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**NOTICE OF  
AMENDING BY-LAW NO. 2014-151**

**PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT R.S.O. 1990, SECTION 30.1,**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS**

**Lyon's Creek United Church  
7906 Schisler Road**

**TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls passed a by-law amending Designating By-law 86-241 on the 11th day of November, 2014.**

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE AMENDMENT**

The amendment to the designating by-law has updated the legal description contained in Schedule A and the Reasons for Designation contained in Schedule B.

**EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT**

The 1986 by-law described the heritage attributes of the property in general terms. Schedule B, Reasons for Designation has been revised to describe the associative and architectural value of the property including the setting and also updated to reflect a more detailed description of the property and the heritage attributes contained within.

Dated at the City of Niagara Falls this 12th day of December, 2014.

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## CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

### **By-law No. 2014 - 151**

A by-law to amend By-law No. 86-241, being a by-law to designate 7906 Schisler Road, known as the former Lyon's Creek United Church, to be of cultural heritage value and significance.

**WHEREAS** By-law No. 86-241 designated the former Lyon's Creek United Church located at 7906 Schisler Road to be of cultural heritage value and interest;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 30.1 (2) (a) , the council of a municipality may by by-law amend a by-law designating property under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* to clarify or correct the statement explaining the property's cultural heritage value or interest or the description of the property's heritage attributes and to correct the legal description;

**AND WHEREAS** the requirement for Council to consult with its Municipal Heritage Committee pursuant to Section 30.1 (5) has been fulfilled;

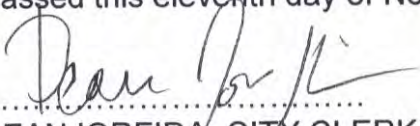
**AND WHEREAS** The Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls has caused to be served on the owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of the proposed Amendment;

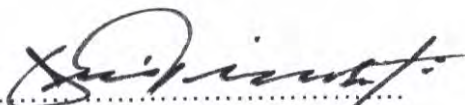
**AND WHEREAS** no objections have been filed with the Clerk of the Municipality;

### **THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That By-law 86-241 be amended by deleting Schedule "A" thereto and substituting Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. That By-law 86-241 be amended by deleting Schedule "B" thereto and substituting Schedule "B" attached hereto.
3. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Passed this eleventh day of November, 2014.

  
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DEAN IORFIDA, CITY CLERK

  
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JAMES M. DIODATI, MAYOR

First Reading:	November 11, 2014
Second Reading:	November 11, 2014
Third Reading:	November 11, 2014

## **SCHEDULE "A" to By-law No. 2014-151**

Part Lots 1 and 2, Concession 4, Crowland, Parts 1,2 & 4 on 59R14070; Subject to an easement over Part 4, 59R14070 in favour of Part 3, 59R14070 as in SN263349; City of Niagara Falls.



## **SCHEDULE "B" to By-law No. 2014-151**

### **Description of Property – Lyon's Creek Church, 7906 Schisler Road**

The Lyon's Creek Church is a one-storey red brick structure located on Schisler Road in the former Township of Crowland. With ties to the Methodist church and its development in the Niagara area, the building's plain details and simple form reflect the rural nature of the community. Originally, the designating by-law for the site included the adjacent cemetery found to the east of the lot, but has been altered to include only the property on which the church is situated.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

In 1786, Major George Neal became the first Methodist preacher in Niagara, and held religious meetings in various homes and barns in the Township of Crowland. After nearly twenty years of these temporary gatherings, a Methodist meeting house was built on the site in 1806, in an area known then as "White Pigeon". The site served as a soldier's barracks during the War of 1812-1814 and had even played a small role in the Battle of Cook's Mills in October 1814. Many of the area's earliest settlers are buried in the adjoining cemetery, including Henry and Joanna Buchner, Crowland's first white settlers, and several United Empire Loyalists of the Colonel Buchner branch. The huge oak in the adjacent cemetery is over 250 years old.

After nearly sixty years of use, the meeting house was replaced with the current church building in 1861. From a church history book, it is known that the carpentry in the church was done by Alex Hurst and the brickwork by John Sennet. Like most other Methodist churches in Canada at the time, Lyon's Creek became part of the United Church of Canada in 1925. The church is no longer used as a religious building, but was sold in 2009 and has since been converted for use as a residential building.

The Lyon's Creek church is one storey with a symmetrical three bay façade. The exterior is composed of red brick laid in stretcher bond with a rubble stone foundation. Iron reinforcement bars have been installed on the upper walls at the level of the window arches to assist in the stabilizing of the walls. It features a medium pitch metal gabled roof, with plain soffit and fascia. It is rectangular in shape measuring 9.14m x 12.80m (30' x 42') with an addition on the east façade. The additional structure was erected in 1957 to accommodate a Sunday School room. In the front gable end is a large square date stone (1861).

The front entrance located on the north (front) façade features a simple rectangular wooden door with a segmental 5-light transom, a rowlock arch and a plain limestone threshold. On either side of the entryway is a segmental window opening, with a multi-pane, coloured glass arrangement. Like the front entrance, the windows also feature a rowlock arch and a plain limestone sill. Above the arches is a raised brick stringcourse band that runs the course of the façade. The fenestration on the east and west façades are similar to the front, with three segmental window openings on the west façade and two on the east façade.



## Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior features that embody the heritage value and are important to the preservation of 7906 Schisler Road includes the following heritage attributes:

- one storey with a symmetrical three bay façade
- rectangular in shape measuring 9.14m x 12.80m (30' x 42')
- medium pitch metal gabled roof, with plain soffit and fascia
- composed of red brick laid in stretcher bond with a rubble stone foundation
- above the first storey is a raised brick stringcourse band that runs the course of the north (front) façade
- Iron reinforcement bars above the window arches to assist in stabilizing the walls.
- front entrance features a simple rectangular wooden door with a segmental 5-light transom, a rowlock arch and a plain limestone threshold
- segmental window openings, with multi-pane, coloured glass, rowlock arch and limestone sill
- two windows on the north (front) façade, three on the west façade, and two on the east façade, where the addition is located
- connected to the development of the Methodist church in the Niagara area
- site used as a barracks during the War of 1812-1814, and was involved in the Battle of Cook's Mill