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# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMMER ADDITIONAL BY-LAW NO. 2006 .50 6

Being a by-law to designate the property know as the Rydal Bank Church in the Township of Plummer Additional as being of Architectural and Historical value

WEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, Par IV, Section 29, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 authorizes the council of a municipality to designate structure and property as being of architectural and /or historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Plummer Additional has served upon the owner of the lands and premises of the Rydal Bank Church and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property, has published such notice of intention in the local newspaper having general circulation in the municipality and has consulted with the Municipal Heritage Committee;

And WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality within 30 days after the date of publication of such notice of intention to designate.

# NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMMER ADDITIONAL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- That the Rydal Bank Church, 1630 Highway 638, Roll # 5719 000 002 1500 000, 1. Plan H513 Lot 29 SPT Plummer Township, in the Township of Plummer Additional, is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest.
- 2. The Township Solicitor is hereby authorized to register a copy of the by-law against the above described lands in the Land Registry Office for the District of Algoma.
- That the Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the Heritage Attributes are attached 3. as "Schedule A" and form part of this by-law.
- 4. The Clerk is hereby authorized to serve a copy of this by-law on the owners of the aforesaid property, and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and publish notice of the passing of the by-law in the local newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ THREE TIMES, ENACTED AND PASSED

IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 22nd DAY

OF November: 2006.

111 Mayor: Beth West

Schedule A to By-Law # 50

## The Rydal Bank Church

### Description of Property:

1630 Highway 638.

The Rydal Bank Church is located on the East side of Highway 638 in Rydal Bank which is 10 km north of Bruce Mines, Ontario. The Rydal Bank Church is owned by the Rydal Bank Historical Society, c/o Jean Hershey, Secretary, RR#2, Bruce Mines, Ontario POR 1C0

#### Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Rydal Bank Church is an excellent example of a rural wooden church. Built in 1908 it is a historic landmark and one of the last rural churches dating from the early 1900's that is still standing and open to the public in this community and surrounding area.

The Church was built in 1907 by noted local builder Walter Robinson and his son on land sold by Catharine (Day) Hoath \$1.00 on Lot Four, Concession One to the Trustees of the church: James Edmunds, Oliver Burden and Alexander Finlayson. The opening service for The Rydal Bank Presbyterian Church was held on January 5, 1908.

The Church was built on a stone foundation and has white board exterior featuring a steeple and arched stained glass windows. The rich natural wood paneling, white globed lamps, wooden pews and pulpit are testimony to the craftsmanship of the early residents of the community.

The Church also houses the pump organ that was played by Mrs. Viola Inch from 1913 to 1978 and that is still played by Loreen MacLeod Knight at the annual Church Service held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society.

The Church which served as the Rydal Bank United Church from the time of Church Union was closed by the United Church in 1978. It was purchased in 1989 by the Rydal Bank Historical Society which maintains and preserves the building as a "living museum".

### Heritage Attributes:

Key attributes that embody the heritage value of the Rydal Bank Church include: A stone foundation A steeple A board exterior painted white Arched windows along the sides and across the front Stained glass panels in each window Rich, natural finish, wood interior White glass globed lamps hanging from the ceiling Wooden pews and pulpit and communion table The pump organ