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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Notice of Intent to Designate – 589 Hugel Avenue, St. Margaret’s Catholic Church

Council of the Corporation of the Town of Midland at their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015 approved the recommendation of the Midland Heritage Committee of the following:

That Council hereby accepts the recommendation of the Midland Heritage Committee that St. Margaret’s Catholic Church (589 Hugel Avenue) be considered for designation under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and that staff be directed to finalize the draft designation by-law and commence the “Notification of Intent to Designate” process as provided under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Please find the Notice of Intent to Designate attached. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the process please contact the undersigned at abetty@midland.ca or 705-526-4275 ex. 2214 or Wesley Crown, Director of Planning and Building Services, or wcrown@midland.ca.

Yours Truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Andrea Betty, B.A.
Planner

Attachment



Town of Midland
Notice of Intention to Designate
589 Hugel Avenue - St. Margaret's Catholic Church

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Midland, on Monday, January 26, 2015, resolved to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate **589 Hugel Avenue - St. Margaret's Catholic Church** being Lots 5, 6, 13, and 14 of Registered Plan 306, Town of Midland, and being all of PIN 584640045, PIN 584640044, and PIN 584640043, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.18*, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

Description of the Property

St. Margaret's is a Catholic church built mainly of stone 1914. The church has a second story choir area as well as a bell tower both on the north side of the building. The church is located at the intersection of Hugel Avenue and Third Street, in the Town of Midland.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

St. Margaret's Catholic Church is generally well-designed and exhibits some notable design characteristics with respect to decoration, colour, texture and massing. This is exhibited in its forty-five (45) stained glass windows, three (3) of which were crafted by G. Nincheri, noted Canadian artist, eight (8) historic and unique cast bronze bells and original stonework. The structure is an excellent example of gothic revival architecture, typical of turn of the century Ontario. This is displayed in its simple, European style layout, box-shaped tower, hooded lancet windows and stonework reminiscent of the vernacular fieldstone. The architectural integrity of the structure has been assessed as 'good' despite the 1987 rebuild as the alterations and additions to the Church were made without affecting the major stylistic elements of the original property. The property also appears to be in superior physical condition. Although many of the interior elements of the Church were altered or destroyed by the fire, some unique elements, such as the bronze bells remain.

The structure illustrates the trend of Midland's growth from a small rural settlement to the vibrant community it is today, having undergone significant structural milestones in each of the eras of the Town's development. While no single event of note is linked to the structure, there are many human interest stories of local significance associated with it. The Church can also be linked directly to several of Midland's early civic leaders through the history of the congregation, including Baron Von Hugel and Samuel Frazer. The site does not have any known archaeological potential, and it is not part of Midland's 'early settlement era'. The Church also illustrates the growth of Midland's spiritual community when considered as part of the historical grouping of churches finding their roots in the community at the turn of the century.

The property contributes to the area's distinctiveness and it has a strong historical association with the neighbourhood and community as a public use property and continues to serve its original function. The Church is a strong point of reference from several locations in the Town of Midland including Midland Bay. The structure occupies its original site, however, as discussed;

the original site elements have been altered substantially. St. Margaret's was also rewarded the Community Value bonus due to its historical significance to the community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key exterior attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of St. Margaret's and included in the designation:

- The north, east, and west building façades.
- The second story portion on the south building façade that contains the three (3) historically significant stained glass windows produced by G. Nincheri; a notable Canadian artist.
- The eight (8) brass bells in the bell tower at the north end of the building.

Key interior attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of St. Margaret's and included in the designation:

- The three (3) stained glass windows by G. Nincheri on the South building face that overlook the altar.
- The portion of the original east building façade that has been contained in the new addition.

Exclusions from Designation

The sacred space of the building shall be excluded from the provisions of the Heritage Designation By-law. For the purposes of the By-law, "sacred space" shall mean the portion or portions of the religious heritage building where worship occurs and liturgical elements are present. For clarity, the "liturgical items" of the building are the crucifix, confessional, holy water fonts, baptismal font, lectern, altars, tabernacles, organ, stained glass windows (save and except the three (3) stained glass windows as indicated in the description of heritage attributes), pews and kneelers, worship or priest chairs and pew in sanctuary, sacristy and stations of the cross.

Objections

Pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, any person may, within thirty (30) days, present Notice of Objection to the proposed designation. All Notices of Objection must be presented in writing to the Town Clerk via registered mail or delivery to the Town Office, no later than **Monday, March 9, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.** Notices of Objection must include a statement of the reasons for objection as well as any relevant facts. The designation of 589 Hugel Avenue will be considered at the Council meeting on Monday, March 23, 2015.

Notices of Objection may be directed to:

Andrea Fay, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk/Deputy CAO
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575 Dominion Avenue
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Detailed information regarding the proposed designation of the 589 Hugel Avenue can be obtained by contacting the Town of Midland Planning and Building Services Department at (705) 526-4275, ext 2214 or planning@midland.ca.