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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 Lake of Bays intends to designate the following municipal 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.

Winter's Cemetery

Description of Property

The Winter's Cemetery is located on the north west corner of Lot 25, Concession 6, Sinclair Ward secluded amongst a plantation of red pine trees located near the concession allowance between Concession 6 & 7 Sinclair Ward.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Located near Old School House Road also known as Chaffey Sinclair Colonization Road in the north west corner of Lot 25 and Concession 6 Sinclair Ward there was a small building where church services were held. It was the earliest appointment of the Hillside Methodist Mission dating from the 1870's. Behind where the building existed is a small burial ground where two commercial monuments can be seen as well as numerous indentations in the ground with sticks that mark the locations of unmarked graves. There may be as many as 20 burials here.

John Winter and his wife emigrated from England about 1855. In 1876 he came to Sinclair Township where he cleared the land for agriculture in hopes of continuing his successful farming. He received patent in 1883. Mr. Winter became the "leader" of the appointment; Michael Pickering, the local Representative and Sunday school Superintendent. They raised their families in the area and many children attended school nearby. Interments likely occurred at this location until the first decade of the 20th century.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the cemetery that reflect its value as an important link to the history of Sinclair include:

- Its location to a colonization road depicts the route many early settlers travelled to make their way to their piece of paradise and establish a Crown Grant;
- Its original monuments, with their surviving inscriptions;
- The variety of styles, materials and symbolism represented in the monuments; and
- The range in sophistication of monuments and markers from stone to wood.

Key attributes of the cemetery that reflect its value as an early settler rural municipal cemetery design in northern Ontario include:

- Its location, alongside a colonization road used by early settlers;
- Its monuments and lack thereof depicting the sense of disparity;
- Spiritual value because settlers held strong religious beliefs;

Objections to the proposed designation must be received by the Clerk of the Township of Lake of Bays by Registered Mail or hand-delivered together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, not later than **4:00 p.m.** on the **31st** day of **August, 2015**. Objections will be referred to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

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