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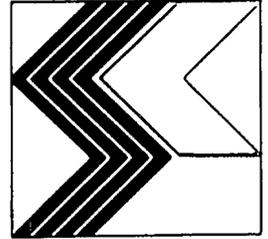
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May 14th 1991

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Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sir:

RE: By-law No. 91-153 entitled "A By-law to Designate
the Property at 95 Church Street to be of Historic
or Architectural value or interest"
File: 10.64.131

The Council of the City of St. Catharines at its meeting of May 13th 1991,
passed the above-noted by-law.

The legal description of 95 Church Street, known as First United Church,
is Part Lot 538, Corporation Plan No. 2. By-law No. 91-153 was passed
for the purpose of preserving the Church proper.

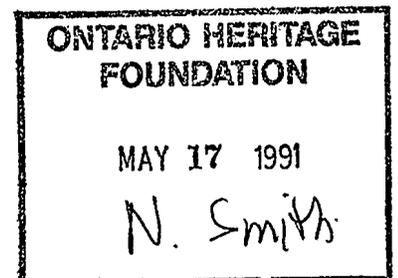
In giving notice to the Foundation pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario
Heritage Act, I am enclosing a copy of the public notice to be published in the
St. Catharines Standard and a copy of By-law No. 91-153.

Thomas A. W. Derreck
City Clerk

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Enclosures

c.c. Mr. Kevin Blozowski, Heritage Planner
Mr. Denis Squires, Assistant City Solicitor



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THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ITS CITIZENS

PASSING OF BY LAW NO. 91-153

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines on the 13th day of May, 1991, passed By-law No. 91-153 to designate as property of historic or architectural value or interest, under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, the lands and buildings described as follows:

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

(95 Church Street, Part Lot 538, Corporation Plan No. 2)

The following is a short statement for the reasons for designation:

The designation of the First United Church, 95 Church Street, St. Catharines, Ontario, is for the purpose of preserving the Church proper.



Thomas A. W. Derréck
City Clerk
Municipal Buildings
P. O. Box 3012
St. Catharines, Ontario
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Dated this 25th day of May, 1991

CERTIFIED COPY

CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW NO. 91-153

A By-law to designate the property at 95 Church Street to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a property within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS property under the Ontario Heritage Act means real property and includes all buildings or structures thereon;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines has caused to be served upon the owner of the property described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as 95 Church Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality.

AND WHEREAS the proposed designation is for the purpose of preserving the Church proper on the property for the reasons for designation set out in Schedule "B" hereto;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES enacts as follows:

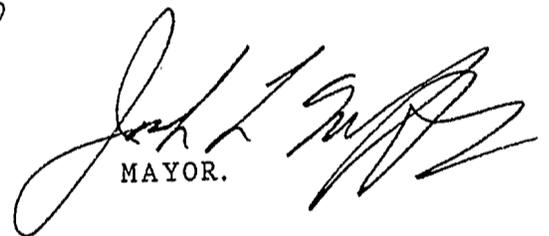
1. The property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, known as 95 Church Street, is hereby designated to be of historic or architectural value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" hereto.

2. The City 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 City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of St. Catharines.

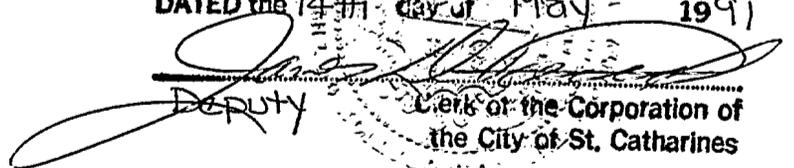
Read a first and second time this 13th day of May 1991.
Read a third time and passed this 13th day of May 1991.


CLERK


MAYOR.

CERTIFIED under the Hand of the Clerk and the Seal of the CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES to be a TRUE COPY of By-law 91-153 of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

DATED the 14th day of May - 1991


DEPUTY Clerk of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

SCHEDULE "A"

Lot 538, Corporation Plan No. 2, City of St. Catharines, Regional Municipality of Niagara (formerly County of Lincoln) designated as Part 1 on Plan 30R-4273.

