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**RE: CITY OF HAMILTON - INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
10 TOM STREET, HAMILTON, ONTARIO**

Heather Broadbent, Vice-Chairman
Nathalie Boutet, Member

May 9, 1996

A hearing of the Conservation Review Board was reconvened on May 9, 1996 to hear evidence on whether the property known as both 10 Tom Street and 137 Strathcona Avenue and formerly as St. George's Anglican Church, Hamilton, Ontario should be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18. The hearing was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall and was to conclude the hearing started on February 9, 1995.

Originally the heritage designation was contested by the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara through Simpson, Wigle Barristers and Solicitors.

For the City of Hamilton: Debbie Gagnon
Art Zuidema
Nina Chapple

In the report and accompanying letter of the first hearing, held on February 9, 1995, the Board asked the LACAC of the City of Hamilton if the alterations to the Church had changed the reasons for designation and if the LACAC continued to support the designation.

At the start of the hearing, Counsel for the City introduced two exhibits. The first was a copy of a letter from Gerald B. Aggus of Simpson, Wigle, dated June 14, 1995, notifying the Secretary of the Board that a sale had been completed between his client, the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara to the Hamilton Christian Fellowship. Mr. Aggus's letter also stated that the Synod no longer objected to the designation by the City of Hamilton of the Church and Sunday School building.

The second exhibit was from Pastor Bruce A. Woods of the Hamilton Christian Fellowship to Art Zuidema notifying the City that the Fellowship did not object to the designation.

Witness Nina Chapple, at the request of the Board, used exhibits to present the history of the two buildings and confirmed for the Board that although some historical elements had been changed or removed, the most important elements of historical integrity and architecture of the building remained. Ms. Chapple confirmed that the LACAC had not changed its recommendation to the City of Hamilton and continues to support completion of the designation.

In the matter of removals and alterations, Nina Chapple pointed out that most interior alterations were cosmetic, principally to woodwork and painting. These elements do not impact significantly on the reasons for designation and could be restored in the future. These alterations had in fact alerted the LACAC to the need to develop a policy for dealing with this type of alteration. To date this policy is not written but will be done. The most serious alteration was to the windows when the original stained glass was taken to All Saints, King & Queen Streets, Hamilton and stored (Exhibit 6). It is believed that the windows are still there but will eventually be installed in a new narthex to be built in the future. Ms. Chapple also informed the Board that the second building on site, the Sunday School, has been refurbished, painted and is rented out.

Finding of Fact:

The historic Church and Sunday School retain (for the most part) their historical and architectural integrity and in the opinion of the witness, supported by LACAC, are still worthy of designation. The new owners have confirmed that there is no objection to heritage designation.

One of the important historical elements, the stained glass window memorials, have been removed and stored in another church of the same parish. It is the recommendation of the Board that the Hamilton LACAC give due consideration to recommending designation of these historic and important memorial windows in their new location so that their original place and history is recorded.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to the City of Hamilton that the building known formerly as St. George's Anglican Church and Sunday School but now as the Church of Hamilton Christian Fellowship, located at both 10 Tom Street and 137 Strathcona Avenue North, be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O 1990, for their historical and architectural significance.

(Original Signed by)

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