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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Notification of Passing of By-law

Attached for your information is a copy of By-law No. 92-239 respecting 16 West Avenue South, Hamilton, adopted by City Council at its meeting held 1992 September 29.

Yours truly,

J. J. Schatz
City Clerk

att.

c.c.: Mr. V. J. Abraham, Director of Local Planning
Attention: Ms. Nina Chapple, Architectural Historian

Mr. A. Zuidema, Law Department

Ms. C. Coutts, Secretary, L.A.C.A.C.

The Corporation of the City of Hamilton

BY-LAW NO. 92-239

To Designate:

LAND LOCATED AT MUNICIPAL NO. 16 WEST AVENUE SOUTH

As Property of:

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE AND INTEREST

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton did give notice of its intention to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with subsection 29(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection was served on the City Clerk as required by subsection 29(5) of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS it is desired to designate the property mentioned in section 1 of this by-law in accordance with clause 29(6) (a) of the said Act.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The property located at Municipal No. 16 West Avenue South and more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby designated as property of historic and architectural value and interest.

2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation set out in Schedule "B" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, to be registered against the property affected in the proper registry office.

3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, (i) to cause a copy of this by-law, together with reasons for the designation, to be served on the owner and The Ontario Heritage Foundation by personal service or by registered mail; (ii) to publish a notice of this by-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality of the City of Hamilton for three consecutive weeks.

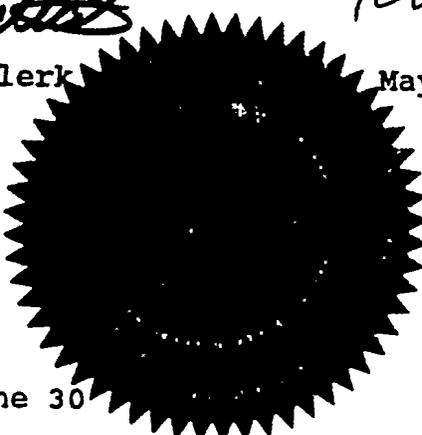
PASSED this 29th day of September A.D. 1992.

[Signature]

City Clerk

[Signature]

Mayor



CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

[Signature]
ACTING CITY CLERK

Schedule "A"

To

By-law No. 92- 239

16 West Avenue South, Hamilton, Ontario

All of Lots 16, 17 and 18 on the South Side of Main Street, bounded by Wellington Street, West Avenue and Hunter Street, Plan 223 and the southern limit of Main Street conforms to Plan BA Number 783, registered as Instrument Number 400464 A.B., in the City of Hamilton, The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth.

Schedule "B"

to

By-law No. 92- 239

Church of Saint Thomas

16 West Avenue South, Hamilton, Ontario

Context

The Church of Saint Thomas, built in 1869-70, is located at the south-west corner of Main Street East and West Avenue South in the Stinson Neighbourhood. Although little remains along this section of Main of the former streetscape of late 19th and early 20th century buildings, which once included First United Church (now the site of the high-rise development known as First Place), the Church of Saint Thomas still serves as an important neighbourhood landmark. Today, the church presents its best appearance from West Avenue South, a residential street characterized by a pleasant mix of late Victorian housing, including the former 1870s brick rectory directly south of the church, and several early 20th century, low-rise apartments.

Architectural Significance

Designed by Hamilton architect, Albert H. Hills, the Church of Saint Thomas is one of the city's major 19th century Gothic Revival churches and among the last to be constructed of stone. With its asymmetrical form featuring a square corner tower, this church is very similar in design to All Saints Anglican Church, erected three years later. Exterior additions to the original church include the Sunday School added to the rear in 1874 (now the parish hall), the upper section of the tower completed in 1883, and the extension of the chancel in 1908. These additions, all executed in stone with Gothic Revival detailing, together with the original church form a visually unified complex which has been preserved intact.

Historical Significance

Historically important as the third oldest Anglican Church in Hamilton, the parish of Saint Thomas was founded in 1856 as a mission of Christ's Church to serve Anglicans from the city's growing east end. When the congregation outgrew its first church building, erected in 1857 at the corner of Wilson and Emerald Streets, the present church was built on land donated by Ebenezer Stinson.

Designated Features

Important to the preservation of the Church of Saint Thomas are the original features of the north, south and east facades of the 1870 church building, including the stone masonry walls, buttresses, chimneys and carved mouldings, the windows and stained glass, and the doorways. Excluded is the former Sunday School addition on the west side of the church.