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June 28, 2016

Attn: Provincial Heritage Registrar
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: Notice of Passing and By-law 16-025
Heritage Designation of Sainte-Croix Church
327 Rue Lafontaine Road West
Part of the North Half of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 15
File: '15/R01 (DS #49676) – Roll No. 10-056-00**

Please find enclosed for your records a copy of the Notice of Intention to Designate and the Notice of Passing of Heritage Designation By-law 16-025 Regarding Sainte-Croix Church. Also enclosed is a certified copy of By-law 16-025.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TINY

Shawn Persaud, BA, MCIP, RPP,
Manager of Planning & Development

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Encl.



**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOTS 17 AND 18, CONCESSION 15
AS IN OS87514, OS91171, TI7969 EXCEPT RO480571
SAINTE-CROIX CHURCH**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Tiny on November 30th, 2015 resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate the Church on the property legally described as the Part of the North Half of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 15 as in OS87514, OS91171, TI7969 Except RO480571, Township of Tiny, County of Simcoe, having the municipal address of 327 Rue Lafontaine Road West and known as the Sainte-Croix Church, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. o. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Part of the North Half of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 15 as in OS87514, OS91171, TI7969 Except RO480571, Township of Tiny, County of Simcoe, having the municipal address of 327 Rue Lafontaine Road West and known as the Sainte-Croix Church.

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

The Sainte-Croix Church was born of humble beginnings and community needs in the early 1850's. Parishioners in the village of Sainte-Croix, later known as Lafontaine, had to travel to Penetanguishene to fulfill their spiritual needs. In 1850, Father Amable Charest began celebrating mass at a residential house on the 16th Concession. The Mission of Sainte-Croix was founded in the same year.

Sainte-Croix Church, through its affiliation with Saint Patrick's Church in Perkinsfield traces its roots right back to the earliest introduction of Christianity to First Nations residents of the large village of Ossossane.

The first Church was a small wooden structure made of squared off logs constructed in 1856. The wooden logs were chosen as a result of their vast availability. The Church, Exaltation de la Sainte-Croix, was dedicated after the original name of the village of Lafontaine. The first pastor arrived in 1861, Reverend Etienne Gibra. Reverend Gibra would be credited with enlarging the small wooden Church by thirty feet and adding a sacristy.

Between 1873 and 1896 was a period of immense construction for the Sainte-Croix Church. Father Michel arrived in 1872 and used some of his own money in 1873 to build a rectory. In 1874, construction on the new Church began. It was being built behind the old one, explaining why the current Eglise Sainte-Croix sits so far back from the road. The new Church was opened in 1877 and had cost roughly \$18,000.00 to build. All of the materials used in the construction of the Church came from the local area. Louis Thenasse, a parishioner, fired bricks made from the clay on his farm. Local trees and fieldstones were also used in the construction.

The Sainte-Croix Church has remained a vital part of the community ever since.

DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The exterior of the Sainte-Croix Church is an example of late nineteenth century brickwork. In addition, the bricks were made locally by the parishioners, demonstrating the level of community involvement with the Church.

The interior of the Church reflects the quality and availability of local sawmills and woodworkers.

The steeple is of particular heritage interest due to its symmetrical design and visual presence in the village of Lafontaine.

EXCLUSIONS FROM THE DESIGNATION

The sacred space of the building shall be excluded from the provisions of the heritage designation by-law. For the purposes of the by-law, "sacred space" shall mean the portion or portions of the religious heritage building where worship occurs and liturgical elements are present.

OBJECTIONS

As per the *Ontario Heritage Act*, any person may, within thirty (30) days of the posting of this Notice, present Notice of Objection to the proposed designation. All Notices of Objection must be presented in writing to the Township Clerk via mail or delivery to the Township Office, no later than January 25th, 2016. Notices of Objection must include a statement of the reasons for objection, as well as any relevant facts. Notices of Objection may be directed to: Doug Luker, CAO/Clerk, Township of Tiny, 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, Ontario L0L 2J0.

Information regarding the proposed designation can be obtained by contacting Shawn Persaud, Manager of Planning & Development at 705-526-4204 or spersaud@tiny.ca.