

# The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

## Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number ED2020-001

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**Meeting Date:** January 14, 2020

**Title:** Proposed Designation of 264 Pleasant Point Road

**Description:** Proposed designation of 264 Pleasant Point Road under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

**Ward Number:** 6

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### Recommendation(s):

**That** Report ED2020-001, **Proposed Designation of 264 Pleasant Point Road**, be received;

**That** the Municipal Heritage Committee's recommendation to designate 264 Pleasant Point Road under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest be endorsed;

**That** staff be authorized to proceed with the process to designate the subject property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, including the preparation and circulation of a Notice of Intention to Designate, and preparation of the designating by-law;

**That** a designating by-law be brought forward to Council at the next Regular Council Meeting following the end of the notice period; and

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

At its meeting of October 3, 2019, the Municipal Heritage Committee adopted the following resolution:

### **KLMHC2019-34**

**Moved By** Councillor Ashmore

**Seconded By** J. Garbutt

That the Municipal Heritage Committee recommend to Council that Pleasant Point Union Church (264 Pleasant Point Road) be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**Carried**

This report addresses that direction.

264 Pleasant Point Road (Pleasant Point Union Church) is located in the community of Pleasant Point on Sturgeon Lake. In September 2019, staff and the Municipal Heritage Committee received a request from the church and its board to designate the property. Background research on the property was undertaken and a site visit completed to evaluate the property and assess its potential significance. The evaluation of the property was completed using the criteria established by Regulation 9/06 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act provides that, upon consultation with its municipal heritage committee, and after serving a Notice of Intention to Designate pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the Council of a municipality may pass a by-law designating a property within the boundaries of the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest if it fulfils the criteria for designation under the Act, as identified in Ontario Regulation 9/06. Both staff and the Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee are satisfied that the subject property fulfils the criteria for designation set out under Ontario Regulation 9/06.

## **Rationale:**

Ontario Regulation 9/06 identifies the criteria for determining the cultural heritage value of a property. Under this regulation, a property may be designated under Part IV, s.29 of the Ontario Heritage Act if it meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. The property has design value or physical value because it:
  - a. is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method,
  - b. displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit, or
  - c. demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

2. The property has historical value or associative value because it:
  - a. has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community,
  - b. yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture, or
  - c. demonstrates the work of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to the community.
  
3. The property has contextual value because it:
  - a. is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of the area,
  - b. is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, or
  - c. is a landmark.

264 Pleasant Point Road fulfils multiple criteria under Regulation 9/06 and is therefore eligible for designation under Part IV of the Act. A heritage evaluation report has been prepared for this property which outlines its significance and demonstrates which criteria it fulfils. This report is attached as Appendix A. A statement of significance for the property as required by the Act, which summarized the property's cultural heritage value and reasons for designation, can be found below.

### **264 Pleasant Point Road (Pleasant Point Union Church) Statement of Significance**

Pleasant Point Union Church (264 Pleasant Point Road) has cultural heritage value as an excellent, representative example of a cottage community church constructed in the early twentieth century. Constructed on a rectangular plan, the rustic timber interior and plain exterior with simplified forms and minimal decorative elements speaks to the wilderness aesthetic prevalent in cottage architecture during this period which aimed to integrate structures into the nature landscape and which reflects its roots as a non-denominational Protestant worship space. Despite its simplicity, however, the church displays a high degree of craftsmanship in its reredos, communion rail, and lectern. Historically, the church has importance as part of the development of Pleasant Point in the early twentieth century and is reflective of the architectural and cultural development of cottage communities during this period. It also has important historical associations with former Ontario Premier Leslie M. Frost who attended the church while cottaging in Pleasant Point and who wrote its constitution in 1922. The property also has contextual significance as an important, defining feature in the Pleasant Point community and a local landmark due to its role as a longstanding place of worship on Sturgeon Lake.

## **Other Alternatives Considered:**

No other alternatives are recommended.

## **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

There will be advertising costs associated with this application which are covered by the existing budget.

## **Relationship of Recommendation(s) to the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:**

The designation of property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act supports the following goals from the Council adopted Strategic Plan:

- Goal 1 – A Vibrant and Growing Economy
- Goal 2 – An Exceptional Quality of Life

The identification and protection of heritage assets in the community through listing directly supports the identified action 2.1.1 which recommends strengthening existing cultural and heritage assets. Designation provides long term protection and management for key heritage resources in the municipality and recognizes their importance to the community.

The protection of heritage resources in the municipality also assists in the growth of the local economy by identifying, protecting, and celebrating places where people want to live, work and visit. It encourages investment in local communities by ensuring and promoting attractive places for residents and businesses to be. It also has a direct impact on developing local tourism through the preservation of sites and landscapes that visitors are interested in experiencing.

## **Consultations:**

Municipal Heritage Committee

## **Attachments:**

Appendix A – Heritage Evaluation Report: 264 Pleasant Point Road



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Road Heritage Evalu

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