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**RE: By-law 2016-148-DS**

Please be advised that the above-mentioned bylaw was brought to Council at its meeting on December 6, 2016, and the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor Hargrave  
Seconded by Councillor Kroon

That the following by-laws be read a first, second, and third time and passed:

**2016-147-DS** being a bylaw to designate 12140 Tenth Line as having cultural heritage value or interest.

**2016-148-DS** being a bylaw to designate 13523 McCowan Road (Lemonville Church) as having cultural heritage value or interest.

Carried

Regards,

Samantha Kong  
Council Coordinator

Encl.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2016-148-DS**

BEING A BY-LAW to designate 13523 McCowan Road  
(Lemonville Church) as having cultural heritage value or  
interest.

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O. 18,  
the Council of a Municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate real  
property including the buildings and structures thereon, to be of Cultural Heritage  
Value or Interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has caused to be  
served on the owners of the lands and premises at 13523 McCowan Road and upon  
the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the aforesaid real property  
and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper  
having general circulation in the municipality for two consecutive weeks;

**AND WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached  
hereto and forming part of this by-law;

**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been  
served upon the Clerk;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF  
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

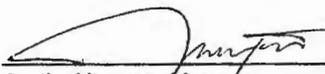
1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A"  
attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being  
of cultural heritage value or interest:

Lemonville United Church  
13523 McCowan Road  
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Regional Municipality of York

2. AND THAT the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-  
law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached  
hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.

READ a first and second time this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

READ a third time and passed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

  
Justin Altmann, Mayor

  
Isabel Leung, Deputy Clerk

## SCHEDULE "A"

### REASON FOR DESIGNATION OF 13523 MCCOWAN ROAD (LEMONVILLE CHURCH)

Part of Lot 9, Concession 7 (Whitchurch), Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

##### *Description of Properties or Associative Value*

The initial services of the Lemonville Methodist Church began in 1854 within a frame school house, and in 1856, the original church building was constructed near the present site. The first ministers included John Lacey and R. Cade, who would typically reach Lemonville by horse and cutter or an iron-tired buggy traveling through the winding bush trails and over the many plank bridges.

In 1869, the existing church structure was constructed at the present location. Located beside the church is a cemetery, where grave inscriptions include a date of death as early as 1857. This implies that the grave yard located adjacent to the present church was in existence during the era of the original church structure built in 1856.

Many years later in 1954, mounting repair costs and the inability to pay the Minister's salary caused the Lemonville Church to close. However, the dedicated members of the Women's Association continued their monthly meetings and several student ministers continued to visit during the summer months. Despite the grave condition of the church, Marion Rae took up the challenge of re-opening the church. She urged locals to contribute to the necessary renovations, and in 1957, she organized the first formal service since the church's closure. In 1964 the necessary renovations to the structure took place, and since then, the congregation members have continued to work wholeheartedly on behalf of the church to sustain its operations.

##### *Design or Physical Value*

The present Lemonville Church structure is a typical frame construction built by local pioneers in Lemonville. The existing structure was constructed using solid timber for the superstructure and unwanted granite boulders from local farm fields to form the basement walls.

##### *Contextual Value*

In the early beginnings of the church Sunday services served as the only regular opportunity for locals to socialize and discuss matters of interest. As the operations of the church evolved, numerous community groups were established by members of the church allowing for the inclusion of people of all ages and all backgrounds. The church now continues to serve as the core social, communal and religious centre for the local residents of Lemonville. Lemonville United Church is now considered to be the oldest house of worship within Whitchurch-Stouffville still in regular use due to the longstanding devotion and determination of the congregation members to sustain the operations of the church.

#### SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL ATTRIBUTES

- Solid timber superstructure framing and granite boulders from local farm fields form the basement walls
- Typical frame construction built by local pioneers