

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND

BY-LAW NUMBER 2005 - 106

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE 400 KING STREET
IN THE CITY OF WELLAND, KNOWN AS THE
MIZPAH MISSION/ITALIAN PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL
VALUE OR INTEREST**

WHEREAS the **Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18**, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the City Clerk has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands and premises municipally known as 400 King Street, in the City of Welland, known as the 'Mizpah Mission/Italian Pentecostal Church', and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property, and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper, having general circulation in the municipality, in accordance with the provisions of the said **Ontario Heritage Act**;

AND WHEREAS no Notice of Objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the City of Welland.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, known as the 'Mizpah Mission/Italian Pentecostal Church' at 400 King Street in the City of Welland, shall be and the same is hereby designated as being of historic or architectural value or interest.
2. The City Solicitor shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered, against the property described in said Schedule "A" attached hereto, in the proper Land Registry Office, in accordance with **section 29(6)** of the **Ontario Heritage Act**.
3. The Reasons for Designation are attached hereto as Schedule "B" and shall for all purposes form a part of this by-law.
4. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon The Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Welland, in accordance with **section 29(6)** of the **Ontario Heritage Act**.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS
~~19~~²⁰**th** DAY OF July, 2005.

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DAMIAN GOULBOURNE, MAYOR

[Handwritten signature: Craig A. Stirtzinger]
CRAIG A. STIRTZINGER, CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"

DESCRIPTION

Part Block A, Plan 574,
in the City of Welland, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara,
as in RO182506; Subject to RO182506,
PIN 64121-0002LT.

SCHEDULE "B"

THE MIZPAH MISSION/ITALIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

400 King Street
Welland, Ontario

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Built as the "Mizpah Mission" of the Methodist Church in 1917 and one of a number of early 20th century Methodist missions directed toward the expanding numbers of Italian immigrants working in Canada's industries, this church provided worship services to the Italian community in their native language for the better part of a century. It was constructed on land owned by the Plymouth Cordage Company in the heart of "The Village" - homes built for the Cordage Company's employees between 1905 and 1918, the area that became the core of Welland's first Italian community.

After the union of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalists in 1925 the Mizpah Mission became the Italian United Church under the auspices of the All People's Mission of Crowland, superintended by the Reverend Dr. Harvey Forster. Between 1954 and 1965 the church building was shared by the Italian United and the Hungarian Reformed United congregations.

In 1965 it became the first permanent home of the The Italian Pentecostal Church (Chiesa Pentecostale Italiana). The Italian Pentecostal movement began in Welland in 1922 with services held first in private homes and later in rented accommodations. Pentecostal services in the Italian language were held at the church from 1965 until the mid-1990's. Since 1998 the building has been the home of Freedom in Christ Ministries.

A small, red brick church, it was constructed in the Romanesque Revival style popular for Methodist churches around the turn of the 20th century. Its central square tower with double stepped buttresses has been altered from its original form by the addition of a gable roof. A modest amount of decorative detailing is provided by Italianate style segmentally arched windows capped by brick voussoirs with exaggerated concrete keystones. The interior still retains its original pews and patterned tin ceiling.