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NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY INCLUDING
LAND AND BUILDINGS OF ARCHITECTURAL AND
HISTORICAL VALUE

MAY 06 1997

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville intends to designate the following property as a property of architectural and historical value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV.

CHURCHILL BAPTIST CHURCH

(formerly Church Hill Christian Church)

15336 Ninth Line

Part Lot 21, Concession 8, (Former Township of Whitchurch)
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Regional Municipality of York

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE UNDERSIGNED AT (905) 640-1900 OR DORIE BILlich, CURATOR, WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE MUSEUM AT (905) 727-8954.

ANY PERSON MAY, BEFORE THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 1997, SEND BY REGISTERED MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE CLERK OF THE TOWN, Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 5th day of May, 1997.

Michele Kennedy, Clerk
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
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APPENDIX B

DESIGNATION PROPOSAL



CHURCHILL BAPTIST CHURCH
15336 Ninth Line
Lot 21, Concession 8, Former Township of Whitchurch

Prepared by: Heritage
Whitchurch-Stouffville
April, 1997

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Churchill Baptist Church is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act because of its architectural and historical significance.

Architectural Reasons

The Churchill Baptist Church provides an excellent example of a rural church, built in a much vernacularized Gothic revival style.

Originally rectangular in plan, the Churchill Baptist Church is a hall church, directed in a liturgical siting with an attached narthex on the front. An addition at the northwest corner has resulted in an irregular plan and now provides the main entrance for the church.

The original frame structure sits on a concrete block foundation and is covered by wooden board and batten siding. The battens are rounded in profile and join an arcaded frieze on the north and south sides as well as on the front facade of the original structure. The joint between the battens and the arcaded frieze is accented by the insertion of a plain block entablature. The entrance addition is sided in a simplified yet complimentary aluminum board and batten siding.

The typical windows openings are semi-circular with rectangular, double hung sashes and blind semi-circular transoms, surrounded by simple wood trim. Each sash comprises a central pane of bubbled glass surrounded by 5 narrow rectangles and squares in stains of yellow and green which form a frame along the outer edge of the window.

Other windows on the structure are fixed or sliding rectangular windows. A 1/1 double hung sash window is located on the rear facade of the entrance addition.

A medium pitch gable roof covers the original church. The projecting eaves are accented by angled, wooden soffits and moulded fascia. The entrance addition has a low pitch gable roof.

The current entrance of the church is offset right on the east facade of the addition. Rectangular in shape, it comprises a double-leaf 6-panel wooden door. Concrete stairs with simple wrought iron railings lead from the north and east to this entrance. A silver cross is incorporated within the repeating, central motif on the railing.

Originally, the entrance to the church was contained in the narthex. No longer in use, this entrance is segmental in shape with a double-leaf, 5-panel wooden door topped by a blind, segmental transom. Simple concrete or limestone steps lead to this entrance. A third entrance is located at the west end of the south facade. Rectangular in shape, this entrance contains a cross and bible metal door.

Historical Reasons

The Baptist Church at Churchill (formerly Church Hill Christian Church) is an example of the products of faith, community and isolation. The congregation that came together to build the church in 1872 were already part of a Christian congregation at Bloomington, but the distance and road conditions from their homes north of Musselman's Lake combined to make their

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DESIGNATION - continued

participation in this church difficult. So, with a solid initial contingent of approximately two dozen members, they applied to the central committee of the church for permission to create their own.

The donations of land, materials and time that went into the construction of the church have been memorably recorded, as have the initial signatories to the request ("Dated this 23rd day of August 1872"). The names include some local families of long-standing, some still represented in the area: George B. Quantz, Jane Quantz, Wm. Badgero, Mary Badgero, Jacob Pryne, Sarah Pryne, Jacob Ramer, Martha Ramer, Peter Spring, Ebenezer Pryne, Emma Pryne, Wm. A. Quantz, George W. Press, Elizabeth Badgero, Hiram Patterson, George Pipher, Wm. Macklem, Harriet Macklem, Louise Patterson, Wm. Paisley, Sarah A. Paisley, Frederick Graham, Margaret A. Graham, John Neal, Cinderella Neal, Richard Graham, Mary Patterson, Mary Pryne.

For much of the history of Churchill Christian Church, preaching was provided by an itinerant minister, thereby maintaining the links with the other area churches. Through the period from 1872 to c.1945, Ministers have included, Elder Wm. Percy, Mr. Morton, Edwin Hyde, Harry Worling, Bill Tyler, Arthur Greer, R.K. Bickers, C.O. Sommer, Charles Montgover.

The building itself is a monument to this group's commitment, and the state of the church after 125 years is an indication of ongoing dedication to their faith and to each other. Even after World War II, when the congregation went through a period of hiatus, the building was maintained to the same standards as during its active periods.

The cemetery adjacent to the church is managed by its own board and contains a rare, metal grave marker.

