THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GUELPH

By-law Number (2013) –19616

A by-law to designate portions of the building and property municipally known as 83 Essex Street and legally described as Part Lot 383, Plan 8, being the southwest half, City of Guelph, as being a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18*, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, or portions thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS on 3 July 2009 the Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known as 83 Essex Street, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate portions of the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

WHEREAS the cultural heritage value or interest of the property is set out in Schedule "A" hereto; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said property designation was served upon the clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GUELPH, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Portions of the building and property known as 83 Essex Street, as described in Schedule "B" to this By-law, are designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, Sec. 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.*

2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "C" to this By-law in the proper Land Registry Office.

3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Guelph.

PASSED this TWENTY-NINTH day of JULY, 2013.

KAREN FARBRIDGE - MAYOR

BLAIR LABELLE – CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE A
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STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST:

83 ESSEX STREET, GUELPH

Built in 1880, the building at 83 Essex Street is a one and one-half storey rectangular-shaped church constructed of locally quarried limestone. Similar to other churches built during this time period in Ontario, it is designed in the Gothic Revival style and features three symmetrical bays with three, 4 over 4 lancet windows on the north and south elevations. The façade features a centrally-placed, pointed arch front door flanked by lancet windows, with a Gothic gable vent above the door.

The B.M.E Church has direct associations with the fugitive slave movement and is located within a Guelph neighbourhood that was the historical settling area for the black community. Many blacks came to Guelph, especially when border towns became more precarious for fugitive slaves, and in the mid-19th century when northern communities such as the Queen's Bush were being developed by the government. This forced black squatters to uproot and settle elsewhere. The B.M.E. Church became the religious focus and centre of community life. It served as a meeting place for the black community, providing a safe-haven for them and became a symbol of "pain, hope and freedom".

The British Methodist Episcopal Church's cultural heritage value lies in the building's link to Guelph's historic and cultural association with black history; its architectural merit as a fine example of Gothic Revival construction; and its contextual presence within the historical settlement area of Guelph's black population.

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DESCRIPTION OF HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

83 ESSEX STREET, GUELPH

The following elements of 83 Essex Street are to be protected under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18.:

- all existing stonework;
- all lancet windows and doors, their openings, construction, and surrounds;
- rectangular floor plan;
- front-end gabled roofline;
- chimney on the south elevation; and
- Gothic gable vent on the church façade (east and west elevations).

It is intended that non-original features may be returned to documented earlier designs or to their documented original without requiring City Council permission for an alteration to the designation.

SCHEDULE C
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

83 ESSEX STREET, GUELPH

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