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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O 1990 CHAPTER O.18
TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
- 13523 MCCOWAN ROAD (Lemonville Church) -**

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville intends to designate the building and lands known as 13523 McCowan Road (Lemonville Church) under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

Lemonville United Church is considered to be the oldest house of worship within Whitchurch-Stouffville that is still in regular use. The initial services of the Lemonville Methodist Church began in 1854 within a frame school house. In 1856, the original church building was constructed near the present site. In 1869, the church was constructed at the present location. The cemetery has grave inscriptions from as early as 1857, implying it existed at the time of the original 1856 church structure.

In 1954, the Lemonville Church closed due to mounting repair costs and inability to pay the Minister's salary. Still, members of the Women's Association continued their monthly meetings and student ministers continued to visit during the summer. Despite the grave conditions of the church, Marion Rae campaigned the community for its re-opening. In 1957, Marion organized the 1st formal service since the church's closure. In 1964, the necessary renovations took place and since then the congregation members have continued to sustain its operations.

HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES:

- Site of only regular opportunity for locals to socialize and discuss matters of interest. The church continues to serve as the core social, communal and religious centre for local residents of Lemonville
- Cemetery
- Solid timber and unwanted granite boulders from local farm fields form the basement walls
- Typical frame construction built by local pioneers

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available for viewing from the Development Services Counter.

Notice of an objection to the proposed designation may be served to the address below within 30 days of the notice of intention to designate (December 2, 2016). The notice must set out the reason(s) for the objection, and all relevant facts.

Attention: Isa James, Manager of Planning (A)
111 Sandiford Drive
Stouffville, ON L4A 0Z8

If no objections are filed with the municipality within 30 days after the date of the publication of notice in the newspaper, Council can proceed to pass a bylaw designating the property.

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 27th day of October, 2016.

Isa James, B. Arch., MCIP, RPP
Acting Manager of Planning