

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-135-DS**

BEING A BY-LAW to amend By-law 97-88-MU being a BY-LAW to designate 15336 Ninth Line (Churchill Baptist Church) as having Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, the Council of a Municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate real property including the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

**WHEREAS** on June 9, 1997, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville enacted Designation By-law 97-88-MU being a by-law to designate 15336 Ninth Line (Churchill Baptist Church) as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest; and

**WHEREAS** the enacted By-law 97-88-MU requires amendment to correct the legal description of the property and the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and

**WHEREAS** Section 30.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 as amended authorizes the Council of a municipality to amend a by-law designating a property made under section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

**WHEREAS** in accordance with Section 30.1(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, a written notice of the proposed amendments was given to the Owner of the property; and

**WHEREAS** in accordance with Section 30.1(5) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, the Town's Heritage Advisory Committee was consulted with before giving written notice of the proposed amendments to the Owner of the property; and

**WHEREAS** the Town has received confirmation of no objection to the proposed amendments from the Owner of the Property.

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That Clause 1 of By-law 97-88-MU be replaced with the following:

THAT the following real property, being the Churchill Baptist Church (formerly Churchill Christian Church), municipally known as 15336 Ninth Line, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in the Regional Municipality of York, being Part of Lot 21, Concession 8 Whitchurch, as in B69067B, R372376, WH3144, being Part 1 on Plan 65R-3294, Town of Whitchurch Stouffville, be designated as being of historic and/or architectural value or interest.

2. That Schedule A of By-law 97-88-MU be replaced with Schedule A attached hereto.

READ a first and second time this 20th day November, 2024.

READ a third time and passed this 20th day of November, 2024.

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Iain Lovatt, Mayor

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Becky Jamieson, Clerk

## **SCHEDULE A**

### **Reasons for Designation of 15336 Ninth Line (Churchill Baptist Church)**

Part of Lot 21, Concession 8, Whitchurch as in B69067B,  
R372376, WH3144, PT 1 65R3294; Town of Whitchurch  
Stouffville

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

#### **Description of Historic Place**

The property known municipally as 15336 Ninth Line is located within Lot 21, Concession 8 in the former Township of Whitchurch. The property is found on the west side of Ninth Line, approximately 170m north of Aurora Road. The property contains a one-storey rural church building built in a vernacular gothic revival style in 1872. The property also contains a graveyard to the rear and south side of the church structure. The property acts as a landmark to the historic community of Churchill. The property's heritage designation is reserved to the exterior of the heritage resource itself and to the graveyard and its associated landscape features.

#### **Statement of Significance**

The property located at 15336 Ninth Line has cultural heritage value as a former church building and landmark in the community. Now known as Churchill Baptist Church, the structure originally was constructed as Churchill Christian Church. The church structure has design or physical value as it is a representative example of a rural church structure built in a vernacularized gothic revival style. Originally rectangular in plan, with a narthex on the east façade, the 1970 addition has resulted in an irregular plan. The original structure contains rounded window openings along the length of the sanctuary and a board and batten siding that joins together in an arcaded frieze.

The church structure has historical and associative value as a significant institution of the community that also yields understanding of the community. The congregation that came together to build the church in 1872 were already part of the Christian congregation at Bloomington, but the distance and road conditions from their homes north of Musselman's Lake combined to make their participation in this church difficult. The land to construct this church was donated by George Quantz, Will Badgero(w) donated the lumber, and Peter Spring produced the wooden shingles for the roof. The flooring was obtained from the Flint factory in Stouffville and hauled to the site by a team of oxen. The building contract was undertaken by Philo Patterson with help from Aleck Seaton, residents of Bloomington. Preaching was provided by an itinerant pastor, maintaining links with other nearby Christian Churches. The church changed little until the 1950s with the introduction of hydro power in 1956, replacing oil lamps and the wood stove and, shortly after, the raising of the building to permit the creation of a full basement. In 1962, a Baptist congregation had taken over ownership of the property and added the addition to the north side of the church in 1970, including a new entry way, washrooms, and nursery.

The property has contextual significance as a landmark that identifies the community of Churchill. The property has long been a hub of the local community and provides understanding to the formation of the community of Churchill.

### **Significant Cultural Heritage Attributes**

The following heritage attributes display cultural heritage value and contribute to the design and physical value of the property at 15336 Ninth Line:

- Vernacular Rural Gothic Church Design including:
  - Gable roof profile;
  - Rectangular footprint of original church structure;
  - Narthex entry on east façade;
  - Double-leaf, 5-panel door in the narthex;
  - 3-over-1 plaza window in narthex;
  - Board and batten siding joining in an arched pattern with joints accented by blocks;
  - Semi circular window openings along sanctuary structure;
  - Stained glass surrounds of sanctuary windows – the central panes are not included in this feature;
- Cemetery features including:
  - Metal headstone;
  - Low fencing surrounding cemetery grounds.

The following heritage attributes display cultural heritage value and contribute to the contextual value of the property:

- View of the church structure from Ninth Line (east);
- Setback of structure from Ninth line.