

## **The Corporation of the Town of Essex**

### **By-Law Number 2383**

Being a By-Law to designate the St. Clement Church located at 9567 County Road 11 in McGregor, more particularly described as COLCHSTER NORTH CON 11 W PT LOT 1 RP 12R24294 PARTS 1 TO 3 AND 7, 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 St. Clement Church located at 9567 County Road 11, McGregor, more particularly described as COLCHESTER NORTH CON 11 W PT LOT 1 RP 12R24294 PARTS 1 TO 3 AND 7, as being of cultural heritage value and interest;

**AND WHEREAS** Notice of Intention to Designate the St. Clement Church 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 St. Clement Church located at 9567 County Road 11, Harrow, more particularly described as COLCHESTER NORTH CON 11 W PT LOT 1 RP 12R24294 PARTS 1 TO 3 AND 7, 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 October 21, 2024.**

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Mayor

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Clerk

**SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2383**

**St. Clement Church  
9567 County Road 11, McGregor, Ontario**

**Legal Description**

COLCHESTER NORTH CON 11 W PT LOT 1 RP 12R24294 PARTS 1 TO 3 AND 7

## SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2383

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

#### St. Clement Church

##### **General Description of Property**

9567 Walker Road is located on the eastern side of County Road 11, adjacent to 9571 County Road 11, in the settlement area of McGregor.

It is comprised of the St. Clement Church: a large limestone, French-Colonial Revival, Catholic Church that was built in 1903.

##### **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 St. Clement Church that was built in 1903.

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

###### ***Design/Physical Value***

*The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.*

9567 Walker Road retains significant design or physical value due to it being built in a French-Colonial Revival architectural style. The limestone building was built in 1903 by local French-Catholics to replace an older structure. The architectural style is comparable to other Roman-Catholic churches built in Ontario during the late 19th and early 20th century.

The church is characterized by the limestone walls, the high ceilings in the chapel, the large stained-glass windows, and the area at the front where a large tower would sit.

Architecturally, the church contains decorative embellishments including carved stones, raised quoins, stained glass windows, and an area for a large belltower.

###### ***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.*

9567 Walker Road retains significant historical or associative value because it has direct associations with an organization and institution that is significant to a community. The church is located on the oldest religious property within the community of McGregor, and it has ties to the French-Catholic community of McGregor and the surrounding rural areas. The St. Clement Church was built to replace an earlier structure in 1903 to accommodate the rapidly growing congregation.

The St. Clements Church is an important institution within the community of McGregor, being the oldest church property within the community. The original church was built in 1879, located where the parking lot now sits. The present church was constructed afterward, finishing in December 1903. The church didn't receive its name until June 1880, once it was blessed and then given the name St. Clement.

###### ***Contextual Value***

*The property has contextual value because it is a landmark.*

9567 Walker Road retains contextual value because it serves as a well-known marker within the community due to both its size and its longstanding history. The church serves as a defining feature of the McGregor community and is important to the French-Catholic community of McGregor

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the design/physical value of 9567 Walker Road, includes:

- The mass, form, and style of the church,
- The limestone brickwork,
- The Bell tower, metal belfry, and cross finial,
- The Bell (Ava Maria),
- All existing door opening and window openings and stained-glass window pieces with limestone voussoirs and underscored by limestone sills,
- Decorative quoins,
- Arched vent opening under eastern tower,
- Inset carved limestone with cross detail,
- Inset engraved cornerstone.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value of 9567 Walker Road includes:

- Its location on the east side of County Road 11 in the Settlement area of McGregor.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of 9567 Walker Road as a landmark includes:

- Its location on the east side of County Road 11 in the Settlement area of McGregor.