

**THE CORPORATION  
OF THE  
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE  
BY-LAW NO. 2024-029**

(1294-1296 McNab Road, Roll No. 262702001703400)

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALY AS, **CHRIST CHURCH MCNAB, 1294-1296 MCNAB ROAD**, IN THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST.

**WHEREAS** Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises known as the **CHRIST CHURCH MCNAB, 1294-1296 MCNAB ROAD**, in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake in the Province of Ontario and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality; and

**WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' hereto; and

**WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the clerk of the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake enacts as follows:**

1. There is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest the real property known as **CHRIST CHURCH MCNAB, 1294-1296 MCNAB ROAD** in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake in the Province of Ontario, more particularly described in Schedule 'A' hereto.
2. The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule 'A' hereto.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause copy of this By-law to be served on the owners of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED ON THIS 30th DAY OF APRIL, 2024.**

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**LORD MAYOR GARY ZALEPA**

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**TOWN CLERK GRANT BIVOL**

**SCHEDULE 'A'**

Legal Address: CP 5 PART LOT 23

PIN: 463640049

Civic Address: 1294-1296 MCNAB ROAD

## **SCHEDULE 'B'**

### **ANGLICAN CHRIST CHURCH, 1294-1296 MCNAB ROAD**

#### **Description of Property**

The subject property is located on 1294-1296 McNab Road and is the site of an Anglican church named Christ Church or better known as Christ Church McNab. The church building is located at the intersection of McNab Road and Lakeshore Road, towards the west of McNab Road. The church has a considerable setback from McNab Road. The church building is set on a picturesque forest covered rise of land, surrounded by oak, maple and pine trees. The 8 Mile Creek flows towards the west of the church.

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The property known as the Anglian Christ Church has cultural heritage value or interest for its design and physical values, its historical and associative values and its contextual values.

The subject property is a representative example of the Gothic Revival style. The one-and-a-half storey rectangular plan church has a large steeply pitched front and rear gable roof, lancet and pointed arched window openings, stepped buttresses, red brick and buff brick voussoirs, and interior stained-glass windows which is typical of Gothic Revival structures. The symmetrical façade with symmetrical elements and symmetrical side elevations and detailing are also typical of the Gothic Revival style in places of worship.

Christ Church McNab has direct association with being a community centre for the surrounding farming and immigrant community. Since its inception in 1853, the church has held services to help those in need in the surrounding communities. The church has a history and connection with the migrant workers in the surrounding communities, including Spanish and Mexican Roman Catholic farm workers. Even in the recent years, the church has been associated with volunteer programs such as providing meals, transportation, medical help to those in need of it and translated information for bilingual church goers.

The subject property has the potential to yield information that contributes to the understanding of the community and the struggles of the black slaves that escaped the American civil war through the Niagara River. The subject property also contains a plaque on the west side towards the Eight Mile Creek that commemorates the loss of life. Research indicates that the slaves may have settled in the area for a period of time and are an essential chapter in the subject area's history. The subject property also has the potential to offer knowledge of the other immigrant communities in the area. It is suggested through research the church parish has been comprised of various ethnicities that include the Spanish and the Mexican Roman Catholic farm workers.

The Christ Church McNab was designed by William Thomas. William Thomas was born in Britain in 1799. He practiced architecture in Birmingham, England, till 1843, when he moved to Toronto with his family. He has designed various housings, religious, educational, commercial and cultural buildings throughout Canada. He has designed over 100 buildings in Canada but was well-known for his church designs. In Niagara-on-the-Lake, some of his well-known works include, the Court House on Queen Street, the Sir Isaac Brock Monument in Queenston, and the Grace United Church. The Christ Church McNab also shares some architectural similarities to the Grace United Church.

The subject property has contextual value because it is important in maintaining the character of the area. Christ Church McNab is part of the historic fabric of the Eight Mile Creek rural area. It lies in close proximity to the various farmsteads along Lakeshore Road and McNab Road. The church is also physically linked to its surroundings. The building is constructed of red brick that was made on site

from the flats below the church. Historically, the church is linked to its surroundings as it was also called Christ Church McNab, after the original settlers in the area that were John and Colin McNab. Even the road that connects the church to the Lakeshore Road is named after these settlers.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key exterior and structural attributes include:

- One and a half storey Gothic Revival church
- Steeply pitched gable roofs
- Projecting chancel on the west side
- Tower with steeple on the facade
- Symmetrical side elevations
- Red brick construction in common bond
- Stepped buttresses
- Radiating voussoirs with wooden sills
- Entrance doorway with the wooden double doors, trim and mouldings details
- Pointed arch window openings
- Tower window with leaded glass in diamond shape
- Band of buff brick with diamond motifs
- Buff brick string course with beveled top and bottom faces
- Buff brick corbel table
- The plaques on the subject property
- Location of Christ Church McNab within rural area of Niagara-on-the-Lake facing the Eight Mile Creek