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October 20, 2014

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
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Dear Sir / Madam;

**RE: Notice of Intent to Designate
St. Boniface Catholic School - Maryhill**

Please find attached a Notice of Intention to Designate for the above-noted property located in the Township of Woolwich.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Clerk of the Township of Woolwich.

Any person may send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Township of Woolwich notice of their objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Township of Woolwich will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please contact our office.

Yours truly,

Nancy Thompson
(ext. 6040)
Admin. Coordinator / Planning Assistant
Engineering and Planning Services

Enclosure

c.c. Waterloo Catholic District School Board Attn: Lindsay Ford
Waterloo Catholic District School Board Attn: Virina Elgawly
Diane Strickler

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
1354 Maryhill Road, Maryhill
St. Boniface Catholic School**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Woolwich intends to designate the St. Boniface Catholic School and associated property at 1354 Maryhill Road, Maryhill, Township of Woolwich, Region of Waterloo, as a property of heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O 1990, Ch. O. 18). A By-law to designate the property will be presented to Woolwich Township Council, for formal approval, at its regular Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014.

Description of Property

The St. Boniface Catholic School is located at 1354 Maryhill Road, Maryhill. The existing school was constructed in 1898, and is the oldest Roman Catholic School still operating in the Region of Waterloo, and one of only two Catholic Schools in the Township.

Statement of Heritage Value or Interest

This existing school is the third school in Maryhill since 1834, replacing a previous log school and smaller red brick school which were outgrown and discontinued. Built directly across the road from the church, the school and the church are interconnected to the life of the community.

The yellow bricked 36 by 64 foot, 2 storey portion of the building has a raised field stone basement and is a symmetrical design, with double hung windows (not original), and an arched covered entry which is part of the bell tower. The exterior brick work has a subtle style where the brick work is projected out to frame the corners along the top and bottom. Decorative brick work was also used in a small area of the bell tower. The school is topped with a hipped roof. Inside, the school maintains the center hallway on the two main floors, along with the original staircase railing and wainscoting in the rear, and some of the original doors. A unique element is that the basement has two rounded doors and doorways.

Within Maryhill the school is the second highest building, in the shadow of the church across the road. Both sit on top of the hill that overlooks the older portion of the community. Both the church and school are setback from the road more so than many other buildings in Maryhill, yet portray a strong presence given their size and proximity to each other.

The attributes of the building that need to be protected are:

- Exterior
 - 2 storey yellow brick.
 - Decorative brickwork.
 - Symmetrical design.
 - Stone School Sign above front entry.
 - Stone window sills.
 - Hip roof.
 - Individual, symmetrically placed, double hung windows.
 - Field Stone foundation.
 - Bell tower

- Interior
 - Central hall (main and upper floors).
 - Original staircase and railing.
 - Two Rounded doors and door frames in basement.
 - Wood classroom doors
 - Wood wainscoting and trim.

- Context
 - Second highest building
 - Across from church
 - Oldest Roman Catholic School operating in the Region of Waterloo
 - 3rd school building serving the community since 1834

The school contributes to the landscape and cultural heritage serving as a landmark and reflecting the historic importance of the Catholic Church in the village. Therefore the building meets all three elements of design or physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value (relationship to surroundings).

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available from the Engineering and Planning Services Department of the Township of Woolwich.

Any person may send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Township of Woolwich notice of their objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Township of Woolwich will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

THE LAST DAY FOR FILING OBJECTIONS IS MONDAY, November 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Woolwich this 24th day of October, 2014.

Valrie Hummel, Acting Clerk
Township of Woolwich
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