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Please find enclosed a Notice of Intention to Designate for the property known municipally as 1047 Porter Road, Geographic Township of Manvers.

The last date for objections is March 6, 2026. If no objections are filed by 4:00 p.m. on that date with the clerk of the municipality, Council will proceed to pass a bylaw designating the property at the next available Council meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Notice: Intention to Designate Property under the Ontario Heritage Act

Take Notice that the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes, on January 27, 2026, passed a resolution of intent to designate the following property under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.18, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

1047 Porter Road, Geographic Township of Manvers
MANVERS CON 8 S PT LOT 20 RP;57R10825 PART 1, MANVERS

Statement of Reasons for Designation

Design and Physical Value

1047 Porter Road has design and physical value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century rural cemetery. The cemetery was established in approximately 1850 as a burial ground for the local New Connexion Methodist congregation alongside a chapel constructed on the same site around the same time, which has been demolished. Through its landscaping, layout and orientation, the cemetery is demonstrative of the kinds of rural churchyard cemeteries established in the mid-nineteenth century, particularly in contrast to the growing trend of landscaped garden cemeteries being established in urban centres. The cemetery is one of eleven cemeteries in Manvers Township and one of the several that were established in the township around this period. It remains an important example of an early Methodist cemetery in Manvers Township.

Historical and Associative Value

1047 Porter Road has historical and associative value in its role as the Graham Cemetery. Originally established as the cemetery for the Graham Methodist Church, it is directly associated with the growth of the Methodist Church in Manvers Township, with specific associations with the New Connexion Methodists who established the church in the early 1850s. Through the surviving cemetery, the property yields information regarding this religious denomination in Manvers Township and death and burial in this community. The property also has direct historical connections with early Manvers settler John Graham who donated the land for the cemetery and church and whose family was a prominent group of early settlers in Manvers.

Contextual Value

1047 Porter Road has contextual value as part of the broader, historic rural



character of the area of Manvers Township around Bethany. As an early settler cemetery, the property forms part of a broader rural agricultural landscape that includes a variety of features that, taken together, define the rural, dispersed community as a cohesive whole. These include agricultural properties, natural features, and institutional structures and properties including the cemetery which was established alongside a New Connexion Methodist chapel. It is historically linked to its surroundings as part of the development of rural Manvers Township in the mid-nineteenth century and the area where the cemetery is located retains a variety of features and land use patterns that are historically connected to this period and to each other. The property is a local landmark both its historic value and association with early residents of the Bethany area, but also as an active local cemetery. The property has served as a burial site for the local area since the early 1850s and is well-known in Manvers Township.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available at the City's Economic Development Department. Any objection to this designation must be filed within 30 days of February 4, 2026. Objections should be directed to: Cathie Richie, Clerk, City of Kawartha Lakes, P.O. Box 9000, 26 Francis Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8. Objections may be filed electronically at clerks@kawarthalakes.ca.

Any inquiries may be directed to:

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