

**H00526 –
1608 Hammonds Plains Road**

Inclusion of Property in the Registry of Heritage
Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality

Hearing
February 7, 2023

Origin

On January 11, 2022, the following motion of Regional Council was put and passed:

THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report examining the potential for including 1608 Hammonds Plains Road in the registry of heritage properties for Halifax Regional Municipality. The report should be referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee for evaluation.

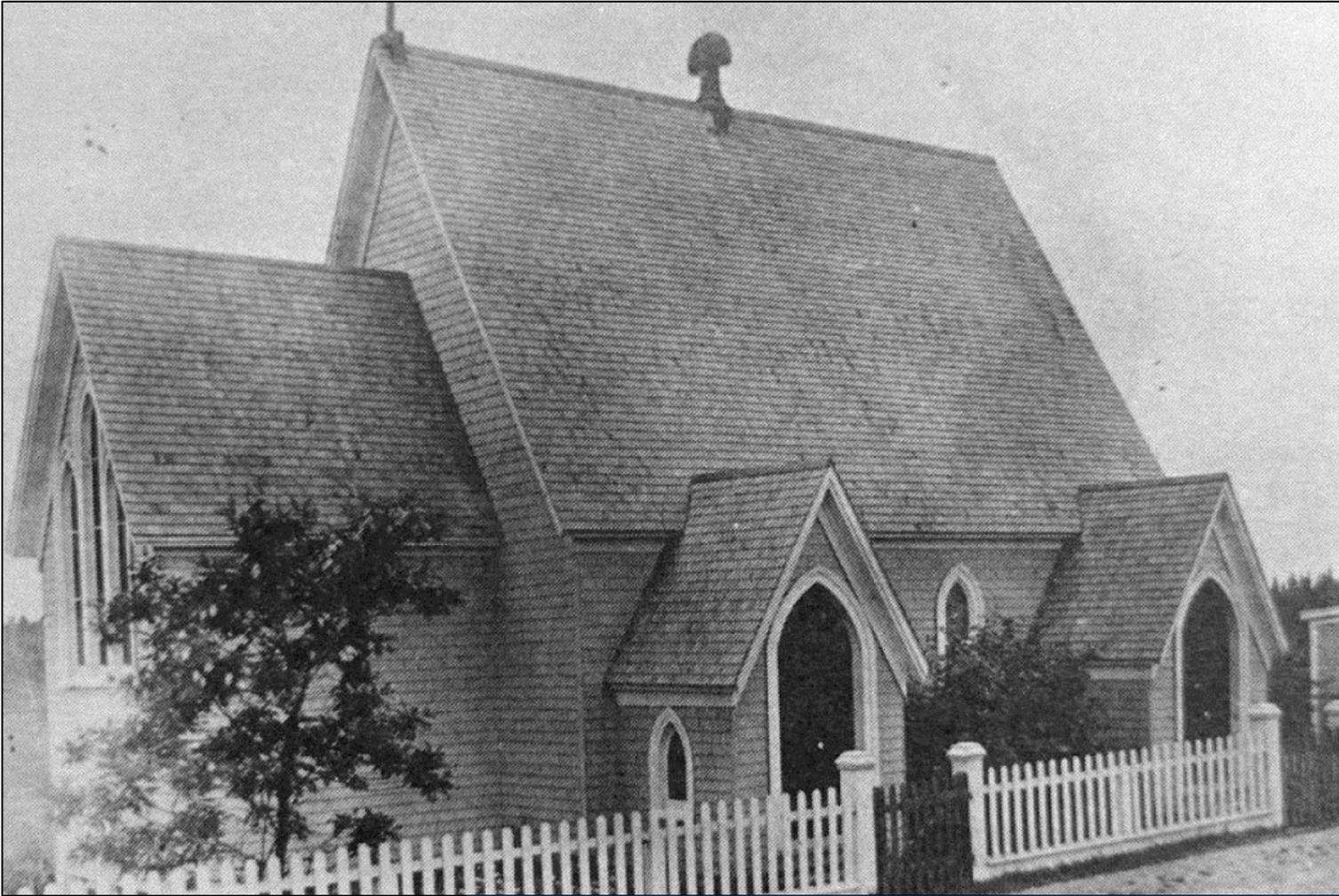
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Registration Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Maximum Score
1. Age	25
2.[a] Historical <u>or</u> [b] Architectural Importance	20
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	10
4. Architectural Merit: Construction Type <u>and</u> Style	20
5. Architectural Integrity	15
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10
Total	100

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1. Age



Earliest known photo of St. Nicholas Church (before 1937)

