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To: Ontario Heritage Trust
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From: Angela Buonamici, Manager of Planning

Date: August 15, 2025

RE: Revised Notice of Designation – 17811 Loyalist Parkway (Rose Hall Church), Ward of Hillier

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This letter is further to our letter dated May 8, 2025 informing you of the passing of **By-law 47-2025** to designate the property at 17811 Loyalist Parkway, known as the Rose Hall Church. Please note there was an error in the property owner's name. We are enclosing a copy of the corrected designation by-law, which includes the correct owner's name, a description of the property, statement explaining the cultural heritage value of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property. The by-law will be registered on the title of the lands.

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

Best Regards,

for Angela Buonamici, MCIP RPP
Manager of Planning
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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD

BY-LAW NO. 47-2025

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE ROSE HALL CHURCH TO BE OF CULTURAL
HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST PURSUANT TO PART IV OF THE ONTARIO
HERITAGE ACT**

(Rose Hall Church c. 1874, 17811 Loyalist Parkway)

WHEREAS pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.0.18 the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of cultural heritage value and interest;


AND WHEREAS the Built and Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee, at their November 6, 2024 meeting recommended to County Council to designate the Rose Hall Church as a property of cultural heritage value and interest;

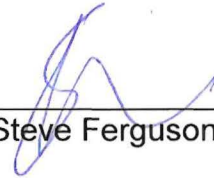
AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to designate the property known as Rose Hall Church has been published and served in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 and no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been received;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the property known as the Rose Hall Church and more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value and interest for the reasons set out in Schedule 'B' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
2. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the property, [REDACTED], and on the Ontario Heritage Trust
3. **THAT** the property be added to the Municipal Register referred to in Section 27(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.
4. **THAT** notice of this By-law be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
5. **THAT** the County Solicitor is hereby authorized to register a copy of this By-law against the real property as described in the foregoing in the Land Registry Office.
6. **THAT** the provisions of this by-law shall come into force and take effect pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.O.18, as amended.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of April, 2025.


Victoria Leskie, **CLERK**


Steve Ferguson, **MAYOR**



SCHEDULE 'A' to By-Law No. 47-2025

Property Description:

The subject lands are described as PT LT 18 CON 1 HILLIER PT 1 & 2 47R289, PT 2 47R7759; Ward 7 (Hillier), in the Municipality of the County of Prince Edward.

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SCHEDULE 'B' to By-Law No. 47-2025

**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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