



CANADA  
PROVINCE DE QUÉBEC  
COMTÉ D'ARGENTEUIL  
MUNICIPALITÉ DU CANTON DE GORE

BY-LAW NO 259

BY-LAW REGARDING THE CITATION OF  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AND ITS  
CEMETERY AS A HERITAGE SITE

**WHEREAS** under article 127 of the Cultural Heritage Act (RLRQ, ch.P-9.002), the council of a municipality may cite in whole or in part a heritage property located on its territory of which the knowledge, the protection, enhancement or transmission is of public interest.

**WHEREAS** the site of the Holy Trinity Church and its cemetery, including certain items from the interior of the Church, located on lot 5 317 936, is of historical, emblematic, architectural, and urbanistic interest for the municipality of the Township of Gore and for the MRC of Argenteuil, representing part of the community's heritage.

**WHEREAS** since its construction, Holy Trinity Church has been emblematic in the landscape of the Township of Gore and forms, with its cemetery, an ensemble of high heritage value.

**WHEREAS** Holy Trinity Church was built in 1859 according to architectural designs of the Montreal firm "Hopkins & Hopkins" and was erected by local craftsmen and residents with stones from the region. It has maintained a high level of authenticity and integrity since its construction.

**WHEREAS** the preservation of the Holy Trinity church and cemetery is of public interest since the site is part of the historical heritage of the Township of Gore and the village of Lakefield.

**WHEREAS** the site of the church and the cemetery are mentioned in the municipality's urban plan (R-213-01) as part of the local heritage and as a site that the urban plan aims to preserve and enhance.

**WHEREAS** the municipality will mandate a specialized firm to produce an architectural heritage study and will also mandate a land surveyor to precisely delimit the site.

**WHEREAS** a notice of motion presenting this by-law was given at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council held on February 5, 2024;

**WHEREAS** a special notice was sent, on February 27, 2024, advising the owner of the hereby named property of the effects of this by-law and of the location, date and time of the Local Heritage Council meeting at which the owner is invited to be heard;

**WHEREAS**, a public consultation session of the Local Heritage Council was held on April 13, 2024;



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**WHEREAS** the Local Heritage Council tabled a unanimous, positive recommendation with the Municipal Council on May 6 2024;

**WHEREAS** a copy of this by-law was given to the members of council 72 hours prior to the meeting at which this by-law was presented for adoption.

**WHEREAS** copies of this by-law were made available to the public from the start of this meeting;

**WHEREAS** the mayor presents the by-law in accordance with article 445 of the Quebec Municipal Code (C-27.1).

**THEREFORE,**

**IT IS PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Shirley Roy

**SUPPORTED BY:** Councillor Anselmo Marandola

**AND RESOLVED** unanimously by the Councillors (6):

**THAT** this by-law be adopted.

**ARTICLE 1 PRAMBLE**

The preamble forms an integral part of this by-law.

**ARTICLE 2 DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this by-law, the words and expressions below take on the following meanings:

- **Alter:** modify, reversibly or not, the architectural qualities of a building or a building element.
- **Restore:** repair while respecting the original elements of a building or an element of a building to preserve the main qualities that characterize it.
- **Repair or modify:** modernize, refurbish or bring the building or building element up to standard in order to adapt it to contemporary use.
- **Demolish:** completely or partially destroy a building or its components.
- **Move:** change a building or an element of a building from its original place.
- **Abut:** to lean, for support, another construction on one side of a building.
- **Local Heritage Council (LHC):** Local Heritage Council of the Township of Gore.
- **Municipality:** municipality of Canton de Gore.



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**ARTICLE 3 SUBJECT OF THE CITATION**

Recognition of the following heritage site in accordance with the powers conferred on the municipality under the law:

The site of the Holy Trinity Church and its cemetery, located on lot number 5 317 936. The exact perimeter, excluding the portion of Cambria Road's cadaster, is defined in Appendix A.

**ARTICLE 4 ELEMENTS OF THE CITATION**

The following elements associated with the property located on lot number 5 317 936, in the Township of Gore:

1. The exterior envelope of Holy Trinity Church including its stone cladding, bell tower, entrance, stained glass windows, tin roof, and any other exterior architectural or structural elements.
2. The entire cemetery adjacent to the church, bounded in part by the lake and a wooden fence, including all headstones and any other architectural features. The fence itself is excluded from the citation; however, its replacement must respect the architectural character of the site.
3. Items inside the church as defined in Appendix B
4. The land around the Church as defined in Appendix A, excluding the portion of Cambria Road's cadaster.

**ARTICLE 5 PURPOSE OF THE CITATION**

The site of the Holy Trinity Church and its cemetery is of historical, emblematic, architectural, and urbanistic interest to the municipality of the Township of Gore.

Built in 1859 following the architectural designs of Montreal firm "Hopkins & Hopkins", the Church was erected by local craftsmen and residents with stones from the region. It has maintained a high level of authenticity and integrity since its construction, notably due to the involvement of the Gore Township community.

Holy Trinity Church has been an emblem of the Township of Gore, defining an important part of its landscape since its construction. The Church and its cemetery, form an ensemble of high heritage value to the surrounding community .

The current citation project recognizes and formalizes this interest.

**ARTICLE 6 CITATION**

The elements detailed in article 4 are designated as a heritage site, in accordance with the Cultural Heritage Act (Chapter 4, section 3).



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**ARTICLE 7      PRESERVATION, RESTAURATION, DISPLA-  
CEMENT OR ABUTMENT**

**7.1**

The owner of a recognized heritage property must take the necessary measures to preserve the heritage value of the property.

The owners of the immovable hereby cited (i.e. the Holy Trinity Church and its cemetery) must take the necessary measures to preserve the heritage value of the immovable (art. 136 – Cultural Heritage Act).

