

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE
BY-LAW 1989-124

A By-law to designate a certain property as a property of historic and architectural value and interest (5 Dundas Street West, Munn's United Church)

THE COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property known as 5 Dundas Street West is hereby designated as a property of historic and architectural value and interest pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act for the reason set out in Schedule "A" attached to this By-law.
2. The property designated by this By-law is the property described in Schedule "B" attached to this By-law.

PASSED by the Council this 12th day of June 1989.

John Graham
FOR MAYOR

D. W. Brown
CLERK

Schedule 'A'
to By-law 1989-124

Reason for Designation

Historically, the original Crown Grant of Lot 15, Concession 1, N.D.S., where the Munn's United Church now stands was issued on November 23, 1804, to John Robinson. It is unlikely he did more than partially clear the property.

In 1808, Daniel Munn was granted Lot 15, Concession 1, S.D.S., the property across the road, where he eventually built his tavern. The area, the crossroads of Sixth Line and Dundas Street, became known as Munn's Corners.

The early settlers of the area were concerned with education and religion. In 1809, a school of log construction was built where the Munn's Cemetery now sits. The Wesleyan Methodists, whose circuit rider clergy travelled throughout Ontario, met this community's religious needs. Three circuit riders who visited the area include William Losee, Reverend Fitch Reed and Reverend Anson Green. The Munn's Corners community was administered by the Nelson Circuit. A church record indicates that a first congregation met at Munn's home in 1823..

Interest in religious endeavours necessitated the construction of a church. Jordan Munn, son of Daniel, deeded sixty square rods from Lot 15, 1 N.D.S. to the Trustees of the Church on March 3, 1842. The Trustees included George Mulholland, John Kaitting, William Bowler, William Irwin and Isaac Freeman. The first church was a wooden structure erected in 1844 and dedicated in October 1844. The church has always been referred to as Munn's Church except for a period of 40 years when it was called the Parsonage Church.

In 1857 the Nelson Circuit reorganized and the 'Parsonage' Church was now within the newly formed Oakville Circuit. In 1880 another reorganization occurred and the Trafalgar Circuit was formed. It was in 1885 when the Munn's name reappeared in the Church's name.

The wooden church could no longer sustain the growing congregation; in 1898 a brick church was constructed and on July 31, 1898, the church was dedicated.

In 1923 the United Church of Canada was formed. The congregation at Munn's Church continued under the United Church of Canada and joined with another pioneer congregation of North Oakville called the Wesley United Church. Munn's United Church continued to serve the descendants of many of the original families who founded the site.

Architecturally the Munn's United Church is a well preserved example of the Gothic Revival style prevalent in church architecture during the nineteenth century. This style was obviously popular in Trafalgar Township as two other churches

located along Dundas Street, Palermo United Church and Knox Sixteen Church, are designed in a similar fashion. The distinguishable features of the church design include: the pointed windows with intricately decorated pointed surrounds and drip molds (drip molds were designed to protect windows from water running down the sides by deflecting away from the window), a Palladian-styled window on the front facade above the door, brick buttresses located on three facades (excluding the north facade where the wall has been opened up to provide access into the new addition), pointed transom window over the main door, stone window sills, a front gable roof and a date stone over the main door with the inscription "Methodist Church 1898."

Munn's United Church continues to maintain its 'landmark' presence along Dundas Street. Also, it is one of the churches found along Dundas Street indicating that this road was a popular road followed by the early settlers.

Schedule 'B'
to By-law 1989-124

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Town of Oakville (formerly Township of Trafalgar) in the Regional Municipality of Halton (formerly the County of Halton) and being composed of Part of Lot 15 in the First Concession, North of Dundas Street, in the Town of Oakville, which said parcel of land may be more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that the Northeasterly limit of the road allowance between Lots 15 and 16, Concession 1, North of Dundas Street in the Town of Oakville has a bearing of north 45 degrees west and relating all bearings herein thereto;

COMMENCING at the most Southerly angle of said Lot 15;

THENCE north forty-five degrees west along the northeasterly limit of said road allowance, 397 feet more or less;

THENCE north thirty-eight degrees east, 140 feet more or less;

THENCE south fifty-five degrees east, 232 feet more or less;

THENCE north thirty-eight degrees east, 12 feet more or less;

THENCE south forty-five degrees east, 165 feet more or less to point in the northwesterly limit of the road allowance between Concession 1, North of Dundas Street and Concession 1, South of Dundas Street, said point being distant 152 feet measured north thirty-eight degrees east therealong from the aforesaid point of commencement

THENCE south thirty-eight degrees west along the aforesaid north-westerly limit 152 feet to the point of commencement.

SAVE AND EXCEPT thereout and therefrom those portions thereof designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Ministry of Transportation and Communications Plan P-2074-91 deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Halton as Plan 20R-2771 and as Part 1 on a reference plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Halton as Plan 20R-7777.