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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O 1990, CHAPTER 0.18, AS  
AMENDED, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING  
MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region intends to designate the following municipal legal address as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

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**Westmeath Con 1 West of Muskrat Lake North Pt lot 18  
Sutherland Road  
Township of Whitewater Region**

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**Description of Property**

The McDonald Burial Ground is a cemetery located at 1437 Sutherland Road, approximately one kilometer southwest of Highway 17 in the historical Township of Westmeath.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The McDonald Burial Ground is of cultural heritage value or interest as a representative example of a rural small family cemetery of the nineteenth and early twentieth century.

It is also of cultural heritage value or interest for its association with members of the McDonald family, veterans of the War of 1812 who were among the earliest settlers in the Westmeath area, west of Muskrat Lake, now known as the Whitewater Region.

The cemetery was first used sometime after Walter McDonald petitioned the Crown to acquire the property in 1835. It is the resting place of Walter McDonald and his brothers William and John, all of whom served in the War of 1812: Walter in his Majesty's Fencibles Regiment, John in the Glengarry Militia and William by hauling a sleigh of ammunition between Kingston and Montreal. Following their service, it took an estimated thirty (30) years for the veterans of the War of 1812 to finalize and transfer land deeds from the government they served and protected.

The cemetery also holds the remains of members of several other families who settled in the area in the nineteenth century, including the Livingston, McLeod, Pappin and Bradly families. The last known burial in the cemetery took place in 1924.

**Description of Heritage Attributes**

Heritage attributes of the cemetery that reflect its value as an example of rural small family cemetery of the nineteenth and early twentieth century include:

- ❖ The rectangular cemetery grounds, 100 feet wide by 66 feet deep;
- ❖ The location and orientation of the cemetery parallel to and beside Sutherland Road;
- ❖ The surviving grave markers with inscriptions; and
- ❖ The rural setting and views of the surrounding pastureland and woodlots.

Heritage attributes of the cemetery that reflect its association with the McDonald family include:

- ❖ The grave markers inscribed for William and Walter McDonald; and
- ❖ The grave markers for other members of the McDonald family.

Objections to the proposed designation must be received by the Clerk of the Township of Whitewater Region by Registered Mail or hand-delivered together with a statement of the reasons for objection and all relevant facts, not later than 4:00 p.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013. Objections will be referred to by Council for a hearing and report.

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