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March 27, 2002

Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation  
Coordinator LACAC, Heritage & Libraries Branch  
Heritage Policy and Programs Development Unit  
400 University Ave  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2R9



**RE: Heritage Designation By-Law 09-2002**

Please find enclosed a certified true copy of By-law 09-2002, authorizing heritage designation status to the Winchester United Church and the Chesterville and District Heritage Centre.

I trust the above to be satisfactory and remain;

Yours truly,

Jo-Anne McCaslin  
Clerk  
Township of North Dundas

Enclosure

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Nov. 12/02  
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I, Jo-Anne McCaslin, Clerk of the Township of North Dundas, in the County of Dundas, hereby certify this to be a true copy, this 27 day of March 2002  
*Jo-Anne McCaslin* (Year)

## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS

### BY-LAW 09-2002

#### **A By-law of the Corporation of the Township of North Dundas to designate 519 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester and 14 Victoria Street, Chesterville to be of Historic and Architectural value**

WHEREAS, the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 Section 29(6)(a), authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic and architectural value or interest.

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Dundas has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as 519 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester and 14 Victoria Street, Chesterville, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the Winchester Press newspaper having a general circulation in the Township of North Dundas, for thirty (30) days as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990 Chapter 0.18 Section 29(1).


AND WHEREAS, the reasons for the designation and set out as Schedule "B" hereto;

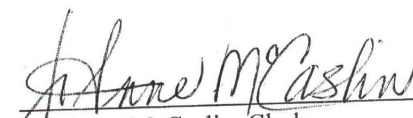
AND WHEREAS, no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the Township of North Dundas as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990 Chapter 0.18 Section 29(5).

THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the North Dundas enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of historic and architectural value or interest the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto known as 519 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester, Ontario and 14 Victoria Street Chesterville, Ontario.
2. The Township Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-Law to be served upon the owners of the property described in Schedule "A" and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this By-Law to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Township of North Dundas.
4. The Schedules attached hereto and marked Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" form part of this By-Law and all notations, references and other information contained therein shall be as much a part of this By-Law as if all the matters and information set forth by the said schedules were fully described herein.

Read a first, second and third time and passed in Open Council this 11th day of March, 2002.

  
Claude Cousineau, Mayor

  
Jo-Anne McCaslin, Clerk

SCHEDULE "A-1"  
OF BY-LAW 09-02

The Winchester United Church  
519 St. Lawrence Street (Winchester)  
Plan 34 Pt. Lot 22 South of Main

*Architectural Importance:*

The church has been a prominent architectural landmark in the former village of Winchester since its completion in 1886. Its spire is visible as one approaches the village from any direction. Centrally located at the intersection of St. Lawrence, Church and Caleb Streets, it is an important building in defining the heritage character of the village. Architecturally, it is one of the best examples in the Township of late-Victorian Gothic Revival style as adapted to the Methodist form of worship. Designed by architect J.P. Johnson of Ogdensburg, the church is noted for verticality of its design features: high sloping roofs, decorative gable ends, gothic windows, tall broached octagonal spire, and central cupola. The plan is unique; the transept and nave are of equal size, creating a very large unobstructed interior space. The sloped floor, the semi-circular arrangement of pews, oriented toward the choir loft and pulpit are typical of the Methodist approach to worship, as is the two-story Sunday school auditorium on the East side. The building is built of local limestone and is evident of fine workmanship. The roofs of the spire and cupola retain their original gray slates. The building is in a good state of preservation and retains the integrity of its original design.

*Historical Importance:*

Completed in 1886, its construction coincides with the 1884 national union of the Methodist movement (union of the Wesleyan Methodists, Episcopal Methodists, and others). The Methodist church, (later united with Presbyterian and Congregationalist churches to form the United Church of Canada) was among the important denominations during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries in North Dundas. The limestone used in the construction of the church was procured from the quarry owned by John Benjamin Baker (located immediately South of Winchester), a source of stone for many of the limestone buildings in the Winchester area. The stone cutting and laying was led by Isaac Johnson, a former American slave, who is credited with developing the potential of the Baker quarry and with having built several other fine stone buildings in the area, including the Baker farmhouse.



SCHEDULE "B-1"  
OF BY-LAW 09-02

Reason for Designation

*Winchester United Church:*

The Winchester United Church, 519 St. Lawrence Street, is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. Completed in 1886, it is one of the finest examples in the Township of late-Victorian Gothic Revival style as adapted to the Methodist form of worship. It retains the integrity of its original design, in terms of plan, style, material and architectural detail. The church is a prominent structure due to its location and its conservation is important for perserving the architectural and historical character of the former village and the heritage of the Township.

SCHEDULE "A-2"  
OF BY-LAW 09-02

The Chesterville and District Heritage Centre  
14 Victoria Street (Chesterville)  
Plan 35, Blk D, The Unnumbered Lot  
being Part 1 on 8R1811

*Architectural Importance:*

The hall is a simple rectangular brick building, noted for its large central doorway, symmetrical placement of tall rectangular windows on the front and both sides. Details include horizontal brick voussoirs over the windows, limestone coursing at ground-level, stone window sills, plain bargeboards and an engraved date stone over the front door with the inscription "Town Hall 1867". In 1985 the exterior of the building was restored to its original appearance. The presence of the hall, along with the McCloskey Hotel, the community centre and several heritage homes defines what was a "town square", located at the head of the original Chesterville bridge.

*Historical Importance:*

The building was erected in 1867 as the first town hall in the township of Winchester, years before the incorporation of the Villages of Chesterville in 1890 and Winchester in 1885. Chesterville was one of the first settlements to be developed in North Dundas and prior to the construction of the hall, the Township council had been meeting in local hotels. The opening of the building in December of 1867, marked the beginning of over a century of active use by the community. In addition to being used as a town hall, it served as a school, a division court, a cinema, a theatre for local church dramatic societies, a rehearsal and performance hall for the citizen's band, a police station, a temporary jail, a boy scout meeting hall, and a firehall. It is currently used by the Chesterville and District Historical society as museum, archives and research centre.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS

MOVED BY

*Keith Jancut*

SESSION

*MARCH 25, 2002*

SECONDED BY:

*Martin Wilson*

RESOLUTION NO. ( *12* )

THAT Schedule "A-2" of By-Law 09-2002 be amended to read "*Plan 35, Blk D, The Unnumbered Lot being Part 1 on 8R1811*"

DIVISION

FOR

AGAINST

VOTE

CARRIED ☒

DEFEATED ☐

AMENDED BY ☐

SIGNATURE: PRESIDING OFFICER

*[Signature]*

DECLARATION CONFLICT OF INTEREST

(a) DISCLOSED HIS (THEIR) HER INTEREST(S).

(b) VACATED HIS (THEIR) HER SEAT.

(c) ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION AND DID NOT VOTE ON THIS QUESTION

Clerk

SCHEDULE "B-2"  
OF BY-LAW 09-02

Reason for Designation

*Chesterville and District Heritage Centre:*

The Chesterville and District Heritage Centre is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons. Built in 1867, as the Township's first municipal hall, it served over the years as a school, a division court, cinema, theatre for local church dramatic societies, rehearsal hall for the citizen's band, police station, temporary jail, meeting hall, and more recently as museum and research centre.