

(From Schedule 'B' to By-law No. 56-93)

Reasons for Designation

(of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Campbellville, ON)

St. David's Presbyterian Church was the second structure built by the Campbellville congregation. The materials were hauled to the site by the men of the church; stone for the building came from local farms; the brick was manufactured in the village by the Ontario Terra Cotta Brick Company. Construction began in April of 1891 and the Church was dedicated for worship on November 15th, 1891.

The one and one half storey structure is an ambitious blend of Victorian Gothic, Queen Anne and Richardsonian Romanesque elements. The Church is the tallest, most imposing structure in the village and a prominent landscape feature. The structure is made of local red stretcher brick and local random ashlar stone, pointed to resemble cut stone. Noteworthy on the exterior are five stepped buttresses with cut stone caps flanking each side elevation and three surrounding the bell tower with its gabled parapets and tall spire; brick corbelling under the eaves of the central gable; terra cotta and raised brick friezes. Fifteen stained glass perpendicular tracery windows are crowned with brick voussoirs ending in terra cotta gargoyles. Two bay entrances, each with double five panel doors are crowned with brick gables and arched multiple-light transoms, and flanked by terra cotta gargoyles.

The interior of the structure contains ornate wooden hammer beam trusses above the Sanctuary; a cantilevered balcony with descending stepped floor extending above the foyer, into the Sanctuary; a raised central choir loft with the apse recessed into the wall behind it, framed by Corinthian capitals, moulded arch and plaster voussoirs with gilded palm clusters. Trompe l'oeil painted 'cut stones' form columns below the capitals. Wooden wainscoting surrounds the Sanctuary and foyer, and doorways are trimmed with heavy wooden mouldings resembling columns. Pews are of clear varnished cherrywood with beaded arm rests and carved rosettes. Stairs to balcony and basement have turned wood newel posts and balusters, and moulded wood cap rails.