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TOWN of PETROLIA

"Canada's Victorian Oil Town"



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Re:

Heritage Designation

4169 Petrolia Line

By-Law Number 77-2000

Dear Sirs:

As you are aware, the Heritage Designation at 4169 Petrolia Line has been completed and registered without objection.

Please find enclosed a copy of the above mentioned by-law and notice for your records.

Yours truly

R. Brad Loosley, Administrator Clerk.

RBL/kk Encl.

c/c Ontario Heritage Foundation and St. Paul's United Church

12/14/00 RC

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PETROLIA

BY-LAW NUMBER 77-2000

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS ST PAULS UNITED CHURCH, IN THE TOWN OF PETROLIA, AS BEING ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1980, R.S.O. Chapter 337, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact By-Laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises of the St. Paul's United Church, in the Town of Petrolia, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality for one week; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia Hereby Enacts As Follows:

- 1. This is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest of the real property as St. Paul's United Church, in the Town of Petrolia, Province of Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
- 2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-Law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

By-Law Read a First, Second and Third time and Finally Passed on the 20th day of November, 2000.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR CLERK

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION OF PROPERTYUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF BY-LAW 77 OF 2000

Historical Reasons:

Date of construction circa 1899 / 1900 Source of Date: Church Records and Published accounts.

Occupancy and / or Role Record.

The Church Building and lot have been occupied by the Congregation of Petrolia Methodist Church, from construction Until Church Union in 1926, when Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churchs in Canada, joined to form the United Church of Canada.

The Presbyterian Congregation in Petrolia, choose not to join the union and remain as such today.

The remaining congregations did form the union and continue to occupy the property as St. Pauls United Church Petrolia, now 100 years later, as the same occupant for which the building was constructed.

The Architectural Reasons:

Details: Three distinct portions of the building require designation, being,

1. The Sanctuary; The sanctuary or main room in the building remains relativly unchanged since construction. This portion of the building contains the original pews {seats} which were manufactured by Valley City Seating Co. of Dundas Ont. and in the same configuration as originally placed. The balcony seat and distinctive rail are also unchanged.

2. The Stained Glass Windows; Stained glass windows, which are leaded, contain several colours of glass, are very prominent features of East, West and North sides of the building on at least three levels. The windows have three separate Rose Style casements and are original, with some restoration since 1995.

3. The Entry Alcove; The entry to the Sanctuary from the Petrolia Line is by concrete stairwells, placed to the rear of four Gothic type pillars, which support a very distinct and ornamental arch of red brick and sandstone.

From both a historical and architectural viewpoint.
St Pauls United Church, must be considered an anchor building to the Victorian streetscape of the community.
Having occupied a prominent corner of a major intersection In the Town of Petrolia, for the entire century past, and having served the community as a focal point on the main street, is of great benefit to the Victorian atmosphere created by the streetscape of our town.

SCHEDULE "A"

Legal Description:

Plan 44, Lot 6, Lot 7, Part Lot 5 and 8 being 0.42 acres110.00 Fr, 150.00 D. Municipally known as 4169 Petrolia Line in the Town of Petrolia in the County of Lambton.