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BY-LAW NUMBER 2002-37

Being a By-law to designate the Property known municipally as Burgess Memorial Church, Bala, being of architectural and historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.1990, c.0.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;

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AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Muskoka Lakes has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as Burgess Memorial Church and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so 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;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the clark of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Muskoka Lakes enacts as follows:

- 1. The real property known as Burgess Memorial Church in Bala, more particularly described in Schedule "A" is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" to this bylaw.
- The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be 2. registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
- The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality.
- Schedules "A" and "B" attached hereto are hereby made part of this bylaw.

READ FOR A FIRST AND SECOND TIME this 11th day of March 2002.

READ FOR A THIRD TIME and finally passed this 11th day of March , 2002.

Susan Pryke

Mayor

J. W. McDivitt

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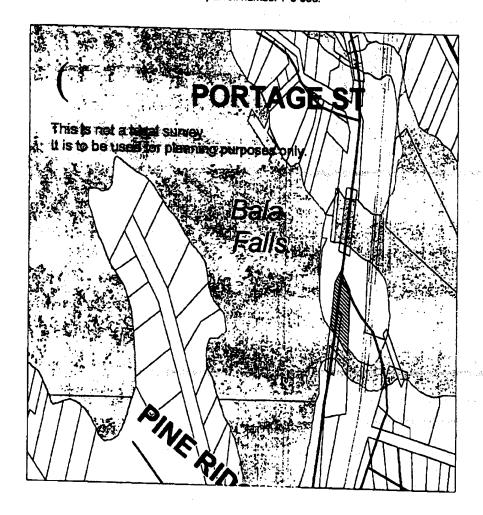
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This 18th cay of MARCH

TOWNSHIP OF MUSKO

Schedule A to Bylaw 2002-37
For the Township of Muskoka Lakes
Burgess Memorial Church, Bala

Bala Falls Road and District Road 169 Concession 7, Part Lot 33 , Wood Municipal roll number 7-6-053.



Schedule B to Bylaw 2002-37

For the Township of Muskoka Lakes

Burgess Memorial Church. Bala

Reasons for Designation pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18:

The Burgess Memorial Church, built in 1926 on Bala Falls Road, is recommended for designation for architectural reasons as it is a beautiful example of a simple Gothic church built in Muskoka in the early 20th century. Gordon Ing, whose initials are carved in the mortar on the east side, built the Church without the benefit of an architect's plan. Elements of the Gothic style are evident in the pointed arch-shaped windows, gable roof and decorative bargeboard.

Of particular interest is the fact that local and seasonal residents were encouraged to bring stones for the construction. As a result, the uncoursed fieldstone exterior includes rocks of all shapes and sizes from as far away as the United States.

The six-over-six sash windows in the lower level are surmounted with concrete hood mould or dripstone. The yellow pebble glass in the nave windows is original. Round windows in the entrance and terra cotta-coloured concrete roof tiles on the entrance and on the windowsills give the church a picturesque charm befitting its prominent location on a small island in the Moon River, next to the Bala Falls.

The church is named after the founder of Bala, Thomas W. Burgess, who arrived in the area in 1868. The Burgess Memorial Church was built on land owned by the Thomas Burgess estate. It owes its existence to Presbyterians who did not accept the 1925 union of the Methodiat and Presbyterian faiths and the designation of Bala's original Presbyterian church as a United Church. A carved sign in concrete from the Presbyterian congregation is still located under the wooden sign over the front door.

in August 1964, the board of the Presbyterian Church sold the building to Shirley and Thomas Linke. The church was used as a Baptist Church during the Linkes' ownership. Known as the Stone Church by many, the Burgess Memorial Church is a prominent landmark of historical significance. In the summer of 2000 the church was decommissioned and was rezoned for commercial use in October, 2000. The retention of the existing exterior features is recommended to preserve the character of Bala's streetscape.

The specific parts of the Burgess Memorial Church property that are to be protected are:

- · uncoursed fieldstone exterior
- · six-over-six sash windows in the lower level
- multi-paned arch-shaped windows in main level (nave)
- · builder's initials on the east face
- decorative concrete hood mould over basement windows including the carved concrete sign over the front door
- round shaped windows in the entrance
- terra cotta-coloured concrete roof tiles on entrance and windowsills
- · bargeboard on gable ends of building

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