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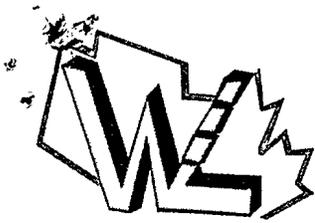


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# TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN

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CONSERVATION REVIEW BOARD

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Designation By-law 99-01

I previously advised that on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1999, West Lincoln Council gave three readings and approved By-law No. 99-01 being "A By-law to designate property known municipally as Part of Lot 18, Concession 7, 9353 Twenty Road, R.R.#1, Smithville, Ontario, Township of West Lincoln as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest."

In accordance with Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended, a certified true copy of By-law No. 99-01 was sent to you.

When the Township Solicitors attempted to register By-law 99-01, it was discovered through old records, there was additional description of the lands which needed to be added to the By-law.

The by-law was redrafted to reflect this additional information and has been registered at the Registry Office in St. Catharines.

A certified copy of the redrafted By-law 99-01 is attached for your records.

Should you require further information or clarification in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly

  
Edith Packham

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Pc: Ker United Church  
c/o Ms. Wendy Veldman  
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West Lincoln Heritage Committee

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Additional Property Identifier(s) and/or Other Information

**SCHEDULE "A"**

Part Lot 18, Concession 7, Township of West Lincoln, Regional Municipality of Niagara, (formerly Township of Caistor, County of Lincoln) and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the southeast angle of that part of said Lot No. 18, Concession 7, that lies on the north side of the road according to George A. Balls survey, which said angle is about two chains or a little upwards to the westward of the present line run by Jacob Misener where a stake is planted;

THENCE north three chains and twenty-six links;

THENCE south eighty minutes west five chains and eighty links;

THENCE south to the highway fifty links more or less;

THENCE in an easterly direction along said highway to the place of beginning.

Lands as described as Instrument No. 1287 (1875).

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN

BY-LAW NO. 99-01

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS PART OF LOT 18, CONCESSION 7, 9353 TWENTY ROAD, R.R. #1, SMITHVILLE, ONTARIO, TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18 as amended, 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 historic value or interest; and

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln has caused to be served on the lands and premises at Part Lot 18, Concession 7, Township of West Lincoln, Regional Municipality of Niagara (formerly Township of Caistor, County of Lincoln), 9353 Twenty Road, R.R. #1, Smithville, Ontario, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in the newspaper having general circulation on the municipality; and

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 WEST LINCOLN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property at Part Lot 18, Concession 7, Township of West Lincoln, Regional Municipality of Niagara (formerly Township of Caistor, County of Lincoln), 9353 Twenty Road, R.R. #1, Smithville, Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule "A" 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" in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published once in the newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 1999.

*Lorne K. Nelson*  
Lorne K. Nelson  
Mayor

*Salter Hayden*  
Salter Hayden  
Clerk

READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THE 18TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1999.

*Lorne K. Nelson*  
Lorne K. Nelson  
Mayor

*Salter Hayden*  
Salter Hayden  
Clerk

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY  
*Edith A. Beckman*  
DEPUTY CLERK, Township of West Lincoln

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BY-LAW NO. 99-01

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN  
MUNICIPALLY AS PART OF LOT 18, CONCESSION 7, 9353  
TWENTY ROAD, R.R. #1, SMITHVILLE, ONTARIO, TOWNSHIP  
OF WEST LINCOLN AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR  
HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed the 18th day of January, 1999.

CLERK

**SCHEDULE 'A'**  
TO BY-LAW 99-01  
**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**

To designate only that portion of Part of Lot 18, Concession 7, 9353 Twenty Road, R.R.#1, Smithville, Ontario, Township of West Lincoln, as outlined in attached photographs.

**History**

Built in 1900, Ker United Church continues to be an active and essential part of community life. Although the congregation is 168 years old, the present building is the second structure built on this site. The cemetery, which is located to the west of the building, contains a wide variety of grave markers and several trees that compliment the church building. North of the church is the vault which was built in 1881 and is barely visible from the parking area located to the east of the church.