**7.2**

A person who in any way alters, restores, repairs or changes a recognized heritage object, ensemble or immovable hereby cited, must comply with any conditions set by the council of the municipality pertaining to the conservation of the heritage value of the document, object, ensemble or immovable, in addition to the municipal by-laws (art. 137 – Cultural Heritage Act).

**7.3**

No one may, without the authorization of the municipal council, destroy all or part of a recognized heritage object or move all or part of a recognized heritage immovable or use it as an abutment for another construction (art. 141 – Cultural Heritage Act).

**7.4**

The municipal council can determine the conditions applicable to any authorization. Before deciding on an authorization request, the municipal council obtains advice from the LHC.

**ARTICLE 8      GENERAL CONDITIONS**

The work carried out on the cited immovable must comply with the following general conditions:

- Respect the shapes, proportions and dimensions of the original building and its annexes;
- Maintain openings, doors and windows;
- Meticulously preserve existing decorative elements;
- Keep the current exterior materials or, if this proves impossible, replace them with identical exterior materials of the same quality and appearance.
- Respect all the provisions provided for in the town planning by-laws in effect within the municipality.



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**ARTICLE 9** **SPECIFIC CONDITIONS**

In addition to complying with the general conditions of article 8, work must meet the specific conditions set by the municipal council following the recommendations of the LHC, namely the obligation to:

- Maintain the character of current openings, including windows, and respect their current dimensions.
- Ensure the restoration of the stained-glass windows in the event of damage.
- Respect the current geometry of the building.
- When planning work, prioritise use of identical materials for the Church's interior.
- Maintain current colors for the following elements, regardless of their original colors as they have become part of the historical landscape: the stone constituting the structure, the roof, the doors, the windows, and the bell tower.
- Keep intact any original inscription on the building.
- Preserve trees, shrubs and vegetation on the entire site, including the cemetery lawn.
- Preserve and restore damaged tombstones, to the extent possible, while respecting their original appearance.

Also, it is prohibited to:

- Dismantle the building and number the parts to reconstruct it at a different location;
- Dismantle and move tombstones with the objective of moving them to a different location;
- Build in the front (street side) and rear (lake side) margins.
- Hide the facade (street side) by any construction or modification.

**ARTICLE 10** **NOTICE, AUTHORIZATION, REFUSAL**

**10.1**

No person may perform any of the acts mentioned in article 7 without giving at least 45 days' notice to the municipality. If a municipal permit is required, the application for the permit stands in lieu of the required notice (art. 139 – Cultural Heritage Act).

**10.2**

The permit application must include an exhaustive and detailed description of the planned work and any other document requested by the municipality.

**10.3**

Upon receipt of an official request, the municipal council takes advice from the LHC.



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10.4

The municipal council, considering the LHC's recommendations, makes its decision. If the municipal council is of the opinion that the request is acceptable, it may set additional conditions.

10.5

A copy of the resolution establishing the specific conditions for carrying out the acts provided for in article 7 accompanies, when applicable, the municipal permit or certificate issued elsewhere, authorizing the acts concerned and giving a time limit for carrying them out.

10.6

Any person who performs one of the acts provided for in article 7 must comply entirely with the conditions determined by the municipal council.

10.7

In the case of a refusal the municipal council must provide a substantiated notice of the refusal and a copy of the LHC's recommendation. (art. 142 – Cultural heritage law).

**ARTICLE 11      ADMINISTRATION AND PENALTIES**

The municipal council authorizes any designated officer to initiate criminal proceedings against any violator of any provision of this by-law and therefore generally authorizes these persons to issue the necessary infraction notices for this purpose. The designated officers are responsible for implementing this by-law.

The designated officers responsible for the application of this by-law are authorized to visit and examine, at any reasonable time, the heritage site to see whether this by-law is being respected, and any owner, tenant or occupant of the immovable must allow them entry (art. 180 – Cultural Heritage Law).

**ARTICLE 12      APPEAL AND SANCTION**

A person who contravenes any of the provisions set out by this by-law or any of the conditions set out by the municipality under section 9 is guilty of an offence and is liable, in the case of a natural person, to a fine of not less than \$ 2 000 up to \$ 1 00 000 and, in the case of a legal person, to a fine of not less than \$ 6 000 up to \$ 200 000.

The municipality reserves the right to request the reconstruction and restoration of any element cited by this by-law that is demolished, altered or modified without authorization.

**ARTICLE 13      EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW**

This by-law has effect starting on the date the special notice is sent to the owner of the heritage property.



**ARTICLE 14 COMMING INTO EFFECT**

This by-law comes into effect in accordance with the law.

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Scott Pearce,  
Maire

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Sarah Channell,  
Greffière-trésorière

**Time Line :**

- Notice of Motion – February 5, 2024
- Tabling and presentation of the by-law – February 5, 2024
- Transmission of the special notice to the diocese – February 27, 2024
- Publication of the public notice for the LHC meeting – March 27, 2024
- LHC Public Meeting – Saturday, April 13, 2024
- LHC recommendation given to Council – April 17, 2024
- Adoption of the by-law – May 6, 2024 (91 days)
- Transmission to Owner – May 15, 2024
- Transmission to the Registrar - May 15, 2024



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APPENDIX A

Holy Trinity Church and Cemetery Heritage Site (blue),  
excluding the portion of the Cambria Road cadaster



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**APPENDIX B**

List of items within the Church concerned by this regulation:

- The wooden floor of the nave and aisles
- The wood panelling on the north, east and south wall of the Heart
- Plaque in memory of Reverend Jos. Griffin
- Plaque in memory of Ann Nicholson



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