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April 8, 2016

Via Registered Mail

Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: By-law 2016-28 – Designation of Cultural Heritage Value & Interest - 325473 Durham Rd B (Old Durham Road Cemetery) Grey Highlands

Please be advised that Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands on April 4th, 2016, adopted By-law 2016-28 being a by-law to designate 325473 Durham Rd. B (Old Durham Road Cemetery) to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest.

Please find enclosed a certified true copy of By-law 2016-28, along with the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the Description of Heritage Attributes. The Municipality of Grey Highlands is the property owner for this property.

If you require any other information please contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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**The Corporation of The Municipality Of Grey Highlands
By-Law Number 2016-28**

**A By-Law to Designate 325473 Durham Rd. B (Old Durham Road Cemetery)
to be of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest**

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 a by-law to designate real property including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And Whereas Council consulted with its' Municipal Heritage Committee and approved the designation of a property located at 325473 Durham Rd. B (near Priceville) on February 1, 2016;

And Whereas Notice of the Intention to Designate was published in *The Advance*, which is a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality on March 2nd, 2016;

And Whereas no Notice of Objection to the proposed Designation was served to the Clerk of the Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands;

And Whereas it is desired to designate the property mentioned in Section 1 of this by-law in accordance with Clause 29(6)(a) of the said Act.

Now Therefore The Council Of The Corporation Of The Municipality Of Grey Highlands Enacts As Follows:

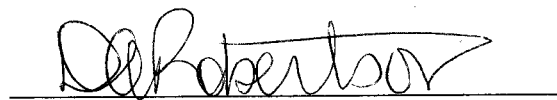
- 1. That** the property located at 325473 Durham Rd. B, near Priceville (Old Durham Road Cemetery), Grey Highlands, Ontario and more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby designated as property of cultural heritage value.
- 2. That** the Municipality reserves the right to install a designated property plaque or interpretive panel.
- 3. That** the Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this by-law, together with the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Description of Heritage Attributes set out in Schedule "B" and hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, to be registered against the property affected in the proper registry office.
- 4. That** the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed:
 - a)** to cause a copy of this By-law, together with reasons for the designation, to be served on The Ontario Heritage Trust by personal service or by registered mail;
 - b)** to publish a notice of this by-law once in *The Advance*, which is a newspaper having general circulation in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

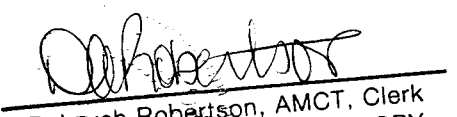
Read a first and second time this 4th day of April, 2016

Read a third time and finally passed this 4th day of April, 2016

The Corporation of the
Municipality of Grey Highlands


Paul McQueen, Mayor


Debbie Robertson, Municipal Clerk


Deborah Robertson, AMCT, Clerk
CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY
The Corporation of the Municipality of
Grey Highlands, County of Grey
April 8, 2016

Schedule "A" to By-law 2016-28

**325473 Durham Road B near Priceville
Grey Highlands**

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Being PIN 37241-0087 (LT)

Old Durham Road Cemetery

325473 Durham Rd. B, near Priceville, Ontario
(Concession 1, north of the Old Durham Road, lot 21)

Reasons for Designation:

Design and physical heritage value

- Old Durham Road Cemetery lies primarily in the preservation of four gravestones dated 1854, 1856, 1856 & 1863 of inhabitants of the nearby Black pioneering settlement.
- Engraved 1990 granite memorial to these early pioneers dedicated by (then) Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander, himself of African descent.

Historical and Associative Value

- One of very few relicts of the vibrant Black settlement that existed from c. 1849 in this locale. The 1851 census gives Artemesia a total population of 1,029 with 117 (roughly 11%) being the Black settlers on Old Durham Road. The Black adults are all listed as born in the USA, but children as old as 17 are shown as born in Upper Canada. A few of these Black settlers had been loyalists, while most of the others (who all moved here from near Guelph) originally were refugees from slavery. Following the 1880s decline of the Black community, the burial ground was abandoned and by the 1930s no traces remained.
- The 1989 foundation of The Old Durham Road Cemetery Committee which recovered four of the long missing gravestones 1990, restored the site, ensured it was dedicated as a cemetery and continues to maintain this highly valued remnant of the only Black pioneering community to have existed within what is now Grey Highlands.

Contextual Value

- location on the Old Durham Road is centered in the original Black pioneering settlement.

Description of Key Heritage Attributes:

The design and physical heritage value of on-site artifacts, the historical value associated with Black pioneers and the location on Old Durham Road as portrayed by:

- The placement, material and design of the symbolic monument
- The styles and material of original gravestones with their surviving inscriptions
- The large granite stone inscribed with a memorial tribute to Black pioneers
- The property identification sign with name and date
- The location on Old Durham Road at the heart of the former Black community
- The level, grassed landscape with a view across the road to Old Durham Road School
- The open, park like setting offering scenic views of rolling agricultural terrain
- The presently unknown original grave placements

Views of the building and attributes (2015):

