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THE CITY OF WINDSOR

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

VALERIE CRITCHLEY
CITY CLERK

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER
TO OUR FILE NUMBER **MBA/10446**

REGISTERED MAIL



February 3, 2010

Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide St. E., 3rd Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Designation of 2895 Seminole Street

Council, for the Corporation of the City of Windsor, at its meeting held January 11, 2010 passed By-law Number 7-2010 to designate **2895 Seminole Street** as a property of architectural and/or historic significance under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

- * A copy of the by-law outlining the reasons for designation is **attached**. Notice of the designating By-law will be published in the Windsor Star on Saturday, February 6, 2010.

Yours very truly,

Steve Vlachodimos

Manager of Council & Committee Services / Deputy Clerk

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attachments

Properties

PIN 01127 - 0355 LT
Description PT LT 37 PL 784 SANDWICH EAST; PT ST JOSEPH AV PL 784 SANDWICH EAST; PT REAUME RD PL 784 SANDWICH EAST AS IN R122224; WINDSOR
Address 2895 SEMINOLE ST
 WINDSOR

Applicant(s)

This Order/By-law affects the selected PINs.

Name THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Address for Service OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
 350 City Hall Square West
 Windsor, ON N9A 6S1

This document is being authorized by a municipal corporation by Eddie Francis, Mayor and Steve Vlachodimis, Deputy Clerk pursuant to Council Motion M300-2009.

This document is not authorized under Power of Attorney by this party.

Statements

This application is based on the Municipality By-Law No. 7-2010 dated 2010/01/11.

Schedule: See Schedules

Signed By

Janis Lynn Bjorkquist 400 City Hall Square East, Suite 201 acting for Applicant(s) Signed 2010 01 19
 Windsor
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Tel 5192556548
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I have the authority to sign and register the document on behalf of the Applicant(s).

Submitted By

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Fees/Taxes/Payment

Statutory Registration Fee \$60.00
Total Paid \$60.00

File Number

Applicant Client File Number: HER3800 BL 7-2010 2895 SEMINOLE

BY - LAW NUMBER 7-2010

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE LANDS AND PREMISES SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF WINDSOR, MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 2895 SEMINOLE STREET, TO BE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18, AS AMENDED

Passed the 11th day of January, 2010.

WHEREAS by virtue of the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, as amended, the Council of a municipality may, by by-law, designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

AND WHEREAS upon consideration of the recommendation of the Windsor Heritage Committee, The Corporation of the City of Windsor deems it desirable and expedient to designate the lands municipally known as 2895 Seminole Street, more particularly described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law (the subject lands), to be of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons stated in Schedule "B" annexed hereto and forming part of this by-law.

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the subject lands, was served on the owner(s) of the said subject lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and such notice was published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the Notice of Intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Windsor enacts as follows:

1. That the lands municipally known as 2895 Seminole Street, more particularly described in said Schedule "A" annexed hereto, be and the same is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons stated in said Schedule "B" annexed hereto.
2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect after the final passing thereof on the day upon which it is electronically registered in the Land Registry Office for the County of Essex (No. 12).



EDDIE FRANCIS, MAYOR



D / CLERK

First Reading - January 11, 2010
Second Reading - January 11, 2010
Third Reading - January 11, 2010

SCHEDULE "A"

Part Lot 37, Plan 784 Sandwich East; Part St. Joseph Avenue Plan 784 Sandwich East; Part
Reaume Road, Plan 784 Sandwich East as in R122224; Windsor

P.I.N. 01127-0355 LT

2895 Seminole Street
City of Windsor, County of Essex

SCHEDULE "B"

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC PLACE

The Descent of the Holy Ghost Romanian Orthodox Church at the intersection of Seminole Street and Drouillard Road, and next to a cemetery of another denomination. The church was built in 1934, and has been in continuous use.

HISTORICAL VALUE

In 1933, church members mainly from the Bucovina area of northern Romania elected a committee to form a new congregation in order to observe the "Old Calendar" (Julian) for holy days within the church year. According to church history, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baby (of the early Sandwich family) donated the land for the current location to the new Holy Ghost congregation. The first church services in the partially completed building were held in 1934.

DESIGN VALUE

The most prominent design feature of this one-storey, orange-red-brick church are the five domes – two onion-shaped and three with faceted cones. All domes are topped with crosses, with stained glass in the colours of the Romanian flag; there are also small concrete crosses above two parapet corners. The overall design is symmetrical. The main entrance faces west to the street corner; it includes a round arched canopy and a pair of original wood doors with inserted crosses, and is under a three-storey tower with the tallest dome. East of the doorway tower is a parapet wall that descends with scalloped caps above the sloped roofline. The rectangular main body of the building has an east-west ridge, with an onion dome at its centre. Conical domes top small curved extensions north and south, and a half-round east end has a small onion dome at its peak. All the windows have Gothic-pointed arches; between window sets, on the sides there are vertical ribs of brick. Under the eaves are curved wood braces.

