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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: THE TURNER CHAPEL, 37 LAKESHORE ROAD WEST
- AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGNATING BY-LAW

Pursuant to Section 32 of the Ontario Heritage Act, attached is a certified true copy of By-law 1992-100 being "A by-law to designate a certain property as a property of historic and architectural value and interest (37 Lakeshore Road West) (A by-law to repeal By-law 1987-132)".

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

C. Provost
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Committee Co-ordinator
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cc: J. Magee, Heritage Planner

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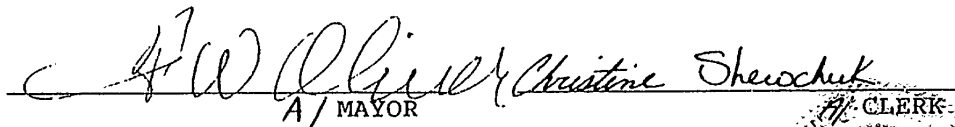
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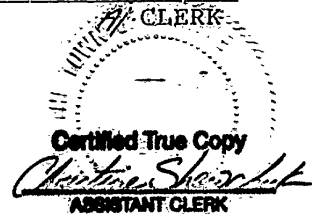
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and interest (37 Lakeshore Road West)
(A by-law to repeal By-law 1987-132)

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property municipally known as 37 Lakeshore Road West is hereby designated as a property of historic and architectural value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act for reasons set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law.
2. The property designated by this By-law is the property described in Schedule "B" attached to this By-law.
3. By-law Number 1987-132 is hereby repealed.

PASSED by the Council this 8th day of June , 1992.


A / MAYOR



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Reasons for Designation:

This building, constructed in 1890, is an example of modest vernacular architecture. The buttresses at the corners of the building define the form, along with the brick work on the side cornices.

Of special note inside the Church are the interior plaster walls with wood wainscotting, the scrolled paintwork over the sanctuary arch with the words "My Redeemer Liveth" - Job 19:25 in blue, two chandeliers presented to the Chapel by the Canadian Bible Society in 1938 and the original wooden pews. The original wooden floor exists, but this has been covered in recent times by vinyl tiles.

The windows of the Church were originally of leaded, stained glass with a blue border. Only one remains in original condition.

As early as the 1830's, ministers of the African Methodist Episcopal Church had come from the United States to preach among the portion of the black Methodist settlers in Canada. On December 13, 1875, a British Methodist Episcopal Church was formed in Oakville. The congregation of Oakville and Bronte residents secured the use of a building erected by the Congregationalists on the northwest corner of John and Wilson Streets. In 1887, the congregation purchased the church property but conflict arose between the British Methodist Episcopal and African Methodist Episcopal members as to the ownership of the

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property. Meanwhile, the building burned to the ground. Finally, the two factions settled their differences and the 25 members of Oakville and the 38 at Bronte united to build the present church on Colborne Street (now Lakeshore Road West). The corner stone was laid in 1891, and on January 1st of the following year, the Turner African Methodist Episcopal Church, so named in honour of Bishop Turner, opened for service. It is significant to note that many of the founders of the Turner Chapel on 37 Lakeshore Road West were blacks who had previously fled the United States because of the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850, via the "Underground Railroad".

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 1992-100

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton, and being the whole of Lot 2, Block 63, Plan 1 registered in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Halton No. 20.