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Bill No. 043

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 25-043

To Designate Property Located at 2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek, City of Hamilton as Property of Cultural Heritage Value

WHEREAS section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 authorizes Council of the municipality to enact by-laws to designate property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS Council of the City of Hamilton has received and considered the recommendations of its Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee pertaining to this by-law, arising from the meeting of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee held on October 25, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton, at its meeting held on November 13, 2024, resolved to direct the City Clerk to take appropriate action to designate the Property described as 2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek in the City of Hamilton, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto (the "Property"), as property of cultural heritage value or interest, which resolution was confirmed by By-law No. 24-205;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with subsection 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Council of the City of Hamilton has caused to be served on the owner of the Property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to Designate the Property as being of cultural heritage value or interest, and has caused a Notice of Intention to Designate to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "B";

AND WHEREAS a Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate 2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek, was served upon the Clerk of the municipality in accordance with subsection 29(5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and the objection was considered by Council in accordance with subsection 29(6) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

AND WHEREAS Council has decided to designate the Property in accordance with section 29(8) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. A statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the Property, and a description of the heritage attributes of the Property are set out in Schedule "C" hereto.

2. The Property, together with its heritage attributes listed in Schedule “C” hereto, is hereby designated as property of cultural heritage value or interest.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed,
 - a. to cause a copy of this By-law, together with the statement of cultural heritage value or interest and description of heritage attributes of the Property, to be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust, the owner of the Property, and any person who served an objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate, by a method permitted by the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and,
 - b. to publish a notice of passing of this By-law in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hamilton. Once this By-law comes into force and effect in accordance with the applicable provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the City Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this By-law, together with its Schedules, to be registered against the whole of the Property described in Schedule “A” hereto in the proper registry office.

PASSED this 5th day of March, 2025.

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Schedule "A"

To

By-law No. 25-043

**2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek
Hamilton, Ontario**

PIN: 17088-0325 (LT)

Legal Description:

PT LT 25, CON 8 SALTFLEET , AS IN VM201247 ; STONEY CREEK CITY OF
HAMILTON

Schedule "B"

To

By-law No. 25-043

**2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek
Hamilton, Ontario**

**Notice of Intention to Designate
2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek
(Former Elfrida United Church)**

The City of Hamilton intends to designate 2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as being a property of cultural heritage value.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

This property, formerly known as the Elfrida United Church, is a representative example of the Gothic Revival style of architecture as applied to a place of worship which also displays a high degree of craftsmanship. It has historical value as an early place of worship in Saltfleet Township and it is associated with the theme of the nineteenth-century development in Saltfleet. Contextually, this property is important in defining the former historic rural character of the area. It is historically linked to its surroundings and, being a highly visible structure juxtaposed against a modern backdrop, is considered a local landmark.

The Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest, Description of Heritage Attributes and supporting Cultural Heritage Assessment may be found online via www.hamilton.ca or viewed at the Office of the City Clerk, 71 Main Street West, 1st Floor, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5, during regular business hours.

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of the Notice, serve written notice of their objections to the proposed designation, together with a statement for the objection and relevant facts, on the City Clerk at the Office of the City Clerk.

Dated at Hamilton, this 29th day of November, 2024.



Matthew Trennum
City Clerk
Hamilton, Ontario

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Schedule “C”

To

By-law No. 25-043

**2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek
Hamilton, Ontario**

**STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST, AND
DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES**

Description of Property

The 0.1-hectare property municipally addressed as 2251 Rymal Road East, Stoney Creek, is comprised of a one-storey brick building constructed as a place of worship in 1881, formerly known as the Elfrida United Church. It is located on the north side of Rymal Road East, between Swayze Road and the Upper Centennial Parkway, in the historic settlement area of Elfrida in the former Township of Saltfleet, in the community of Stoney Creek in the City of Hamilton.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Interest or Value

The one-storey brick building, formerly known as the Elfrida United Church, was constructed in 1881, in the place of an earlier church constructed in 1858. The property has design or physical value as it is a representative example of the Gothic Revival style of architecture as applied to a place of worship. The property also displays a high degree of craftsmanship through the decorative brackets and tracery, the stone hood-moulds on the windows and the multi-coloured stained glass windows.

The property has historical value as it was one of the earliest places of worship in Saltfleet Township and is associated with the theme of the nineteenth-century development in Saltfleet. Originally built as a Methodist church and joining the United Church of Canada in 1925, this former place of worship served the historic settlement area of Elfrida until its closure in 1991 and conversion into a restaurant.

Contextually, this property is important in defining the former historic rural character of the area. It is historically linked to its surroundings, located on the historic Rymal Road transportation corridor and being the only remaining non-residential nineteenth-century building from the historic settlement area of Elfrida. Located close to the public right-of-way, it is a highly visible structure, juxtaposed against the surrounding modern commercial development, making it a local landmark.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that embody the design value of the property as being a representative example of the Gothic Revival architectural style demonstrating a high degree of craftsmanship, and historical value for its associations with places of worship in Saltfleet Township and nineteenth-century settlement in Elfrida, include:

- All elevations and roofline of the one-storey brick building, including its:
 - Front gable roof with projecting eaves and brick chimneys to the front and rear;
 - Decorative wooden brackets and brick detailing below the front (south) gable;
 - Circular window opening in the front (south) elevation with a rounded stone hood-mould;
 - Date stone on the front elevation reading: “C.M.C. Erected 1858 Rebuilt 1881”;
 - Brick buttresses on the front (south) and side (east and west) elevations;
 - Lancet windows with wooden quatrefoil tracery and etched stained glass with floral designs in red, green, yellow, and blue, including:
 - Stone hood-moulds in the front (south) elevation; and,
 - Brick voussoirs in the side (east and west) elevations;
 - Round stone hood-mould over a semicircular transom above the front entrance;
 - Decorative brick panels between the first storey and basement window bays;
 - Flat-headed basement windows with stone lintels; and,
 - Stone foundation.

Key attributes that embody the contextual value of the property as a defining feature of the historical character of the historic settlement area of Elfrida and as a local landmark include its:

- Location on Rymal Road;
- Shallow setback from the public right-of-way; and,
- Visibility of the property from all directions.