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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

To: Ontario Heritage Foundation
77 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2T9

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia intends to designate the property including lands and buildings, at the following Municipal address as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act 1990, Section 29 (1) Chapter 0.18.

- a) St. Paul's United Church Petrolia
4169 Petrolia Line
Petrolia, Ontario N0N 1R0

Reasons for Proposed Designation

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 Churches 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. Paul's United Church Petrolia, now 100 years later, as the same occupant for which the building 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 relatively unchanged since construction. This portion of the building contains the original pews (seats) which were manufactured by Valley City Seating Co. of Dundas Ontario 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. Paul's 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.

Any persons may before the 17th November, send by registered mail or deliver to the Administrator Clerk of the Town of Petrolia, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Town of Petrolia will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF PETROLIA THIS 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2000

R. Brad Loosley,
Administrator Clerk