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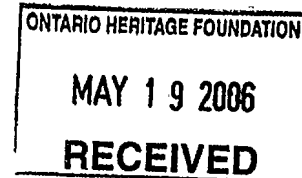
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May 15, 2006

The Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East
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Dear Sirs:

RE: Designation of the King City Cemetery
Part Lot 6, Concession 4
Under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

Please find enclosed a certified copy of By-law Number 2006-48 which was enacted by Council at its meeting of May 8th, 2006 to designate the King City Cemetery as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Notice of passing of the By-law will be published in the King Township Weekly on May 17th, 2006, as required by the Act. The property belongs to the King City Cemetery Board and was designated at the recommendation of the King Township Heritage Committee.

Please note that the Octagonal Deadhouse in the King City Cemetery was designated as a Heritage Site by By-law 2001-147. By-law 2006-48 designates the remaining King City Cemetery lands.

Yours truly,

Chris Somerville
Clerk
Encls.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2006-48

**A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 2001-147 BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE OCTAGONAL DEADHOUSE AT THE KING CITY COMMUNITY CEMETERY, AS A HERITAGE SITE UNDER THE *ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT*;
BY-LAW NUMBER 2006-48 PROVIDES FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE REMAINING LANDS OF THE KING CITY CEMETERY**

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural and/or historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King has enacted By-law Number 2001-147 to designate the Octagonal Deadhouse at the King City Community Cemetery located in Part of Lot 67, Plan 85, and further described as Part 1 on Plan 65R-23986 in the Township of King;

AND WHEREAS Council has further determined that the remaining lands which comprise the King City Cemetery shall be designated as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the King City Community Cemetery located in Part of Lot 67, Plan 85, Part East Half Lot 6, Concession 4 in the Township of King, and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and premises for the reasons set out in Appendix "A" attached to this By-law, and has caused such notice of the intention to be published in the local newspapers having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King **HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **THAT** the real property known as the King City Community Cemetery located at 2580 King Road and comprised of Part of Lot 67, Plan 85 and Part East Half Lot 6, Concession 4 [PIN 03370-0278(LT)], Township of King is designated as a property being of cultural heritage value or interest.

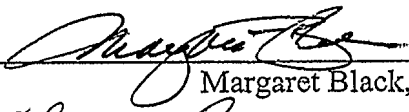
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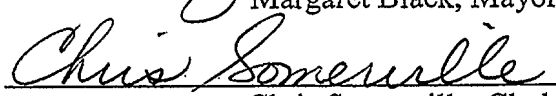
I, CHRIS SOMERVILLE, CLERK
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF KING
CERTIFY THIS DOCUMENT TO BE A
TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
Chris Somerville
SIGNATURE

2. **THAT** By-law Number 2001-147 is amended to reflect the designation of the remaining lands which comprise the King City Cemetery.
3. **THAT** the Township Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Clause 1 above in the Proper Land Registry Office.
4. **THAT** the Clerk is authorized and directed to cause a copy of the is By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of passing of this By-law to be published in the local newspapers having general circulation in the municipality.

READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 8th day of May, 2006.

READ a THIRD time AND FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of May, 2006.


Margaret Black, Mayor


Chris Somerville, Clerk

APPENDIX 'A' TO BY-LAW NUMBER 2006-48

KING CITY CEMETERY, KING CITY

Description: Part Lot 67, Plan 85, Part of East Half Lot 6, Concession 4
Township of King
2580 King Road, King City

Ownership: King City Cemetery Board

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The cultural heritage value of the King City Cemetery is related to its design or physical value as the site of an octagonal, brick dead house begun in 1889 and completed in 1892. Modeled on the dead house in Aurora, Ontario, it is one of only two in King Township, three in York Region and all octagonal dead houses are unique to Ontario. The King City Cemetery dead house was designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in September 2001 by King Township Council under By-law Number 2001-147. Purchased from and installed by Lundy Company in October 1929 the iron fence fronting King Road as well as the metal decorative sign read *King City Cemetery* remains as an early illustration of the importance of the cemetery to the community. The Crossley family monument is of unique design and material, constructed of what was termed White Bronze. Made of 99 percent commercially pure zinc, these monuments were easily moulded thus allowing for intricate designs, inscriptions, panel design and finials and no two markers are considered alike. The material, style and construction are unknown elsewhere in the community.

The cultural heritage value of the King City Cemetery is related to its historical or associative value as the burial site of members of many principal families as well as respected individuals of the early community of Springhill, later the village of King. Their contributions and activities were of high significance to the early development and culture of the present King City and the greater community. They include: James Whiting Crossley and early Reeve in the Township; his brother Hugh Thomas Crossley a celebrated evangelist; William J. Crossley owner of Crossley Hall; Isaac Dennis owner of the prominent Dennis Hotel and Hogan's Hotel; his daughter Agnes and her husband John Hogan hosts of Hogan's Hotel; James C. Stokes major local businessman, store owner, Councillor, Reeve and Warden of York Region; Dr. George Lockhart family doctor in King City for 41 years from 1900 until his death; Elizabeth McClure Gillham long time school teacher, local historian and author of a number of historical pieces on King Township; Walter Rolling, teacher and principal of Kinghorn School for 41 years and the first black educator in King Township.

The cultural value of the King City Cemetery also relates to its contextual value for it's more than 115 years influence on the continued rural character of the King City community. It was founded in 1887 as the only major, as well as non-denominational cemetery serving the eastern portion of King Township and in particular the community of Springhill. The typography of the original countryside setting with its gently rolling, grassed hills and knolls together with the four vistas surrounding it on all sides remain an integral part in defining the character of the immediate area of the community. This is measured in the continued rural land use of the adjacent properties, in particular to the east notwithstanding the settlement pattern from King City. Still an active cemetery, it contains approximately 2,700 burials. Many of the oldest trees, planted annually by members of the original King City Cemetery Company, visually distinguish the grounds and area. These mature trees together with the original slim gravel pathways running over the low sloping hills and the rural landscape surrounding it on all sides are key components in the cemetery maintaining its physical bond and relationship to the community. The nature of the grounds and proximity to King City suggest it was well chosen not only as a final resting place but also as a location of peaceful respite to be used by local residents, visitors and the families of those interred within. The King City Cemetery remains an important spiritual landmark to the community to this day.

Heritage Attributes

The Heritage attributes related to the Cemetery's cultural heritage value as the burial site of local historic personages, its building, monuments and its influence on the rural characteristics and spiritual value to the community are portrayed by:

- The octagonal, brick dead house
- Iron fence marking the southern boundary
- Sign constructed of two approximately 10 foot iron rail posts spaced approximately 12 feet apart with two downward arced, decorative iron bars attached at the top with metal lettering reading *King City Cemetery*
- The Crossley Family memorial monument of White Bronze, a distinctive, four sided obelisk standing approximately two metres high and coming to a point at the top containing intricate designs, inscriptions, panel design and finials
- Mature trees and shrubs
- Gently rolling grassed hills and knolls
- All four vistas to the west, east, north and south, integral in defining the rural character of the immediate area of the community
- The original slim gravel pathways running over low sloping hills.

Reference Clerks Department Report CL-2006-07, March 20, 2006.