

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

By-Law No. 2074-26

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS A MUNICIPAL HERITAGE BUILDING

WHEREAS the Township of Laird recognizes the importance of preserving buildings of historical, cultural, and architectural significance within the community;

AND WHEREAS the Knox Presbyterian Church, located at 697 Government Road, was constructed in 1891, with the first service held in 1892;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Malcolm MacNeill was hired as the carpenter for the construction of the church at a wage of fifty dollars (\$50.00);

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Laird wishes to formally recognize and protect the Knox Presbyterian Church for its historical and cultural value;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Laird enacts as follows:

1. DESIGNATION

The property known as the Knox Presbyterian Church, legally described as 697 Government Road, Plan H757 RCP Lot 23, is hereby designated as a Municipally Significant Heritage Building.

2. RECOGNITION OF VALUE

The Knox Presbyterian Church is recognized for its:

- a) **Historical significance:** Serving as a place of worship since 1892, reflecting the heritage of early settlers in the Township of Laird;
- b) **Architectural significance:** Constructed by Mr. Malcolm MacNeill in 1891, showcasing craftsmanship and design of the late 19th century;
- c) **Cultural and community value:** Acting as a centre of spiritual and social activity for generations of the community.

3. MUNICIPAL INTENT TO PROTECT

The Township of Laird shall consider the heritage value of the Knox Presbyterian Church in all municipal planning, development, and maintenance decisions affecting the property, with the goal of preserving its historical and cultural integrity.

4. HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

Heritage attributes of the building include, but are not limited to:

- The exterior structure, including original walls, roofline, windows, and doors;
- The interior layout and original features reflecting its construction;
- The historical character and overall setting of the property.

5. SHORT TITLE

This By-law may be referred to as the “**Knox Presbyterian Church Municipal Heritage By-law.**”

READ and passed in open Council 19th of February 2026.

Mayor _____
Shawn Evoy

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Clerk _____
Jennifer Errington