



Trinity Anglican Church (Bond Head), now closed and up for sale.

History up for sale in the hamlet of Bond Head

Even as the hamlet of Bond Head prepares for a summer celebration and an old-fashioned picnic, there are concerns that it is in danger of losing some of its heritage.

Trinity Anglican Church in Bond Head, the church founded by Rev. Featherstone Osler in the 19th century, has been closed and is apparently up for sale. Rev. Osler was the father of Sir William Osler, one of Canada's most famous sons, known as the "Father of Modern Medicine" for his work on

diagnosis.

There is a historic plaque, a little further down County Rd. 27, commemorating Bond Head as the birthplace of Sr. Wm. Osler, but no plaque at the church, which Rev. Osler founded in 1837 – but that doesn't mean that it isn't worthy of recognition, and preservation, says Mikki Nanowski, member of the BWG Local History Association and chair of The Gwillim Group. She is hoping to encourage the Town to designate the church a Heritage Site – and to find support within the

community for its purchase. It would, she says, make a fitting home for a museum or tribute to Osler, and could attract visitors from around the world.

There is some collateral damage from the closure: the Montessori School, that has offered an alternative approach to education for young children, through its Casa Program, has not had its lease renewed and will be closing.

The Anglican diocese, contacted for information did not return the call.