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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

April 28, 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 Passing of an Amending By-law is served. The Notice will be placed in the Tillsonburg & Norfolk News and The Oxford Review on May 1, 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

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## **Notice of Passing of a Heritage Designation By-law Amendment**

Dated: May 1, 2025

As per Section 30.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Norwich passed By-law No. 18-2025 during its regular meeting held April 22, 2025. This By-law amends the designation of the structure known as the Knox Presbyterian Church located at Lot 581, Plan 955 (former Village of Norwich) municipally known as 67 Main Street West, Norwich, Ontario.

The amendment of By-law 27-92, "A By-law to designate the Knox Presbyterian Church as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest", is to facilitate conversion of a church into a Child Care Facility while maintaining the heritage designation on the structure, and: to revise the language of the By-law to make it consistent with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Take Notice that any person or public body may, not later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2025, appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of The Township of Norwich a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee as prescribed under the Ontario Land Tribunal Act. Further information and the appellant form can be found at: <https://olt.gov.on.ca/tribunals/crb/about-the-crb/>

Further information regarding this amendment is available from the Township of Norwich. Any inquiries may be directed to Kimberley Armstrong, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk at 519-667-2000 ext. 7614 or [karmstrong@norwich.ca](mailto:karmstrong@norwich.ca)



The Corporation of the Township of Norwich

**By-law Number 18-2025**

**Being a By-law to Amend By-law 27-92. Being a By-law to Designate the Property known Municipally as the Knox Presbyterian Church, Lot 581, Plan 955 former Village of Norwich, as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest**

WHEREAS Section 30.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, as amended authorizes the Council of a municipality to amend a by-law designating property made under Section 29 of the OHA to: clarify or correct the statement explaining the properties cultural heritage value or interest or the description of the property's heritage attributes: correct the legal description of the property; or otherwise revise the language of the by-law to make it consistent with the requirement of the OHA or the Regulations;

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Norwich on April 28, 1992 passed By-law 27-92 being a By-law to Designate the Knox Presbyterian Church as being of Architectural and Historical Value or Interest;

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Norwich on February 25, 2025, after consultation with the Municipal Heritage Committee, approved a proposal to amend By-law 27-92 to facilitate conversion of a Church into a Child Care Facility while maintaining the heritage designation on the structure, and: to revise the language of the by-law to make it consistent with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Norwich on February 25, 2025, pursuant to the requirements of Subsection 30.1(4) of the OHA also authorize a Notice of Council's intention to amend By-law 27-92 to be served on the owners of the lands located at: 67 Main Street West, Norwich and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust with an explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed amendment and an indication that the owner may, within 30 days of receiving the Notice, may file a notice of objection to the amendment with Clerk setting out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts;

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed amendment was filed with the Clerk on or before April 14, 2025;

WHEREAS pursuant to Subsection 30.1(7) of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of the Township of Norwich may now pass the proposed amending by-law;

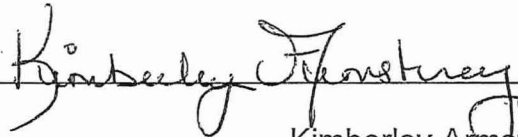
NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of The Township of Norwich hereby enacts as follows:

1. That By-law 27-92 be amended by adding Schedule A – Description of Lands - attached hereto.
2. That By-law 27-92 be amended by adding Schedule B – Reasons for Designation - attached hereto
3. That a copy of the by-law be registered against the property affected in the proper land registry office.
4. That the Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
5. That this by-law shall be effective upon the passing thereof.

Read a First, Second and Third Time and Finally Passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of April, 2025.



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Mayor  
Jim Palmer



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Clerk  
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## Schedule "A"

### Description of Lands

In the Township of Norwich, County of Oxford being composed of Lot 581, Plan 955, former Village of Norwich and municipally known as 67 Main Street West, Village of Norwich, Township of Norwich, Province of Ontario.

## Schedule "B"

### Description of Property: 67 Main Street West, Norwich

The property is located on the south side of Main Street West, between Church Street and Avery's Lane. The property contains the structure known as the Knox Presbyterian Church.

### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The first congregation was established in 1849 and the present Church was built in 1879. The church was built of white clay brick with a gable end design and many fine details.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

- Front façade ornamented with four brick buttresses and crenellated brickwork beneath the eaves
- Two main doors located at each side of the façade form gothic arches
- Elaborate wooden and brick surrounds incorporate a rope design, labelled with relief carvings of wooden leaf motifs
- Double trefoil lancet windows capped with cruciform window of coloured glass and a gothic brick surround are located above the doors. These are the same as four second story side windows which are located between five buttresses. (all existing plain or frosted windows to be updated while maintaining the existing size and shape. All stained glass features are to be maintained)
- The centre panel of the front façade on the ground level contains four arrow double hung windows with a common sill and joined gothic surround
- Above the centre panel of the front façade is an elaborate window formed of a pair of the gothic side windows surmounted by a coloured glass surround.
- Between the two central windows is a row of ornamental brick design
- Plain elm church pews (some pews to be incorporated into the design)

### Contextual Value

This building represents a historical focal point for the community. Some local families have worshiped here for multiple generations.

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