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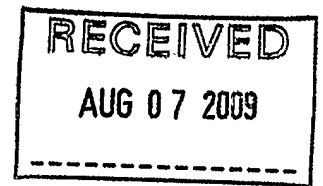
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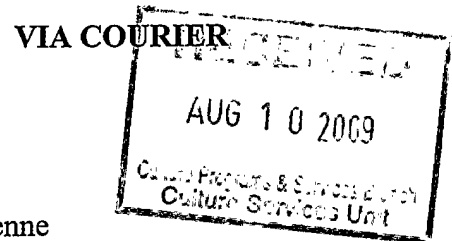
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OAKVILLE



August 6, 2009



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Heather Turenne  
Supervisor of Cemetery Services  
Parks & Open Space  
Town of Oakville  
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Oakville, ON L6J 5A6

Dear Sirs and/or Madames:

**Subject: Notice of Heritage Designation  
Palermo United Church Cemetery  
Concession 1 SDS, Part of Lots 29 and 30,  
Trafalgar Township, Dundas Street West, Oakville, ON**

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Attached please find the Notice of Heritage Designation together with By-law 2009-076 with respect to the heritage designation of Concession 1 SDS, Part of Lots 29 and 30, Trafalgar Township, Dundas Street West, Oakville, Ontario which is served upon you in accordance with section 29(6) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.18.

Sincerely,

Francesca Piazza  
Legislative Coordinator

Encls.

c.c. C. Best, Town Clerk  
D. Anderson, Director of Planning Services  
D. Baker, Assistant Town Solicitor  
M. Seaman, Manager of Heritage Planning

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OAKVILLE

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2009-076

A by-law to designate the Palermo United Church Cemetery at Concession 1 SDS, Part of Lots 29 and 30, Trafalgar Township, Dundas Street West as a property of architectural, historical and/or contextual significance.

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact By-laws to designate a real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

**WHEREAS** the municipal council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville has cause to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Concession 1 SDS, Part of Lots 29 and 30, Trafalgar Township  
Dundas Street West  
Oakville, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the **Palermo United Church Cemetery at Concession 1 SDS, Part of Lots 29 and 30, Trafalgar Township, Dundas Street West** and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in the *Oakville Beaver*, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and form part of this By-law;



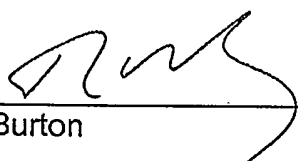
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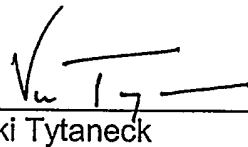
1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

Palermo United Church Cemetery  
Concession 1 SDS, Part of Lots 29 and 30, Trafalgar Township  
Dundas Street West  
Town of Oakville  
The Regional Municipality of Halton

2. THAT the Town solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto at the Land Registry Office.

PASSED this 9th day of June, 2009.

