belfry enclosure
- The entablature on the main block and at top and bottom of the belfry enclosure.
- Limestone window sills.
- The original Italianate-style, double, wood-paneled front doors.

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