

The Corporation of the Town of Essex

By-Law Number 2350

Being a By-Law to designate the Christ Church Building located at 190 Bagot Street in Colchester, more particularly described as PLAN 18 PT LOT 5, as being of cultural heritage value or interest under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., Chapter O.18, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact By-Laws to designate real property within the municipality, including all buildings and structures thereof, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex deems it desirable to designate the Christ Church Building located at 190 Bagot Street, Colchester, more particularly described as PLAN 18 PT LOT 5, as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

AND WHEREAS Notice of Intention to Designate the Christ Church Building has been served on the owner of the property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and such notice was published in the Essex Free Press and Harrow News, newspapers having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule 'B' attached to and forming part of this By-Law;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Essex hereby enacts as follows:

1. **That** the real property known as the Christ Church Building located at 190 Bagot Street, Colchester, more particularly described as PLAN 18 PT LOT 5, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value and interest.
2. **That** the Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to register a copy of this By-Law against the property described in Schedule 'A', attached hereto, in the local Land Registry Office.
3. **That** the Clerk/or his/her designate, is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the By-Law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause Notice of this By-law to be published in the Essex Free Press and in the Harrow News.
4. **That** the effective date of this By-Law shall be the date of final passage thereof.

Read a first, a second and a third time and finally passed on August 12, 2024.

Mayor

Clerk

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2350

**Christ Church Building
190 Bagot Street, Colchester, Ontario**

Legal Description

PLAN 18 PT LT 5

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2350

Reasons for Designation Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18

Christ Church Building

General Description of Property

190 Bagot Street is located at the northeast corner of Bagot and Sullivan Street, opposite the Christ Church Cemetery (0 Sullivan Street) in the Hamlet of Colchester, Town of Essex.

Description of Property that has Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The area of the property that demonstrates cultural heritage value or interest is the area that includes the white frame Church built in 1876.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical/Associative Value

The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.

190 Bagot Street retains historical value because it has direct associations with people and an organization that was significant to the development of the Colchester Community. The historical value of the Christ Church lies in the building's connection to the religious, educational, and communal development of Colchester and the church's overall connection to William McCormick and Reverend Richard Pollard.

The congregation of the Christ Church has a direct association with Reverend Richard Pollard, chaplain of the garrison at Amherstburg and the first ordained clergyman of the Church of England in Essex County. Reverend Pollard would serve as minister to congregations in communities throughout Essex County and encouraged each area to build a school. In 1807, Reverend Pollard would begin walking from his home in Amherstburg to minister a small Anglican congregation in Colchester, establishing and developing a small religious community within the small community.

In 1820, William McCormick would build the first iteration of the Christ Church on the site of the Christ Church cemetery out of limestone from Pelee Island, to accommodate the growing congregation. William McCormick was the son of Alexander McCormick, the first postmaster of Colchester, a magistrate, an elected Member of Parliament for Upper Canada from 1812 to 1824 and is largely credited within developing Colchester and later, Pelee Island.

By the 1860s, the bank of Lake Erie was quickly eroding, which caused concern for the longevity of the Church and by the 1870s the building needed major repairs. In 1872, a deed was registered for the current property of the church, and it was determined by the congregation that it would be better to build a new church rather than repair the original. The current church would be built in 1876.

Contextual Value

The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.

190 Bagot Street retains contextual value because it is historically, functionally, and visually linked to its surroundings, specifically the Christ Church Cemetery, the rectory at 220 Bagot Street, the Colchester Schoolhouse, and Lake Erie.

The Christ Church played a role in establishing and developing a religious community and education within the community of Colchester. It is connected to several influential settler families and was a fundamental community space for these early settlers, many of whom are

buried in the Christ Church Cemetery. Alongside this, the Christ Church temporarily served as the community's schoolhouse, after the original log schoolhouse was lost to erosion. It would serve as the schoolhouse until 1881, when the Colchester Schoolhouse was built.

The property has contextual value because it is a landmark

190 Bagot Street retains contextual value because it serves as a defining feature in the community of Colchester and as a waypoint within the community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value of 190 Bagot Street includes:

- The mass, form, and style of the Church building,
- The white, wooden cladding in a clapboard siding style,
- The church tower with cross finial,
- The brick chimney,
- All existing window openings and the twelve (12) stained glass windows,
- All existing door openings,
- The Building roofline and peak.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 190 Bagot Street include:

- The location of the Church Building at the northeast corner of Bagot and Sullivan Street.