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## HERITAGE IDENTIFICATION, MANAGEMENT & PROTECTION

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Scouts Hall  
69 Bayswater Road  
Mount Vernon

**RE: Guidance and collaboration regarding the restoration and responsible community use of Scouts Hall, 69 Bayswater Road, Mount Vernon**

Thank you for your email and for your proactive approach toward the preservation and sustainable reuse of the church building. The Institute welcomes community-led initiatives that seek to conserve heritage resources while ensuring they remain functional and relevant to contemporary social needs.

As the grading of a site is determined upon submission of a formal application, you are encouraged to submit an application to restore the building. This will enable the Heritage Officers Committee to assess the significance of the structure and determine whether a CMP or HIA is required. A photographic report and any available original plans would assist in this process.

Please note that the foundation walls of the church were laid in 1957, making the structure more than 60 years old and therefore generally protected under Section 37 of the KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act, No. 5 of 2018. This section stipulates that no structure older than 60 years may be demolished, altered, or added to without the prior written approval of the Institute.

While eThekweni Municipality follows its own internal processes, there is currently no established joint process between the Municipality and the Institute. However, the Institute considers applications within ten (10) working days of submission and remains committed to ensuring there are no unnecessary delays in processing.

The relevant links, application forms, and fee schedule are provided in the attached documents. We remain available for any pre-consultations and would be pleased to arrange an online meeting to discuss the proposed interventions and compliance requirements in more detail.

We appreciate your commitment to safeguarding this important community asset and look forward to working collaboratively to ensure that all heritage requirements are met in support of the building's continued use and conservation.

Yours sincerely

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