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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SYDENHAM

BY-LAW NUMBER 1991-46

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE LEITH UNITED CHURCH AND A PORTION OF THE CEMETERY AT PART LOT 34, CONCESSION BROKEN FRONT, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SYDENHAM AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sydenham has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Leith United Church and a portion of the cemetery, in the Township of Sydenham, and upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the said building and portion of the cemetery and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the local newspaper having general circulation in the Township;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SYDENHAM ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

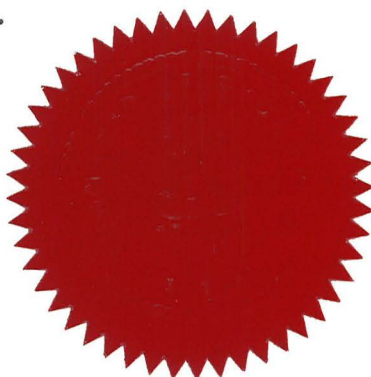
1. There is designated as being of architectural value or interest, the property known as The Leith United Church and a portion of the cemetery situated municipally at Part Lot 34, Concession Broken Front, in the Township of Sydenham, County of Grey, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto. The reasons for designation are contained in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property affected by this by-law and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of the by-law to be published in the local newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
4. This by-law shall come into force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

PASSED this 15th day of October 1991.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 15th day of October 1991.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 15th day of October 1991.

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 15th day of October 1991.



Russell M. Cuthbert
REEVE

John J. Holland
CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 1991-46

5. DESCRIPTION

FIRSTLY A part of lot 34, Concession Broken Front, in the Township of Sydenham, in the County of Grey, in the Province of Ontario, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the most southerly angle of said lot 34;

THENCE north thirty three degrees forty five minutes east a distance of 192.72 feet (two chains, ninety two links);

THENCE north fifty six degrees forty five minutes west a distance of 291.06 feet (four chains, forty one links);

THENCE south twenty five degrees west a distance of 192.72 feet (two chains, ninety two links) more or less to the southerly limit of said lot;

THENCE easterly along the last mentioned limit 291.06 feet (four chains, forty one links) more or less to the point of commencement;

As previously described in Instrument No. 83831 registered on the 16th day of July, 1964;

SECONDLY A part of lot 34, Concession Broken Front, in the Township of Sydenham, in the County of Grey, in the Province of Ontario, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point located north thirty three degrees forty five minutes east a distance of 192.72 feet (two chains, ninety two links) from the most southerly angle of said lot 34;

THENCE north fifty six degrees forty five minutes west 291.06 feet (four chains forty one links);

THENCE north twenty five degrees east, 211.86 feet (three chains twenty one links);

THENCE north seventy eight degrees east 71.28 feet (one chain eight links);

THENCE south eighteen degrees east 52.8 feet (eighty links);

THENCE south forty nine degrees east 184.8 feet (two chains, eighty links);

THENCE south thirty three degrees forty five minutes west along the front of said broken lot 244.20 feet (three chains, seventy links) to the place of beginning;

As previously described in Instrument No. 12552 registered on the 18th day of October, 1866.

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 1991-46

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Leith United Church was originally built as a Presbyterian Church by Scottish adherents of the Old Church who settled in the village of Leith in 1843. It was designed and built by James Gibson in 1865. Many of the original settlers are buried in the picturesque cemetery behind the church. Tom Thomson, Canada's leading landscape painter, is buried in the cemetery.

The building falls into the architectural tradition of chapel rather than church. It is a well proportioned brick structure with an oculus over the main entrance. The interior has all of its original woodwork which consists of box pews with doors and a carved screen as well as a birds eye maple and walnut lectern designed by cabinet maker John Ross. The ceiling has an ornate plaster roundel from which a chandelier was once suspended.

The Leith United Church and cemetery are key monuments in the heritage of Sydenham Township.