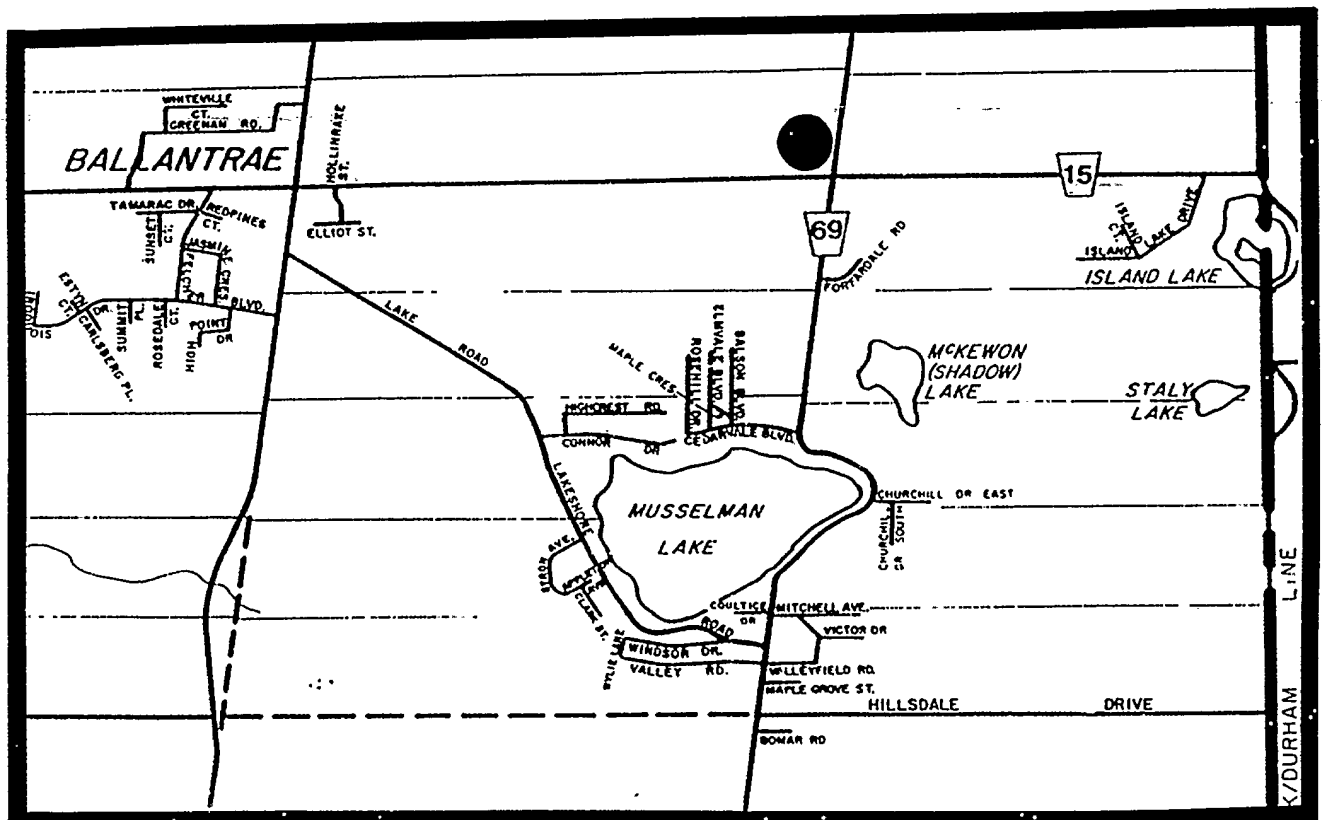
Until the 1950s, the building must have changed little in outward appearance, and even then the only major changes were the introduction of hydro (1954) to replace the oil lamps and wood stove, and the raising of the building to permit the creation of a full basement (shortly after) for Sunday school and storage. Then, several years after the establishment of the Baptist congregation in 1962, an addition was made to the north side (1970) to include a new entrance, washrooms and a nursery.

The Baptist congregation was established by charter, signed by twenty-six members: Mr. and Mrs. R. Fockler, Mr. and Mrs. N. Fockler, Glen Fockler, Doug Birch, Sheila Longhurst, Kay MacNelly, Mr. MacNelly, Barbara MacNelly, Mrs. Wagg, Joan McCoy, Jan Gray, Effie Paisley, Donna Paisley, Amy LaGeer, Mrs. LaGeer, Ken Fockler, Ian Fockler, Floyd Fockler, Mr. Albert Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark (3 names missing). The first pastor of the new church, serving Churchill and Vivian, was Rev. Kenneth Burton.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Heritage Whitchurch-Stouffville received a letter dated March 6, 1997, from Dr. Ebenezer Sikakane, Pastor, requesting that the Church be designated pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

SITE LOCATION



IDENTIFICATION

<u>Property:</u>	Churchill Baptist Church 15336 Ninth line Concession 8, Lot 21 Frontage: 265 feet Site Area: 3.11 acres
<u>Owners:</u>	Churchill Baptist Church P.O. Box 343 Station Main Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7Z6
<u>Assessment Roll No.:</u>	111-70500
<u>Date of Construction:</u>	1872
<u>Style of Architecture:</u>	Gothic Revival
<u>Type of Structure:</u>	Place of Worship