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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

March 12, 2025

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
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Re: Request for Amendment to By-law 27-92
Knox Presbyterian Church, Lot 581, Plan 955, 67 Main Street West,
Village of Norwich, Township of Norwich, County of Oxford

As per the owners request to amend By-law 27-92, A by-law to designate the Knox Presbyterian Church as being of architectural or historical value or interest, and pursuant to Section 30.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act, Notice of Intention to Amend the By-law is served. The Notice will be placed in the Tillsonburg & Norfolk News and The Oxford Review on March 13, 2025. A copy of the Notice of Intention to Amend By-law is enclosed for your information and consideration.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely

Kimberley Armstrong
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Enclosure

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND A BY-LAW
UNDER SECTION 30.1(1) OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

The Township of Norwich Council has received a request to amend the designation by-law from the owner of property located at Lot 581, Plan 955 (Village of Norwich) and municipally known as 67 Main Street West, Norwich, Township of Norwich.

Purpose and Effect of Amendment

Upon receipt of a recommendation from the Municipal Heritage Committee, Township of Norwich Council has approved proceeding to amend the by-law to facilitate the conversion of the former Knox Presbyterian Church to a licensed Child Care Centre. The proposed changes will be sympathetic to and maintain most of the identified attributes in the original Notice of Intention to Designate.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Knox Presbyterian Church is a fine example of a Gothic Revival style of architecture.

Description of Heritage Attributes

- The front façade is ornamented with four brick buttresses and crenellated brickwork below the eaves
- Each side of the façade form gothic arches over the main doors
- Elaborate wooden and brick surrounds incorporate a rope design, labelled with relief carvings of wooden leaf motifs
- Double trefoil lancet windows capped with a cruciform window of coloured glass and a gothic brick surround are located above the front doors
- The same design trefoil lancet windows are located on the sides of the building between five buttresses.
- The centre panel of the front façade, at ground level, contains four narrow double hung windows with a common sill and joined gothic surrounds.
- Above is an elaborate window formed of a pair of the gothic side windows surmounted by a coloured glass surround.
- Window detail, shape and coloured glass to be preserved (plain glass window sections to be replaced with updated)
- Between these two central windows is a row of ornamental brick design
- Some elm pews from the original 1879 church to be displayed within the structure.

Contextual Value

This building represents a historical focal point in the community. The first congregation was established in 1849 and the present church was built in 1879. This building was continuously used as a place of worship for 145 years which attests to the strength of the congregation.

Further information respecting the proposed amendment is available at the Township of Norwich office located at: 285767 Airport Road or by contacting the undersigned.

Anyone wishing to object to the amendment shall outline the reasons within a Notice of Objection. Such objection shall be submitted no later than noon on Monday April 14, 2025, to the undersigned.

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