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The Corporation of the

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Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
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Re: Notice of Passing By-Law 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 April 14th 2025 Council Meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge passed and enacted By-law 2025-022 which designated the real property at 14800 Regional Road 1, Township of Uxbridge, known as the Udora United Church, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, for its cultural heritage value and interest.

Attached to this letter you will find a copy of By-law 2025-022, which will be registered against the property following a 30 day appeal period after the passing of the by-law is published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Township of Uxbridge.

Dated at the Township of Uxbridge this 30th day of April, 2025

Debbie Leroux
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Township of Uxbridge

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BY-LAW NO. 2025-022

OF

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE UDORA UNITED CHURCH (14800 REGIONAL ROAD 1) TO BE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT (R.S.O. 1990, 0.18)

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council has consulted with the Heritage Uxbridge Committee and has approved the designation of the Udora United Church located at 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) (Plan 83) on November 11, 2024;

AND WHEREAS a notice of intention to designate the building was published in the Uxbridge Cosmos which is a newspaper having general circulation in the Township of Uxbridge, on February 6, 2025;

AND WHEREAS a notice of intention to designate the building was served on the owner of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust, on February 6, 2025;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served to the Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for the designation are set out in Schedule "A" hereto;

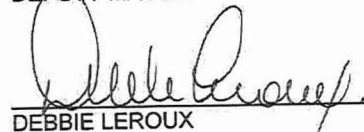
NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE HEREBY ENACTS A BY-LAW AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

Udora United Church
14800 Regional Road 1, legally described as
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
Regional Municipality of Durham
2. AND THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office and cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the land described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and on the Ontario Heritage Trust.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 14th day of April, 2025.


ZED PICKERING
DEPUTY MAYOR


DEBBIE LEROUX
CLERK

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SCHEDULE 'A' **TO BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-022**

Statement of Significance

Udora United Church

14800 Regional Road 1, Uxbridge Ontario

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IN ST325, ST4509; SECONDLY: PART LOT 34 CONCESSION 6 SCOTT, PART 22
40R23286 TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE
c.1850**

The Udora United Church is recommended for designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

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.

Historical and Associative Value

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.

Design and Physical Value

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 altar 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 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.

Contextual Value

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.

Significant Heritage Attributes to be Conserved

Exterior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Udora United Church include:

- Overall form of the building, linear massing with a vestibule, hall, and recessed altar;
- Frame construction, steep pitched gable roofs, short overhanging eaves, simple frieze board and white horizontal siding;
- Gothic style windows with Lancet Arch. 12-over-12 paned single hung windows with coloured elongated diamond panes in the arch;
- Multi coloured stained glass windows in the east exterior wall and memorial mural window in the west exterior wall of the church;
- Fieldstone well with original bell attached.

Interior character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Udora United Church include:

- Diamond 'checkerboard' interior wall finish facing nave and wrapping into the chancel;
- Solid wood pews with gothic lancet window detailing carved into the end boards and a rose window detail carved above

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