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Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

**RE:            Designation of 3265 Simcoe Street North in Oshawa pursuant to Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act***

I confirm that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Oshawa passed By-law 18-2011 on January 31, 2011 designating the property municipally known as 3265 Simcoe Street North and legally described as Lot 15, H50017, East Whitby, Oshawa as being of cultural heritage value or interest. Schedule "A" to By-law 18-2011 is a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Please find served upon you pursuant to section 29(14) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* a copy of By-law 18-2011, including Schedule "A".

I trust the foregoing to be satisfactory.

Yours very truly,



Kelly A. Gravelle  
Assistant Solicitor

Enc. By-law 18-2011

c. Paul Ralph, Director, Planning Services  
Sandra Kranc, City Clerk



**By-Law 18-2011  
of The Corporation of the City of Oshawa**

being a by-law to designate the property located at 3265 Simcoe Street North, as being of cultural heritage value and interest pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

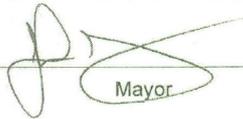
Recitals:

1. Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18 (the "Act") authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The Corporation of the City of Oshawa (the "City") is the registered owner of property located at 3265 Simcoe Street North in the City of Oshawa (the "Property"). The Property contains the former East Whitby town hall which was built in 1859.
3. On July 28, 2009 the City forwarded to the Ontario Heritage Trust a Notice of Intent to Designate the Property.
4. Notice of intention to designate the Property was published in the *Oshawa This Week* newspaper (which has general circulation in the City of Oshawa) on July 29, 2009.
5. A notice of objection to the proposed designation in the form of a petition signed by 57 people was filed on August 28, 2009. The Conservation Review Board held a hearing under the Act with respect to the Property on June 21, 2010.
6. The Conservation Review Board issued its report on September 22, 2010 recommending to the City that it designate the Property and that the City redraft the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest to capture the verifiable and significant elements of the proposed protection.
7. City Council considered the report of the Conservation Review Board as well as the redrafted Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest on January 31, 2011, and concurs that the Property should be designated for the reasons set out in the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED as a by-law of The Corporation of the City of Oshawa, by its Council, as follows:

1. The Property, including all facilities, features and structures on it which are described in Schedule "A" to this By-law, located at 3265 Simcoe Street North, legally described as Lot 15, Plan H50017, East Whitby, Oshawa, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The reasons for designation of this Property under the *Ontario Heritage Act* are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law. Schedule "A" forms an integral part of this by-law.
3. A copy of this by-law shall be registered against the Property described above in the Land Registry and Land Titles Offices for the Land Registry Division of Durham (No. 40).
4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to serve a copy of this by-law on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to publish notice of the passing of this by-law in the *Oshawa This Week* newspaper.

By-law passed this thirty-first day of January, 2011.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk

Schedule "A" to By-law 18-2011  
Of The Corporation of the City of Oshawa

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

**Location and Description of Property**

Columbus Community Centre, 3265 Simcoe Street North.

The Columbus Community Centre property is owned by the City of Oshawa and located along the east side of Simcoe Street in the Village of Columbus. The property consists of the former East Whitby town hall set approximately 80 metres back and clearly visible from the street.

The Columbus Community Centre consists of a rectangular, pitched-roof brick structure, constructed around a central bell tower. A perpendicular side addition has created an L-shaped footprint. The building's stucco cladding, rectangular windows and addition date from 1967. Prior to the renovations, the building's dichromatic brick cladding and its pointed-arch windows on either side of the central bell tower were visible and intact. The bell from the tower is currently situated on the historical cairn in front of the building in the middle of the driveway to the building's entrance through the property.

The immediate area is part of the former Township of East Whitby. The 19<sup>th</sup>-century Columbus United Church is located adjacent to the north of the property. The former township has become integrated into the exurban developments of Oshawa, but the township landscape remains discernable, primarily due to the extant church and the former town hall (now the Columbus Community Centre).

**Legal Description:**

The property is located at 3265 Simcoe Street North and is legally described as Lot 15, Plan H50017, East Whitby, Oshawa.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The cultural heritage value of this property lies in it containing the former town hall of a form and scale that is representative of town halls constructed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in many municipalities in Ontario and that served the residents of the Township of East Whitby in that capacity until 1973 when the Township was amalgamated with the City of Oshawa. Together with the Columbus United Church, a large gothic church built in 1873 adjacent and to the north of the property, it is part of a larger historical setting that has become a landmark in this part of the current City of Oshawa.

The original town hall structure was built in 1859 in a rectangular shaped plan with dichromatic brick cladding, pitched-roof and pointed-arch windows on either side of the central bell tower. The tower is a unique feature of the structure and contains a cupola on the top which appears to be clad in slate, surmounted by a weather vane which at one time sat atop the spire of the Columbus United Church. In addition, and reflective of the Gothic Revival style, there is a louvered, arched vent below the cupola on three of the four sides (north, west and south elevations) of the tower. The tower also contains a builder's half-moon date-stone in mid-elevation which reads "Townhall AD 1859". The original pointed-arch windows with hood moulds and main door opening have since been masked by alterations to the original building. The original entranceway on the west façade at one time had double doors topped by a fan light transom window.

The commemorative cairn which is located in the middle of the driveway to the building's entrance supports a bell which is thought to have once been enclosed behind the louvered, arched vents below the cupola.

### Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that reflect the heritage value of the Columbus Community Centre as the former East Whitby Township Hall:

- The original, rectangular town hall structure built in 1859 of dichromatic brick with pointed-arch windows and hood moulds, main door topped by fan light transom window and central bell tower with cupola and louvered, arched vents and builder's half-moon date-stone which reads "Townhall AD 1859".
- The rectangular shape and single-storey scale of the original 1859 former town hall structure.
- The commemorative cairn and bell.

Key attributes that reflect its value as an important link to the history of the City of Oshawa include:

- The unobstructed view of the building and cairn from the street.
- The visual relationship between the building and the neighbouring 19<sup>th</sup> century Columbus United Church.