

DRAFT DESIGNATION STATEMENT

Description of Property

The property at 6056 Ninth Line is 1 ½ acres in size and is located on the west side of Ninth Line, north of Britannia Road West, in the City of Mississauga. Historically, the property is on part of Lot 6, Concession 9 New Survey in the former Township of Trafalgar, with the 1 ½ acre parcel severed from the original 100 acre parcel in 1839 by Daniel Hyland. The remaining 98 ½ acres of the property on Lot 6 Concession 9 was sold to William Nunan and remained in the locally significant Nunan Family for 147 years. The property features a nineteenth-century cemetery and red brick church that was modified in the 1980s. The one-and-a-half storey red brick church was built c.1882 and moved back from Ninth Line (west) to its current location on the property in 1982. A basement and rear addition were constructed at this time, sympathetic to the original brick church design. The associated cemetery is located to the north of the church.

Draft Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The religious property at 6056 Ninth Line was established in the early nineteenth-century to serve the local community of Irish Catholic settlers in an area known as the Catholic Swamp/Nunan's Corner. Its cultural heritage value is primarily derived from its historical and contextual association with the early settlement of the area. The property was the first in Trafalgar Township to service Catholic worshippers for a 150 square mile radius and the first interment in the associated cemetery occurred in 1821. The final burial took place in the 1960s. The c. 1882 brick church has architectural value as a representative example of a late nineteenth-century rural Gothic Revival church. Features such as pointed arch windows, buttresses, and the bell tower are recognizably Gothic in style.

Description of Heritage Attributes:

The design/physical value of this late nineteenth-century brick church is reflected through retention of:

- rectangular footprint;
- one-and-a-half storey (likely) timber frame construction;
- steeply pitched gable roof;
- square bell tower with octagonal spire and cross;
- red brick stretcher bond cladding;
- three-bay front facade with central entrance flanked by pointed arch window openings;
- double vertical board doors with pointed arch transom on the main entrance on the front (east) façade;
- centrally located pointed arch ventilation window on the front (east) façade;
- pointed arch windows with brick voussoirs and plain stone lug sills; and
- buttresses and corresponding interior wood ribs.

The design/physical value of this cemetery and property is reflected through retention of:

- Internments, grave markers, and organization of cemetery dating back to the early nineteenth century; and
- Mature deciduous trees.