



Municipal Heritage Committee Report

Report Number: KLMHC2024-064
Meeting Date: December 9, 2024
Title: **Proposed Heritage Designation of 1436 Highway 7A, Geographic Township of Manvers**
Description: Presentation on the current status of the Archaeological Management Plan
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Recommendation(s):

That Report KLMHC2024-064, **Proposed Heritage Designation of 1436 Highway 7A, Geographic Township of Manvers**, be received;

That the designation of the property known municipally as 1436 Highway 7A be endorsed; and

That the recommendation to designate the subject property be forwarded to Council for approval.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

The City of Kawartha Lakes designates properties under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Properties are recommended for designation by their owners, members of the public, local organizations, the Municipal Heritage Committee, Council or staff.

Properties proposed for designation are reviewed by the Municipal Heritage Committee, as required by subsection 29(2) of the Ontario Heritage Act, and their recommendation is brought forward to Council under the cover of a staff report.

1436 Highway 7A, also known as St. Paul's Anglican Church, was constructed in 1876 as the Anglican church for Bethany and the surrounding area, although it closed as an operating church in 2005. The property is currently listed on the City's Heritage Register. Although there was initially no intention by staff to designate this building under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act made through Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act (2022) now require municipalities to designate listed properties or remove them from the Register within two years of the amendments coming into effect. Practically, this means that, in order for municipalities to provide heritage protection to its cultural heritage resources as is required by provincial land use planning policy, they must be designated under Part IV of the Act. The amendments came into effect on January 1, 2023. Recent amendments to the Act have extended the deadline to designate properties by an additional two years to January 1, 2027.

1436 Highway 7A has been prioritized as a landmark institutional building in Bethany. It has a high degree of architectural and historic value in the hamlet as its former Anglican church and is a key building block of the Highway 7A corridor through Bethany. This property was identified by staff as a priority property and by the Listed Properties Subcommittee which identified churches as an important focus for designation. Staff have undertaken a site visit to and heritage evaluation report about the property and have determined that the property is eligible for designation under Part IV of the Act.

This report provides the background information regarding the cultural heritage value of the property.

Rationale:

1436 Highway 7A, also known as St. Paul's Anglican Church, has cultural heritage value as a representative example of a late nineteenth century Gothic Revival church and for its role as Bethany's former Anglican church. Constructed in 1876, the church

demonstrates the key principles of the ecclesiastical Gothic Revival, particularly as it was applied to Anglican churches throughout the second half of the nineteenth century. It demonstrates key architectural features that are central to this style, including its steeply pitched roof, lancet windows, and entrance tower with spire. The church has historical value as the former Anglican church in Bethany where it served as a key community institution from its construction in 1876 to its closure in 2005. The property yields information regarding the religious culture of the village in the late nineteenth century and of the families who were associated with it. The property is a landmark building within the village as its former Anglican church and supports and maintains the historic small-town streetscape of Highway 7A through Bethany.

A heritage evaluation report outlining the full reasons for designation and the property's heritage attributes is attached to this report as Appendix A.

Other Alternatives Considered:

There are no recommended alternatives.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial or operational impacts as a result of the recommendations of this report.

Consultations:

N/A

Attachments:

Appendix A – Heritage Evaluation Report: 1436 Highway 7A



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