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January 5, 2012

White Chapel Church
c/o United Church of Canada
Rev. Bruce Fraser
Box 1, Comp. 5, RR#2
PICTON, ON K0K 2T0

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Re: White Chapel Church

In accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act, I am enclosing a copy of the "Notice of Passing". I am also enclosing a copy of the "Designating By-law No. 2981-2011, which was passed by Council December 21, 2011, for the above noted property. The County's Solicitor has been instructed to register this by-law against the title of the subject property.

The properties will be added to the Prince Edward County Heritage Properties Register. This completes the designation process.

Thank you for your contribution to protecting the built cultural heritage of Prince Edward County.

Yours truly,

for Ryan Leary, BES RPP
Senior Planner & PEHAC Staff Liaison

Encl.
Cc: PEHAC Chair
Ontario Heritage Trust

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD

By-Law No. 2981- 2011

**A By-law to Designate the White Chapel
To be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest
Pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act**

WHEREAS pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.O.18 the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of cultural heritage value and interest;

AND WHEREAS the Committee of the Whole, at their November 24, 2011 meeting recommended to County Council to designate the White Chapel as a property of cultural heritage value and interest;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to designate the property known as the White Chapel has been published and served in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 and no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been received;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the property known as the White Chapel and more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value and interest for the reasons set out in Schedule 'B' attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
2. **THAT** the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the property, the United Church of Canada and on the Ontario Heritage Trust.
3. **THAT** the property be added to the Municipal Register referred to in Section 27(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.
4. **THAT** notice of this By-law be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
5. **THAT** the County Solicitor is hereby authorized to register a copy of this By-law against the real property as described in the foregoing in the Land Registry Office.
6. **THAT** the provisions of this by-law shall come into force and take effect pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.O.18, as amended.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20th day of December, 2011.

Victoria Leskie
Victoria Leskie, CLERK

Peter A. Mertens
Peter A. Mertens, MAYOR



Certified A True Copy

this 21 day of December, 2011

Kim White
Kim White
Deputy Clerk
County of Prince Edward

SCHEDULE 'A' to By-Law No. 2981-2011

Property Description:

The subject lands are described as Part of Lot 8, Concession 1 North West of Carrying Place, civic address 19 White Chapel Road, Ward of Hallowell, in the Municipality of the County of Prince Edward.

SCHEDULE 'B' to By-Law No. 2981-2011

Reasons for Designation:

Cultural Heritage Value

The Methodist Episcopal Church followed the displaced American farmers and soldiers to Upper Canada following the American Revolution and was well established even in the early years of settlement. The White Chapel was the first meeting house in Prince Edward County, built opposite the family sawmill on land granted by Stephen Conger, the son of a New Jersey Loyalist. The Conger homestead stood nearby. Construction began in 1809 under the supervision of a carpenter thought to have been William Moore of Adolphustown, and likely from materials provided from Conger's mill.

The White Chapel has been in use longer than any Methodist meeting house in Ontario, and a memorial service is still being held there once a year.

The cemetery is a history of the local families that helped build this simple landmark. It contains some remarkable early white marble headstones, including the Conger family plot and one of the few remaining wooden markers left in the Province.

Although not an elaborate building, so much remains of the White Chapel's original simplicity that it is often cited as a textbook example of the type of meeting house built by the pioneer Methodists. It's early date of 1809 and unsurpassed state of preservation lends it enormous historical and heritage importance.

The straightforward Methodist principles can easily be discerned in the simple unassuming form of these early buildings. Invariably they were two storeys high with a second-storey gallery on three sides reached by a corner staircase. On the back wall, the windows are arranged to frame the pulpit, but on the other sides of the building, they are placed more regularly. The windows are fitted with a distinctive 12 over 8 sash and along with the centre chimney are reflective of its New England origin.

Heritage Attributes

- size, age, form, colour and footprint of the building
- the profile and elevation of the meeting house
- location on property overlooking Conger's Cove
- frame two-story post and beam construction, including clapboard wood siding and interior wall construction
- octagonal interior posts with beaded beams
- size, shape and position of doors and 12 over 8 windows
- front vestibule

- centre chimney
- cemetery, including head stones and monuments (including wooden marker)
- Main entrance gate
- Pulpit and sounding board
- Second storey gallery on three sides with sloping floor and steep corner staircase
- Roof with cedar shingles