Ker United Church is historically important to the community for several reasons. The land for the church building and burial ground located at Part Lot 18, Concession 7, was donated by David Snyder in 1845 to build a Wesleyan Methodist Church. The land is described as "commencing at the SE angle of Pt. Lot 18, 7<sup>th</sup> Concession, that lies on the N side of the road according to George Balls Survey, said angle being 2 chains where a stake is planted. Then N 3 chains and 26 links. Then S 80 minutes, next five chains and 80 links. Then south of the highway 50 links more or less."

The trustees were Ezra Snyder, Elija Snyder and Jacob Ker. It was deemed necessary in 1883 to appoint four more trustees for the burying ground. The new trustees were James Harvey Buckbee, Thomas Ker, John Tweedle and James Ker. In 1883 James Harvey Buckbee, James Ker, Thomas Ker and Courtland White were given permission to build a vault on the burying ground. "Said parties ... shall have the right of way at anytime and at all times as accession, necessity or convenience may require" "and that same privileges are hereby granted to the heirs, descendents and executors of the above named parties so long as they may agree among themselves in the joint possession of said vault. (It is interesting to note that there is a Buckbee vault located in the Smithville United Church cemetery).

In 1862 the first church building was built, replacing a log and frame meeting house built in 1843. The present building was built in 1900. Much of the work was done by holding "work bees". Those on the building committee were Joseph Coon, Israel Marshall, James Ker and Thomas Bush. Descendants of the Coon, Marshall and Bush families still attend Ker United Church.

**Architectural**

The following architectural features of the Church interior, the exterior and the burial vault are to be included in the designation.

**Exterior**

Ker Church is a two-storey, solid brick, rectangular plan building. The roof type is hip and has a decorated parapet on the front facade. Currently, asphalt shingles protect the roof, and under the eaves are decorative brackets. The foundation is natural fieldstone, quarried from the nearby Twenty Mile Creek. The only exterior changes are the utility shed replacing the wood shed approximately 50 years ago and the original chimney is gone.

The front facade features a beautiful stained glass rose window over the front doors which have been replaced and a date stone with the inscription "Erected AD 1862, Rebuilt A.D. 1900. The windows in the sanctuary are double hung, arch-headed with stained glass. These windows were beautifully restored several years ago using original materials. The basement windows are double hung, 1/1. Several panes on the east side of the church have been replaced.

**Vault:**

The vault was built in 1881 into the creek bank. To reach the entrance there are curved stairways on either side, made of stone probably from the creek bed. The front of the vault is also made of the same stone.

It is a very peaceful setting and is the final resting place for the Buckbee, Ker and White families. The last interment was approximately 20 years ago.

**Interior**

**Entry:**

The entrance to the church is through double doors. To the left and right are staircases leading into the sanctuary. The ceiling and plaster are original except where replaced with paneling going up each staircase. The railings are original, but the left one on the west side is missing.

**Sanctuary:**

The sanctuary consists of eleven rows of pews with a centre aisle. The floor slopes from the back to the front and drops about 1' for a better view of the pulpit and choir loft. The floor, made of narrow pine boards, is original and has been refinished. The plaster and wainscoting are all original. The chair rail has been repaired to its original state. Hydro came in 1927 replacing carbide lamps and the lighting fixtures are the same ones installed at that time. The ceiling is also Georgia Pine and at one time held gas heaters. These have been removed and the holes covered over.

To the left and right of the choir loft are two doors with plaster arches over each door leading to the basement and attic stairs. Each landing also contain a window looking to the choir loft. The landing on the right side contains the door to the choir loft. All the doors, windows, trim and hardware are original. The flooring is the same as the sanctuary.

**Basement:**

The whole basement is not to be designated, just the main room and the two classrooms on either side of the entry. The two classrooms have panel doors one that swings open and the other three fold. The plaster on the walls is original but paneling was used as wainscoting to repair below the windows. The baseboard and window sills are original. The ceiling is the same as the entry and Sanctuary, Georgia Pine. The floor is carpeted, but the original pine floor is underneath.

Ker United Church



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