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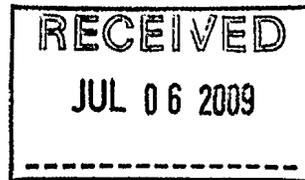
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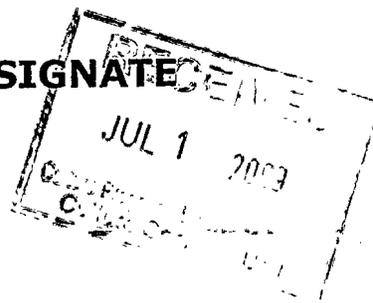
IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18  
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS

**83 Essex Street**

IN THE CITY OF GUELPH,  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.



**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**



TO: Ontario Heritage Trust  
The Ontario Heritage Centre  
10 Adelaide St. East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

AND: The British Methodist  
Episcopal  
c/o Alloway & Associates  
290 Lawrence Avenue West  
Toronto, ON M5M 1B3

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph is intending to designate portions of the property known as 83 Essex Street, as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, s. 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

**LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY:**

The property at 83 Essex Street is situated on the west side of Essex Street between the south ends of Dublin and Glasgow Streets in the City of Guelph.

**WHY THE PROPERTY IS BEING DESIGNATED:**

Built in 1880, the building at 83 Essex Street is a one and one-half storey rectangular-shaped church constructed of locally quarried limestone. Similar to other churches built during this time period in Ontario, it is designed in the Gothic Revival style and features three symmetrical bays with three, 4 over 4 lancet windows on the north and south elevations. The façade features a centrally-placed, pointed-arched front door flanked by lancet windows, with a Gothic gable vent above the door.

The B.M.E Church has direct associations with the fugitive slave movement and is located within a Guelph neighbourhood that was the historical settling area for the black community. Many blacks came to Guelph, especially when border towns became more precarious for fugitive slaves and northern communities such as the Queen's Bush were being developed by the government in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century forcing black squatters to uproot and

settle elsewhere. The B.M.E. Church became the religious focus and centre of community life. It served as a meeting place for the black community, providing a safe-haven for them and became a symbol of "pain, hope and freedom".

The building's link to Guelph's historic and cultural association with black history; its architectural merit as a fine example of Gothic Revival construction; and its contextual presence within the historical settlement area of Guelph's black population; warrants its designation under Part IV, s. 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**WHAT IS TO BE PROTECTED BY DESIGNATION:**

- All existing stonework;
- All lancet windows and doors, their openings, construction, and surrounds;
- Rectangular floor plan;
- Front-end gabled roofline;
- Chimney on the south elevation; and
- Gothic gable vent on the church façade (east and west elevations)

It is intended that non-original features may be returned to documented earlier designs or to their documented original without requiring City Council permission for an alteration to the designation.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting:

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Any person may, by the 3rd day of August, 2009, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the City of Guelph, a notice of objection to this proposed designation, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the City of Guelph shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

**Dated** at Guelph, Ontario, this 3rd day of July, 2009.

Lois Giles,  
City Clerk  
City Hall, 1 Carden St.  
Guelph, Ontario  
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