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RE: United Trinity Church – Notice of Intention

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is the notice to designate the United Trinity Church.
If you have questions on this matter, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours truly,

David Casemore
Planning Technician

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NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE The Corporation of Loyalist Township proposes to designate lands and/or buildings of historical, cultural and/or architectural value as per Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

DESCRIPTION

The property involved is described as being in Loyalist Township (formerly geographic area of Amherst Island) in the County of Lennox and Addington and the Province of Ontario, and being composed of Part of Lot 1, Concession North Shore, and addressed as 5555 Front Road.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The former Trinity United Church (also formerly known as the Wesley Methodist Church) was in service from 1873 until the 1960's. The former church represents the religious heritage of some of the original forefathers of Amherst Island.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Trinity United Church (also formerly known as the Wesley Methodist Church), established in 1873, was the first Methodist church on Amherst Island. The Methodists held the first preaching services in 1872 when Christian laymen from Bath and vicinity held services weekly in the old No.1 School House. Later services were held in the Orange Hall located in Stella not far from the location of the church. The zealous loyalty of the small congregation to the visiting preachers helped establish a permanent following on the island with the first Methodist minister being sent to the island in 1872. He was Rev. John Ferguson, a native of Prince Edward County, who formed the first congregation of fifteen members, which included early resident families of Amherst Island such as the Pollys, Flemings, Givins and Pattersons. The small congregation converted an additional 30 members in the fall of 1872. The church was under construction in 1873 and completed in February of 1874. The construction costs of the church totalled \$1500 dollars.

An important change occurred in the history of the church in 1918, when cooperation between the Methodist and Presbyterian churches began. In 1925 through consummation of Union, the name of the church changed from that of Wesley Methodist Church to Trinity United Church, as it was known until the late 1960's. The church served as a municipal office and local library for the community of Amherst Island from the early 1970's. It is presently used, and known as, the Ferry Office and Stella library.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The building is a rectangular shaped one-storey structure. The roof is medium gabled with projecting verges and purlins exposed. The building is a white clapboard sided structure with a sheet metal covered roof. The façade is three bays across including the central entrance porch with double leafed carved wood door. Centered in the gable is a blind window with a date inscription. The east and west ends are also three bays across, with centered windows.

FEATURES TO BE COVERED BY THE DESIGNATION

The entire exterior of the building is to be designated, excluding the modern single leaf metal door, roof, eavestrough, foundation and wheelchair access ramp located on the east end.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may object to this proposed designation by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of Loyalist Township not later than the 7th day of November 2005 a Notice of Objection including reasons in support of the objection or in attendance of the Loyalist Township Council meeting dated the 14th day of November 2005 beginning at 7:00pm at the Odessa Municipal Office.

ANY questions on this matter should be directed to David Casemore, Heritage Advisor, at (613) 386-7351 ext. 129

DATED at Loyalist Township this 5th day of October 2005.

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