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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY

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January 7, 1994  
File: A-2160 (LACAC)

*Nancy Smith*

Registered Mail

Ms. Ann Stapleford  
508 St. John Street West  
Whitby, Ontario  
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COPY

Re: Old St. John's Roman Catholic Church  
508 St. John Street West Whitby  
Heritage Designation, Part IV  
The Ontario Heritage Act

The above-noted matter, together with Planning Director's Report, Item 247-93, a copy of which is enclosed, was considered at a meeting of the Town Council held December 13, 1993.

Town Council approved the Heritage Designation and also instructed that staff, with the Town solicitor, draft the necessary by-law, together with the reasons for designation for Council's approval.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Intent to Designate which will appear in the January 12, January 19, and January 26, issues of the Oshawa/Whitby This Week and Whitby Free Press newspapers.

Further information regarding this matter may be obtained by contacting the Town's Planning Department.

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R. B. Short, Director of Planning

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, C. 0.18

AND IN THE MATTER OF LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal address as property of historical and architectural value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18.

Old St. John's Roman Catholic Church  
508 John Street West  
Whitby, Ontario

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION OF 508 JOHN ST. WEST, WHITBY

HISTORIC

Being the first solely Catholic Church in the Town of Whitby, the construction of this church began in 1867 under the watchful eye of Archbishop Lynch of Toronto.

The brickwork was contracted to a well known Whitby mason, George Cormak and was designed by a <sup>[prominent]</sup> predominant Canadian architect, Henry Langley, whom also designed All Saint's Anglican Church in Brooklin.

Tragedy struck in 1901 when the church was destroyed by fire. Soon afterwards (1902) following the original plans (which are stored at the Ontario Archives) Thomas Deverill Jr., son of the original builder, began reconstructing the new church. In December 1902, the church was officially opened.

It was not until 1975 that the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation sold the church and it became a residential property.

ARCHITECTURAL

The style of the church is Gothic in a very modest form appropriate for a small parish. The side walls of the church are divided into three bays separated by decorative buttresses. The front facade has single lancet windows either side of the front porch. Over the entry porch, was a large rose window, now concealed. At the gable peak there is a masonry projection for a belfry. The building is constructed in red brick with stone trim. The heads of the lancet windows are surrounded by a simple Gothic hood moulding made of a double course of corbelling brick. A single masonry chimney rises at the back of the church. The building retains its original cornerstone.

The building is a unique example of an adaptive reuse of a former church and its presence contributes to the architectural character, variety and interest of the community.

Any person may, before February 11, 1994 send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Whitby, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

~~DATED at the Town of Whitby this 12th day of January, 1994.~~

Donald G. McKay  
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