

BYLAW 147, 1997

OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CORNWALL

**BEING A BYLAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY
KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 146 CHEVRIER
AVENUE AND COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE
NATIVITY SCHOOL AS OF ARCHITECTURAL,
HISTORICAL AND CONTEXTUAL VALUE OR
INTEREST.**

WHEREAS, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the Council of a Municipality to enact bylaws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest;


AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises located to the north west of the Nativity Parish (north of Montreal Road), being itself, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS, no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cornwall enacts as follows:

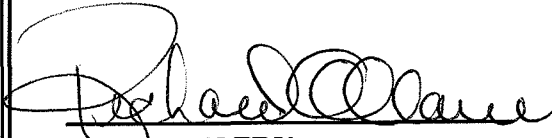
- 1. There is designated as being of architectural, historical or contextual value or interest the real property known Municipally as 146 Chevrier Avenue, being the former Nativity School and now housing various community groups such as the Centre Charles-Émile Claude, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto; and**
- 2. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this Bylaw to be served on the owner and registered against the deed of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Also, to cause notice of the passing of this Bylaw to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality.**

**READ a First and Second Time in Open Council this eighth day of
December, 1997.**


CLERK


MAYOR

**READ a Third Time, PASSED, SIGNED and SEALED in Open Council
this eighth day of December, 1997.**


CLERK


MAYOR

SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW 147, 1997

Part of Lot O, R and S, Plan 16 lying north west of the Nativity Parish, north of Montreal Road, having municipal address 146 Chevrier Avenue, City of Cornwall in the County of Stormont, in the Province of Ontario.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT,
R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN
AS THE FORMER NATIVITY SCHOOL, CHEVRIER AVENUE,
CITY OF CORNWALL, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- fine example in Cornwall of Institutional Edwardian Classical (1900-1930) style of architecture
- prominent front brick facade on original portion of school
- the combination of pilasters, capitals, pediments, and brick embellishments on the original portion of the school (excludes annex)
- the symmetry of mass along with the stone banding and pediments echoes a style once popular in the east end of Cornwall

HISTORICAL

An extensive amount of research has been conducted, by various groups, regarding the history of the Nativity School. A number of publications including: Elinor Kyte Seniors' book entitled "From Royal Township to Industrial City: Cornwall 1784-1984", "Comme Un Jour dans la Nuit", a book by a collaboration of local authors. "A percu de la Francophonie de Cornwall Par L'Image" by La Société Historique et de Généalogie de Cornwall, have included descriptions of what was originally known as L'école de Bois and which evolved into the present-day Nativity School.

In the early 1880's, the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame opened l'école de Bois (original site at the south west corner of Montreal Road and Edward Streets), the first school in Cornwall where teachings would be in French. Over the next 38 years, the l'école de Bois would serve as the main French school in the east end of Cornwall. The Nativity Parish made plans in 1922 for a larger brick school to replace l'école de Bois and in 1924 the "new" Nativity School opened. Total enrollment in both schools were 673 boys and girls. By 1928 a third school was built in proximity to Nativity School and l'école de Bois and was known as St. Louis de Gonzague. Boys were assigned to St. Louis de Gonzague, while girls attended Nativity School. An annex was added to the Nativity School in 1951 and the structure has not changed since that time.

NARRATIVE

The Nativity School is the last remaining structure of three which comprised the site of Francophone schools of the Nativity Parish. Since 1920's, this building has served the education needs of numerous generations of Cornwall Francophone families. The designation of this site act as a recognition of the important role it has served up to its closure as a school in 1996.

Support for a designation comes from several sectors such as the Cornwall LACAC, Centre Charles-Emile Claude and la Soci t  Franco-Ontarienne d'Histoire et de G n alogie. The landowner, being the S.D. & G. Separate School Board, also has demonstrated support for the designation initiative.

A combination of historical and architectural features are highlighted in the Bylaw to acknowledge the role of this institution to the people of the Nativity Parish area. A similar designation already applies to the abutting Nativity Church.