

HERITAGE DESIGNATION

Introduction

The intent of the following guidelines and information is to advise a parish of the general information and policies regarding heritage designation and funding prior to a parish making direct application to a heritage authority.

In this Diocese, depending upon location, there could be a Municipal Heritage By-Law (town or city) or the Historical Buildings By-Law (City of Winnipeg) or Heritage Resources Act (Province of Manitoba) affecting designation procedure.

In addition, there is a Provincial Inventory – Anglican Church Study 1989. Also there is an Inventory of Historic Buildings – City of Winnipeg.

Preamble

History is always important to any group including the Church. Part of the understanding of the past includes its preservation and in particular those buildings of significant historic character. Therefore, maintenance of such historic buildings should be very important to this preservation.

Financial assistance from a provincial or municipal body may be available to assist in this preservation, such assistance requiring designation and implying that due care and maintenance will be forthcoming to maintain the state of preservation.

Provincial funding is currently related to lottery funding.

Policy and Direction

1. Canon 24 states,
“2. No land, church, parish hall, residence or other building shall be sold, leased, mortgaged or otherwise encumbered without the prior consent in writing of the Bishop.”

We believe the foregoing should also be applicable to those wishing to apply for Heritage Designation.

2. Further to this policy, any parish that may have applied prior to the issuance of these guidelines shall, through the Rector and Wardens, inform the Bishop and Chancellor of such intent.
3. Parishes considering an application for Heritage Designation must submit a notice of intent to the Diocese.

The importance of the Diocesan participation is to assist the Parish to ensure that there is an awareness of the conditions and implications of the process and to ensure the legal security of the property on behalf of the Diocese.

4. Should a Parish have knowledge of a person or group or society having an intent to apply for designation of a church building, then the Parish is obligated to advise without delay the Diocese of such intent so that the Diocese may take such steps to contravene the application if necessary.

5. Such notice of intent to the Diocese as filed by the parish should include the following information:
 - (a) Brief account of the historical significance of the building and adjacent property (properties if applicable), in respect to the history of the Diocese and the community.
 - (b) Indication of the future of the Parish, e.g. in the community or area, declining strengths with possible change of use and/or ownership of building.
 - (c) Brief outline of construction of the interior/exterior of the building, age, architectural features (photos if available).
 - (d) Adjacent properties – present and future relation with adjacent property holders.
 - (e) Funding in relation of request for designation and financial assistance – Will funding be sought now or in the future?
 - (f) Source of Funding – Parish should advise on the policy of the congregation if the funding supported by lotteries is to be sought.

6. Diocesan Action: The notice of intent and the supporting information will be reviewed by the appropriate Diocesan Commission in conjunction with Parish authorities and a recommendation re: application for designation and/or funding will be made to the Diocesan Council.