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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT LEASKDALE CHURCH 11850 REGIONAL ROAD 1, SOUTH PART LOT 20, CONCESSIO (FORMER TOWNSHIP OF SCOTT)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge intends to designate the property, including the lands and buildings, at 11850 Regional Road 1, Uxbridge (Formerly the Township of Scott), as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, Ch.O.18). A By-law to designate the property is scheduled to be before Uxbridge Council at its regular meeting to be held on December 14th, 2009.

Description of Property

11850 Regional Road 1, South Part Lot 20, Concession 6.

Formerly known as St. Paul's Presbyterian Church the brick building is located on the west side of Regional Road 1 in the Hamlet of Leaskdale, Township of Uxbridge, formerly, Township of Scott.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

St. Paul's cultural heritage value lies in its association with the community of Leaskdale and with the famous Canadian author of Anne of Green Gables, Lucy Maud Montgomery. In 1911, Lucy Maud Montgomery's husband Reverend Ewan Macdonald of Prince Edward Island was called to Ontario to become the Minister of St. Paul's Church in Leaskdale. For the fifteen years that Reverend Macdonald served as the Minister at St. Paul's, Lucy Maud Montgomery immersed herself in church affairs and the local community while penning 11 of her popular novels.

The current church building was constructed in 1906 by Mr. Dike of Mount Albert on lands donated by George Leask, to replace an earlier building constructed in 1866. Since its inception, St. Paul's Church has played an important role in the life of the community as a landmark in this quiet rural community.

The former St. Paul's Presbyterian Church's cultural heritage value also lies in being an example of a typical late 19th century rural community church. This is demonstrated by its central location in the hamlet, its simple form and architectural detailing constructed from local materials and its modest scale.

Additional information on the proposed designation is available at the Clerks Department.

Any person may, within thirty days of the first publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Township of Uxbridge notice of their objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Township of Uxbridge will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

THE LAST DAY FOR FILING OBJECTIONS IS DECEMBER 7th , 2009.

Dated at Uxbridge Ontario, this 5th day of November, 2009.

Debbie Leroux Clerk