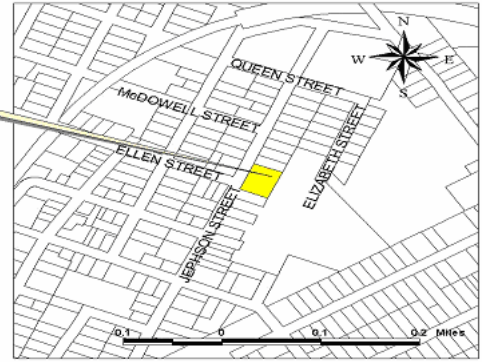




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 PLAN: 201
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95 JEPHSON STREET

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| Built: | 1906 | Current Owner: | Congregation |
| Built By: | John Waldie | Present Use: | Church |
| Structure: | Pine Frame | Original Use: | Church |
| Exterior Wall: | Painted white siding | Address: | 95 Jephson St. |
| Style: | Indigenous/ hint of Gothic | | |

Architectural:

Built in 1906, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church still maintains many of its original attributes both on the interior and exterior. The largest changes to the interior of the building have been to the Sunday School room on the southwesterly side of the building. The room has now been made fully wheelchair accessible, and to accommodate this change several original partitions had to be moved. Though changes have been made to the Sunday School room, the majority of the interior remains as it did in 1906 when the church opened, including the pine interior.

Necessary changes have also been made to the exterior of the building, primary when it was discovered in 1991 that the church was spreading. To remedy this problem, buttress supports were added onto the sides of the building (Fig. 2) along with strung cables to prevent the church from spreading any farther. Also added in 1991 while the church was undergoing renovations is the addition at the rear of the building (Fig. 1). Finally, plastic safety covers have been added to the exterior of the windows to help prevent heat from escaping and rain from entering the building (Fig. 3).

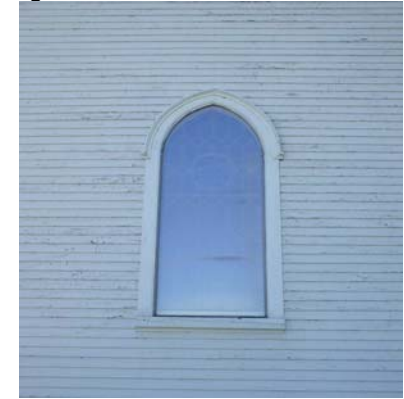
Figure 1: The addition built in 1991.



Figure 2: Buttress supports.



Figure 3: Detailed view of a window.



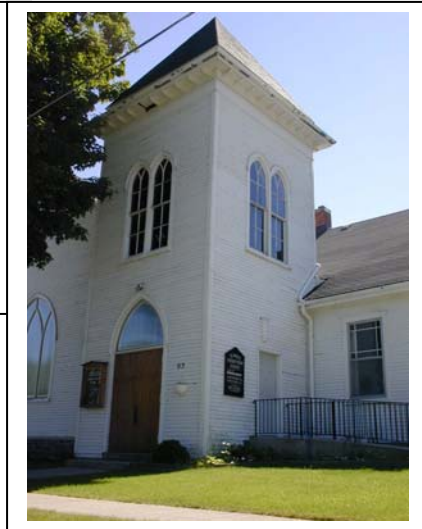
Historical:

Construction of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church began in 1905 and was completed a year later, holding the first church service on June 24, 1906. The land and materials for the church were donated by Mr. John Waldie, the owner of the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company that operated three lumber mills and greatly aided the development of the town.

Waldie was well known for his generosity, having built company houses for workers, a company store and donated a library to the community prior to the construction of the church. The donation of St. Paul's was of great importance to Waldie, as demonstrated in the carefully selected pine lumber he chose for the interior of the church, which does not contain a single knot or imperfection. The donation and construction of St. Paul's marks the final donation to the town of Victoria Harbour by Waldie, who died the year after the church was completed.



Some additional photos detailing the tower and frontage



| <u>Previous Owners:</u> | <u>Date:</u> | <u>Sources:</u> | <u>Location:</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--|------------------|
| John Strathy | 1866 | Land Registry Office | Barrie |
| Henry Frazer | 1868 | Simcoe County Archives | Midhurst |
| Midland Rail Company | 1870 | Tay Township Office | Victoria Harbour |
| Anson G.P. Dodge | 1872 | Mr. Gordon Gillespie | |
| Richard Power | 1886 | "Victoria Harbour: A Mill Town Legacy" by Barbaranne and Michael Boyer | |
| Victoria Harbour Lumber Co. | 1889 | | |
| Trustees of Church | 1906 | | |