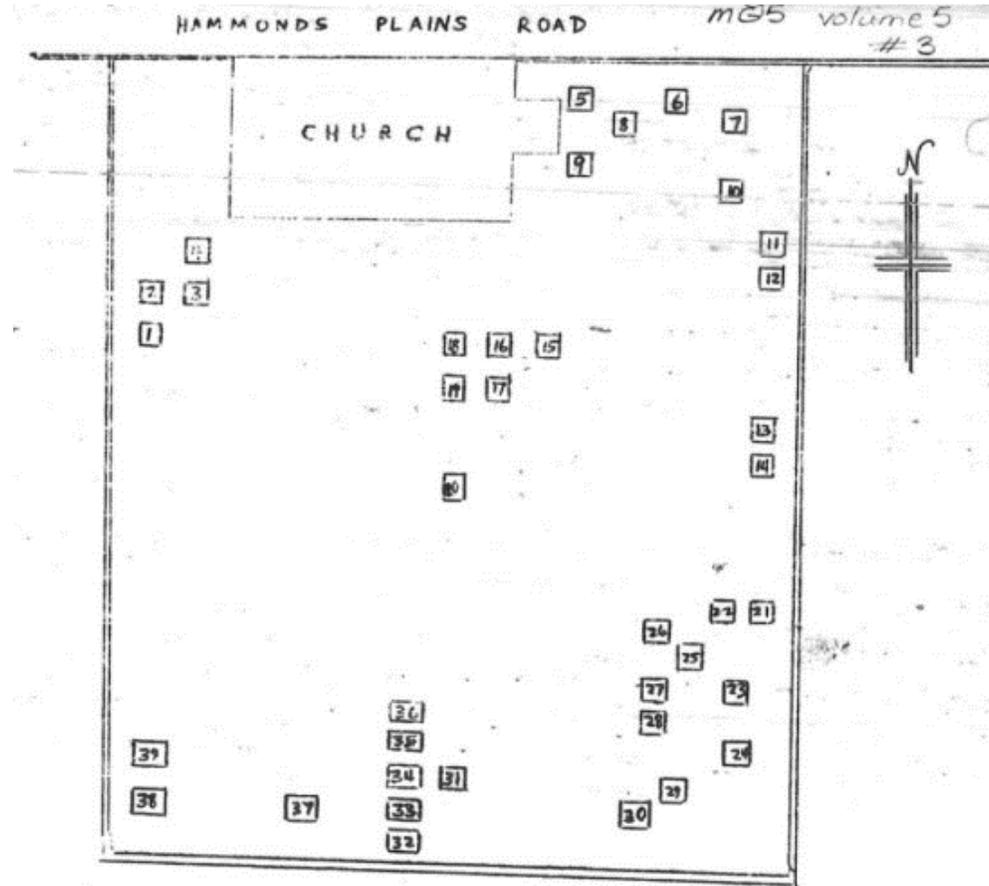
- Property was built between 1888 and 1890
- Built in response to the original Anglican church having burned down in 1888.

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2a. Historical Importance



Portrait of Rev. Arthur Tyers, the longest-serving rector of the Parish of Sackville (1960)



Map of headstones at St. Nicholas Cemetery (1974)

- Johnstons donated the land in 1842 for the construction of the Little St John's Church
- Little St. John's Church destroyed by fire in 1888.
- The local Anglican congregation built a new church on the same property, in 1890, the Church of St Nicholas.
- In 1919, Rev. Arthur H. Tyers was appointed rector of the Parish and he remained so for twenty-six years.

