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Town of Ajax

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Durham

OCT 4 - 2004 CONSERVATION REVIEW

Dear Sir or Madam:

Designation By-law 111-2004 Re: **Quaker Cemetery on Mill Street** 

Please find enclosed one copy of Town of Ajax By-law 111-2004 which designates the Quaker Cemetery on Mill Street, Ajax, as being of historical value and interest.

This By-law will be registered on the title of the subject property.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

M. de Rond

Director of Legislative and Information Services

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B. Kriz, Co-ordinator, Heritage Ajax CC

S. White, Committee Co-ordinator

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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX

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## **BY-LAW NUMBER 111-2004**

A By-law to designate the property known municipally as the Quaker Cemetery, on Mill Street as being of historical value and interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18), 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 or Historical value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as the Quaker Cemetery and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation a Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Council has considered the recommendations of Heritage Ajax with respect to this matter;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax enacts as follows:

- There is designated as being of historical value or interest the real property known as the Quaker Cemetery, Mill Street. The reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- The legal description of said property is outlined in Schedule "B".
- The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered
  against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the property land registry office.
- 4. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause Notice of the Passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ a first time and second time this Thirteenth day of September, 2004.

READ a third time and finally passed this Thirteenth day of September, 2004.

Mayor

Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 111-2004

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## REASONS FOR DESIGNATION - QUAKER CEMETERY, MILL STREET, AJAX

The Quaker Burial Ground on Mill Street in Ajax, owned by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). It is the oldest cemetery in Ajax and one of the oldest in the former Pickering Township and inters many of the founding Quaker families of historic Duffins Creek (now Pickering Village). The site is located on the east side of Mill Street, south of Highway 2 (legally known as Concession 1, Part Lot 13).

Early information is to be found in the Will of Timothy Rogers, the earliest Quaker settler in Pickering Township. He donated the land for a Quaker Meeting House and Burial Ground. Rogers' prime concern was the establishment of Quaker settlements, first at Younge Street, Newmarket, then at Pickering.

In his Will, dated 1829, Rogers referred to the Burial Ground in Pickering and mentioned that his wife Sarah, his daughter Sarah, and his sons, John Wilde Rogers and John Emsley Rogers, and others were buried there.

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries graves in some Quaker Burial Grounds were not marked by gravestones. Thus, there are no markers for timothy Rogers or for any of the other persons mentioned in his Will. The earliest recorded date found on a gravestone on the Burial Ground is 1830. It marks were several of the Betts family are buried.

The Burial Ground is a reminder of the heritage and roots established by the first Quaker settlers early in the settlement of Pickering Township, a township now occupied by the town of Ajax and the City of Pickering.

## Schedule "B" to By-law 111-2004

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Quaker Cemetery (Friends Cemetery)

Mill Street, Ajax

As noted on the Deed (or Indenture) #29822, dated June 22, 1847, the description of the property in relation to Lot 13 is:

"Commencing at the North East angle of said lot: Thence South seventy four degrees West eight chains and seventy five links to a post planted at the angle formed by the South limit of the Main Road and East limit of the Mill Road; Thence South eleven degrees West along the East side of the said Mill Road three chains and twenty-five links to a post planted at the North West angle of the burying ground being the place of Commencement; Thence North eighty four degrees East one chain and forty seven links; Thence South sixteen degrees East three chains and ten links; Thence South eighty one degrees West two chains and ninety links to the East limit of the said Mill Road Thence along the east side of the said Mill Road North eleven degrees East three chains and thirty five links the place of beginning of the said burying grounds".

Reference: a chain is 66 ft. (the width of a road allowance); there are 100 links in a chain, a link is approximately 8 in.

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