

# Assumption Heritage Trust



## Testimonials

“The Master Plan defines a new framework for growth through a partnership between Assumption Church, the City of Windsor, its riverfront and the University of Windsor. Further the Master Plan builds upon the goal of creating a “green campus” in an urban context while providing a destination site for the public at the gateway entrance to Canada. **The design approach is to preserve, protect, and celebrate nature and historic and cultural features.** It will build upon them to define key elements to anchor and unify the campus through new cultural landscapes in the form of themed public gardens.”

**Pat Bollenberghe**, Partner  
The MBTW Group Watchorn Inc.

“The Church is one of Ontario’s most important religious landmarks from the first of half of the 19th century and the Assumption parish, in addition to dating from the mid 18th century, is closely associated with the Francophone community in Southwest Ontario. **It is of utmost importance that the conservation and rehabilitation of the church be undertaken in order to ensure the continued preservation and use of the Church.** The Trust strongly supports the strategic campus master planning process at Assumption and is prepared to work closely with the Diocese, Assumption Management Board, parish and community as well as the professional project team in arriving at a vision, design and work plan that sees the property preserved and enjoyed for generations to come”

**Sean Fraser**, Manager,  
Acquisitions and Conservation Services,  
Heritage Programs / Operations Branch  
Ontario Heritage Trust

“**Assumption Church is an important cultural resource to Windsor and to Canada. It is a locally designated heritage property and is on the Canadian Register of Historic Places.** The site is one of the most important locations from the earliest history of European exploration and settlement in Southwestern Ontario, where French and Native peoples shared a community.”

**John R. Calhoun**, Heritage Planner,  
City of Windsor

“**Assumption Church is the heart of Canada’s oldest Roman Catholic parish west of Montreal.** The Windsor Heritage Committee fully supports the initiatives being made to guarantee its future.”

**Robin B. Easterbrook**, Chair,  
Windsor Heritage Committee