

Bill No. 375  
2019

By-law No. L.S.P.- \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

A by-law to designate 2442 Oxford Street West  
to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18*, the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as 2442 Oxford Street West has been duly published and served and no notice of objection to such designation has been received;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The real property at 2442 Oxford Street West, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in The City of London, to the satisfaction of the City Clerk, and to enter the description of the aforesaid property, the name and address of its registered owner, and designation statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property in the Register of all properties designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
4. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on October 1, 2019.

Ed Holder  
Mayor

Catharine Saunders  
City Clerk

First Reading – October 1, 2019  
Second Reading – October 1, 2019  
Third Reading – October 1, 2019

**SCHEDULE “A”**  
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**Legal Description**

Firstly: Lot 45 and Part Lot 12, RCP 429, Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 34R-1104, Delaware Twp, and Secondly: Lot 11, RCP 429, Delaware Twp

**SCHEDULE “B”**  
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**Statement for Designation**

**Description of Property**

The Kilworth United Church is a modest, vernacular stone church built in 1850-1851 with Gothic Revival stylistic details located at 2442 Oxford Street West at the west edge of the City of London. The structure is located to the southwest corner of the lot approximately 32.5m (106') from Oxford Street West with a lawn. The property is bounded on three sides by the Komoka Provincial Park and on the north by Oxford Street West.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

Kilworth United Church is of significant cultural heritage value because of its physical/design values, historical/associative values, and contextual values.

Kilworth United Church, built in 1850-1851, is an example of a rare and early modest, vernacular stone church with Gothic Revival stylistic elements. It is a single storey building with a simple rectangular plan and gable roof with belfry. The Sanctuary of Kilworth United Church is constructed of locally-sourced, multi-coloured granite field stones that have been split to provide a flat exterior face and are arranged in loose courses with hand-hewn porous limestone quoins, which are attributed to a quarry in the Wishing Well Falls area. The use of stone is rare because timber or brick were more common and accessible building materials and stone is a rare building material in the London area. The Gothic Revival style is evident in pointed stained glass windows, which were installed in 1876 to replace what were believed to be the original clear-glass rectangular frames in the Sanctuary. Within the City of London, only the St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral building (472 Richmond Street, built in 1845) is older than the Kilworth United Church Sanctuary.

The stone Sanctuary of Kilworth United Church is the only room in the original structure. Two frame extensions have been added to the rear of the building; the first in 1890 for use as a Sunday School hall also has stained glass windows complementary, but slightly different, with those found in the Sanctuary, and the second in the 1970s added a kitchen. A vestibule (front entrance) of matching granite stone was added to Kilworth United Church in 1939.

Kilworth United Church (originally the Kilworth Episcopal Methodist Church) has directly historical associations with Methodism, which is significant in Canada. As the second Methodist church in the village of Kilworth, it contributes to our understanding of the popularity and development of Methodism in Ontario. Kilworth United Church also has directly associated with early pioneer families including (but not limited to) the Kilbourne, Uptigrove, and Woodhull families who made significant contributions to the settlement and development of the former Delaware Township. Members of these families are among the first trustees of Kilworth United Church and are listed as donors for the installation of the existing windows in 1876 as well as subsequent donations, including the bell installed (and since replaced) in the belfry in 1976 in memory of M. Mae Woodhull Doan.

As the only remaining community building, Kilworth United Church is integral in defining, maintaining, and supporting the character of Kilworth as an historic settlement that is now part of the City of London. While it has been isolated from its surroundings by the Komoka Provincial Park, the Kilworth United Church is historically linked to its surroundings and is a relic of Kilworth's pioneer history. Kilworth United Church

provides a tangible link to the history and evolution of the village of Kilworth. Kilworth United Church is considered by the community to be a landmark.

### **Heritage Attributes**

Heritage attributes which support and contribute to the cultural heritage value or interest of this property include:

- Form, scale, and massing of the building, including: vestibule, Sanctuary
- Location of the building on the property, which is set back from Oxford Street West with a lawn directly in front of the building
- Stone construction of the building including locally-sourced, multi-coloured granite field stones that have been split to provide a flat exterior face and are arranged in loose courses on the exterior walls of the vestibule and Sanctuary and the hand-hewn porous limestone quoins, which are attributed to a quarry in the Wishing Well Falls area
- Stained glass windows including: eight pointed sash windows in the Sanctuary (three on east wall, three on west wall, two on north wall), and one pointed transom on the north side above the main door
- Simple gable roof with belfry and bell

The Sunday School hall, annex added to the rear of the Sunday School hall in the 1970s, and parking area to the east of the Kilworth United Church building are not considered to be heritage attributes.