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2a. Historical Importance



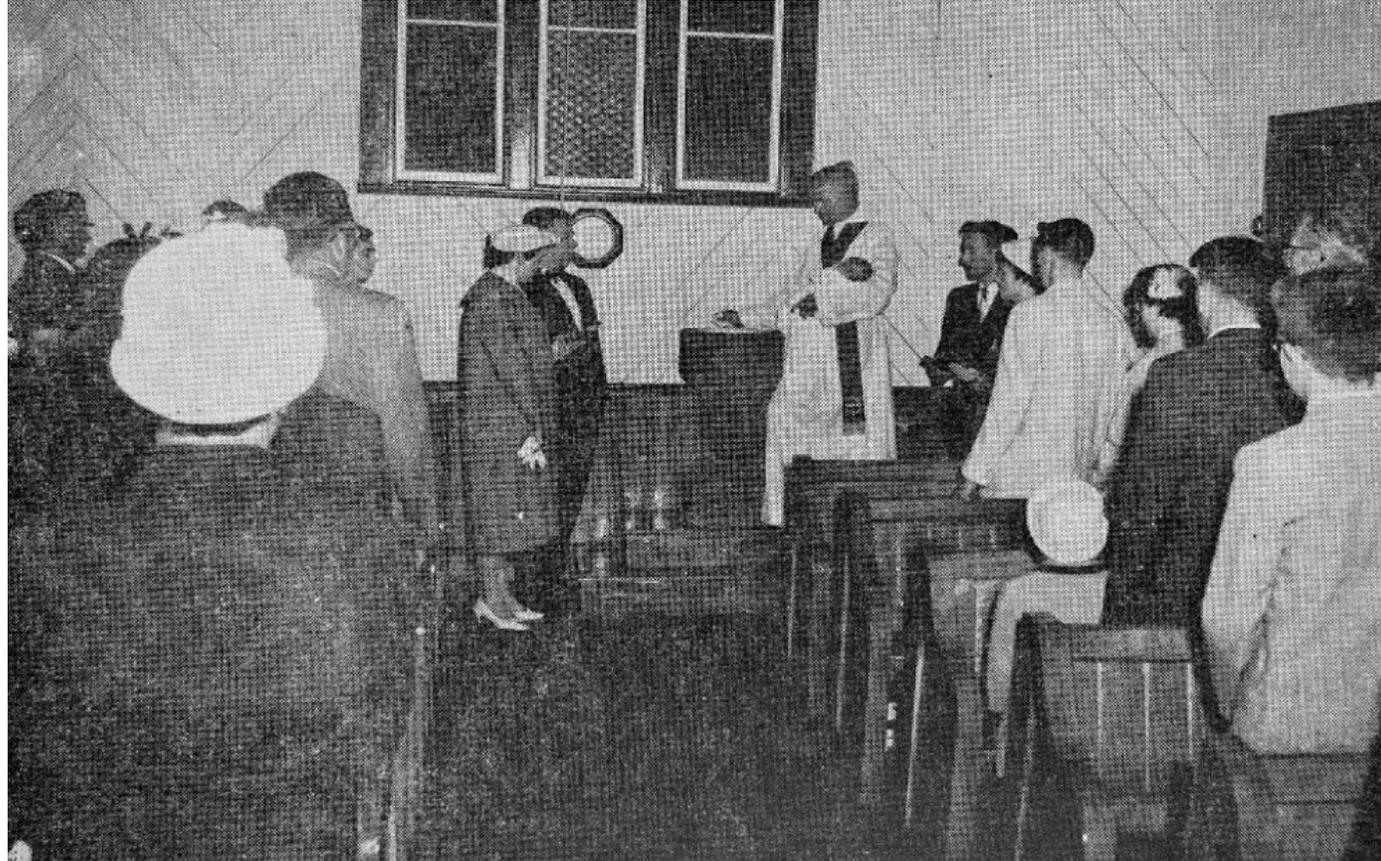
The new St. Nicholas in Westwood Hills (2021)

- New St Nicholas Church in Westwood Hills was completed in 2008.
- Old St Nicholas Church rented to St. Gabriel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church in 2010
- Old St Nicholas Church sold to St Gabriel Church in 2019

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3. Significance of Architect/Builder

- Original builder unknown
- St. Nicholas Church was built by the local parishioners



Baptism at St Nicholas (c. 1960)

4a. Architectural Merit [*Construction Type*]



Southern Elevation

- Two-storey building of light-frame, wooden construction.
- Built atop a masonry foundation of coursed rubble

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4b. Architectural Merit *[Style]*



Northern Elevation



Rolled glass in lancet windows

- Late Example of Gothic Revival style
- Notable character defining elements:
 - Surrounding cemetery with headstones;
 - Twin vestibules on the northern elevation with original arched wooden double doors
 - Rolled glass in lancet windows;
 - Small belltower at the western end of the roof.

5. Architectural Integrity



Northern Elevation in 1938



Northern Elevation in 2022

- Brick chimney added in 1949
- Western foundation wall parged with cement
- Vinyl siding installed in 1980s
- Asphalt shingle roof was once cedar shingle

6. Relationship to Surrounding Area



- Prominent position as a landmark along Hammonds Plains Road
- Critical to community development pattern

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Registration Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Score Awarded
1. Age	13
2. Relationship to Important Persons, Institutions, or Groups	15
3. Significance of Architect / Builder	3
4a. Architectural Merit: Construction Type	3
4b. Architectural Merit: Style	6
5. Architectural Integrity	9
6. Relationship to Surrounding Area	10
Total	59

Recommendation

That Halifax Regional Council approve the request to include 1608 Hammonds Plains Road in the Registry of Heritage Property for the Halifax Regional Municipality, as shown on Map 1, as a municipal heritage property under the Heritage Property Act.

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Thank You