SAVING AND EXCEPTING thereout and therefrom part of said Lot 538, Corporation Plan No. 2, expropriated by By-law No. 63-105 of The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines registered as Instrument No. 93255 for road widening purposes and more particularly described as follows:

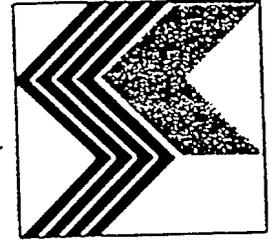
COMMENCING at the most easterly angle of said Lot 538;

THENCE south 34 degrees 37 minutes west along the easterly limit of said Lot 538, being also the westerly limit of Church Street, a distance of 6.0 feet to a point;

THENCE north, 10 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds west a distance of 8.46 feet more or less to a point in the northerly limit of said Lot 538, distant 6.0 feet measured north 55 degrees 40 minutes west from the most easterly angle of said lot;

THENCE south 55 degrees 40 minutes east 6.0 feet more or less to the point of commencement.

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F I R S T U N I T E D C H U R C H

ADDRESS: 95 Church Street

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (a) Present Plan 2. Pt. Lot 538
(b) Past- Lot 18, Conc.6, Cor-
antham.

BUILT: (opened 1878)

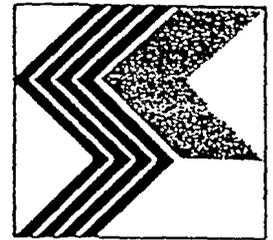
ARCHITECT: Johnson Rae

BUILDER: Samuel G. Dolson

ORIGINAL OWNER AND
USE: same

PREVIOUS OWNER OF
PROPERTY AND USE: First Presbyterian Church

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SIGNIFICANCE

The First United Church owes its Beginning to Oliver Phelps, an associate of Hamilton Merritt and a major contractor on the First Welland Canal.

The Church's first regular meetings were held at Oliver Phelps' Red Mills or Phoenix Mills, on Geneva Street, which no longer exists.

The First Presbyterian Church, as it was known then, held their meetings in their own church at the present site in 1834.

In 1876, this church was torn down to make way for the present larger church which opened for service in 1878.

The First Presbyterian Church of St. Catharines was constituted by Rev. A.K. Buell from the Presbytery of Cayuga in the state of New York in 1831. Buell was the first minister and Oliver Phelps and James Block were the first Elders.

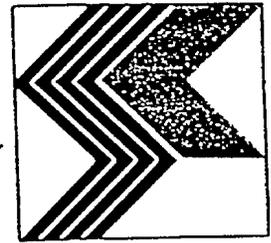
The congregation for many years was a part of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and a member of the Buffalo Presbytery until 1924 when it joined the Hamilton Presbytery of The Canadian Presbyterian Church of Canada. In 1925 entered the United Church of Canada.

DESCRIPTION

The main church is a rectangular red brick building. An off set addition at the side contains the church hall and offices and nursery. And Sunday Schools.

The gothic style was rejected as was the use of stone in the use of brick rounded arched romanesque styled Romanesque style.

The walls are decorated with many recessed brick panels. A very delicate corbelled brick frieze highlights soffits and gable ends. Soffits are closed.



2.

Four very detailed buttresses rise up as towers. Each supports a small metal roofed spire.

A very ornate decorative brick chimney flanks each side of the Church Proper.

Stone accents the chimneys, buttresses and front entrance.

The front gables are trimmed with a verge which projects and a frieze. There is also a stone cap on the larger front gable.

Two thicker brick buttresses again with stone accents flank the main front gable.

The main windows are semi-circular as per the romanesque style, and have radiating arch voussoirs (brick trim). All the windows are stained glass and portray the stations of the cross.

The feature front window is a 12 petal rose window of stained glass.

The multiple main wood doors are segmental in shape (top curved). They each contain a recessed panel outlined by wood trim.

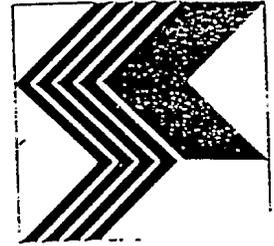
A semi circular stained glass window with a radiating fan pattern is located over each door.

The centre door is set in a projecting front parapet with its own projecting gable roof over it.

The steps leading up to these doors are straight with railings and a stoop.

The main roof is a high gable with slate tiles.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Church Proper should be preserved for future generations through historical designation for the following reasons:
 - a. Architecturally the Church Proper is a fine and rare example of brick romanesque architecture.
 - b. The building has been well maintained and requires no major restorations for its preservation.
 - c. The church congregation has proven its viability and roots back to 1834. There is evidence that this support and church maintenance will continue.
2. There are three structures on the property but would recommend only the Church Proper be designated at this time.