The overall building style is a simplified Gothic Revival, with Orthodox traditional domes added. It was built by skilled crafts people in the church. The designer is not indicated in church records, but it is presumed that it was by a member or someone familiar with design conventions of the denomination.

Interior features that contribute to the architectural importance:

The interior features traditional Orthodox elements in a Byzantine style. It is in the shape of a cross, with the altar on a platform at the east end (under the curved section); the north and south extensions (curved sides) form alcoves with wood ceilings. There is a small balcony on the west end, with stairs from the main room. Original chairs line the side walls; in a traditional service only the older members would be seated and others stood in the centre of the room; now there are folding wood chairs also. The plaster walls and arched ceiling are an intense shade of light blue. A three-level crystal chandelier is under the centre dome. The stained glass window colours of red, gold, and deep blue are of the Romanian flag. Across the altar there is a large screen (iconostasis) with painted icons; in the screen there are three sets of doors. A painting of Jesus is on the curved east wall; it is visible to the congregation when the priest has opened the centre doors of the screen. The built-in woodwork has a dark stain; the moveable pieces are a light shade; church member John Luck made several of these.

CONTEXTUAL VALUE

The Descent of the Holy Ghost Romanian Orthodox Church is next to the intersection of Seminole Street and Drouillard Road, both busy local commercial streets. The side away from the corner abuts a Roman Catholic cemetery; thus no buildings are next to it. It is one of several churches in the Drouillard and Seminole area that have origins in eastern Europe; others on the heritage register include St. John the Divine Russian Orthodox (1094 Drouillard Rd, built 1949 replacing 1914), Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox (1406 Drouillard Rd, 1947), and St. Dimitrije Serbian Orthodox (2690 Seminole St, built 1945 for Ukrainian). Also, Saints Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Church was built for the Slovak community two blocks east (3065 Seminole St, 1935). Most of the other nearby buildings are small houses, with a few commercial units.

CHARACTER DEFINING ELEMENTS

Feature that contributes to historical value of Descent of the Holy Ghost Romanian Orthodox Church include:

- o Its association with the eastern European immigrants from the early 20th Century to date.

Exterior features that contribute to the architectural value of Descent of the Holy Ghost Romanian Orthodox Church include:

- o Simplified Gothic Revival style, with Orthodox elements.
- o Five domes, including two onion and three faceted cones, all with metal caps and stained-glass crosses.
- o Symmetrical front (west) façade with pair of wood doors with inset crosses, and three-storey tower.
- o Cruciform shape, with north and south small alcoves and curved east end.
- o Scalloped-edge parapet wall.
- o Orange-red brick.
- o Rounded rafter ends under eaves.
- o Iron fence on north and south sides, within each panel is centred a large circle and crosses.

Interior Features that contribute to the architectural value of Descent of the Holy Ghost Romanian Orthodox Church include:

- o Arched plaster ceiling.
- o Cruciform shape, with north and south small alcoves with wood ceilings.
- o Dark-stained woodwork, including seats along side walls, stair to balcony, panelled main interior doors, and wainscot.
- o Stained-glass windows with red, yellow, and deep blue colours.

Characteristics that contribute to the contextual value of Descent of the Holy Ghost Romanian Orthodox Church include:

- o Its location in the former Ford City near several churches serving eastern European communities.
- o Its visibility at the intersection of commercial streets Drouillard Road and Seminole Street.

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Registration Fees and Tax Charges
For Docket (BYL2010-JB - 2010 BYLAWS)

Report requested for Jan 19, 2010 to Jan 19, 2010

Instrument Type	Reference Name	User Name	Registration Number	Registration Date / Time	Taxes			Registration Fees		GST	PST	Total
					LTT	MLTT	RST	Statutory	Service			
Application To Register Bylaw	HERITAGE BYLAW 7-2010 2895 SEMINOLE	JBjorkquist	CE409927	01/19/10 10:41:35	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	10.00	0.50	0.00	70.50
Total					0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	10.00	0.50	0.00	70.50

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LTT: Provincial Land Transfer Tax MLTT: Municipal Land Transfer Tax RST: Retail Sales Tax (refers to Chattels Declared)
GST: Goods and Services Tax (#130867526) PST: Provincial Sales Tax (#6234-9979)

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