  
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Rob Burton MAYOR

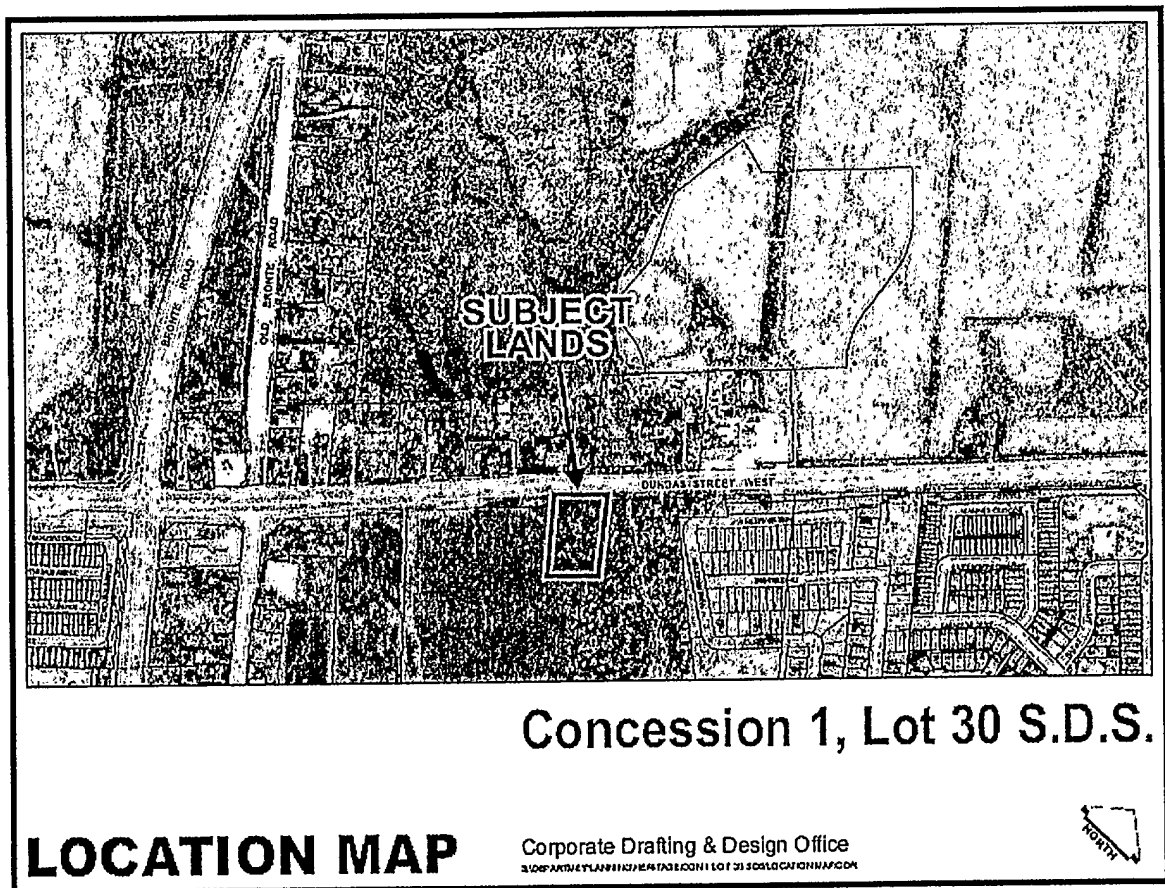
  
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Vicki Tytaneck A/CLERK

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**SCHEDULE "A" TO  
BY-LAW 2009-076**

In the Town of Oakville in the Regional Municipality of Halton, property description as follows:

Palermo United Church Cemetery,  
Concession 1 SDS, Part of Lots 29 and 30, designated as Part 1 on Plan 20R-10009,  
Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton



**SCHEDULE "B" TO  
BY-LAW 2009-076**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Palermo United Church Cemetery at Concession 1 SDS, Part of Lots 29 and 30, Trafalgar Township, Dundas Street West is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* because of its cultural heritage value or interest.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

*Design or Physical Value*

The cemetery is of cultural heritage value because of its 19<sup>th</sup> century rural cemetery design and setting. The cemetery is characterized by a grid pattern of graves, the oldest of which face southeast away from Dundas Street West. Mature trees contribute to the site's scenic character while vegetation along the edges of the property distinguishes the cemetery from the surrounding farm fields.

*Historical or Associative Value*

The Palermo United Church Cemetery is of cultural heritage value for its historical association with the development and history of the village of Palermo and the surrounding agricultural community.

The history of the cemetery dates back to 1812 when Lawrence Hager, United Empire Loyalist, held the first church service in the village which subsequently led to the formation of the Methodist Church in Palermo, later the Palermo United Church. In 1818, the subject property was set aside for use as a cemetery for the church.

Still in use today, the gravestones in the cemetery provide important insight into the lives of the inhabitants of Palermo and the surrounding agricultural community and reflect the key historical themes in the development of the area during this period. The Palermo United Church Cemetery is the last resting place for many of Palermo's residents including locally and regionally significant individuals such as Dr. Anson Buck.

*Contextual Value*

The cemetery has cultural heritage value for its contextual significance through its relationship to both the village of Palermo and to the surrounding rural countryside. The cemetery is inextricably linked to Dundas Street West, a historically significant route as one of the oldest roads in Ontario and as a major stagecoach route between Toronto and Hamilton.

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### Description of Heritage Attributes

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

- Its original markers and monuments, with their surviving inscriptions;
- The variety of styles, materials and symbolism represented in the markers and monuments; and
- The range of size and sophistication of markers and monuments, from modest to elaborate.

Key attributes of the cemetery that reflect its significant and representative 19<sup>th</sup> century church cemetery design include:

- Its location, orientation and dimensions;
- Its monuments, sculptures and structures;
- Its rural setting, including its mature trees, fencing; and
- The original plan and placement of the gravesites.

### Works Requiring a Heritage Permit

Although the heritage designation is proposed to apply to the entire parcel covered by the Palermo United Church Cemetery, all works are exempt from Heritage Permit requirements with the exception of the following:

- 1) Erection of any new structure on the subject lands; and
- 2) Erection or removal of any perimeter fencing on the subject lands.

### Explanatory Note

Re: Heritage Designation By-law No. 2009-076

By-law Number 2009-076 the following purpose and effect:

To designate the property at Concession 1 SDS, Part of Lots 29 and 30, Trafalgar Township, Dundas Street West as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29.

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## **NOTICE OF HERITAGE DESIGNATION**

**Concession 1 SDS, Lot 30, Trafalgar Township  
Dundas Street West  
Oakville, ON**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Oakville Town Council, on **June 9, 2009** resolved to pass By-law **2009-076** to designate **Palermo United Church Cemetery** at **Concession 1 SDS, Lot 30, Trafalgar Township** under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 18, as a property of cultural heritage value and interest.

### **Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:**

The Palermo United Church Cemetery is of cultural heritage value for its historical association with the development and history of the village of Palermo and the surrounding agricultural community. The history of the cemetery dates back to 1812 when Lawrence Hager, United Empire Loyalist, held the first church service in the village which subsequently led to the formation of the Methodist Church in Palermo, later the Palermo United Church. In 1818, the subject property was set aside for use as a cemetery for the church.

In use from 1818 to the present day, the gravestones in the cemetery provide important insight into the lives of the inhabitants of Palermo and the surrounding agricultural community and reflect the key historical themes in the development of the area during this period. The Palermo United Church Cemetery is the last resting place for many of Palermo's residents including locally and regionally significant individuals such as Dr. Anson Buck.

The cemetery is also of value because of its 19<sup>th</sup> century rural cemetery design and setting. The cemetery is characterized by a grid pattern of graves, the oldest of which face southeast away from Dundas Street West. Mature trees contribute to the site's scenic character while vegetation along the edges of the property distinguishes the cemetery from the surrounding farm fields. The cemetery is contextually significant through its relationship to both the village of Palermo and to the surrounding rural countryside.

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**MORE INFORMATION:** Any inquiries may be directed to Michael Seaman, Manager of Heritage Planning at 905-845-6601, extension 3875 or by email at [mseaman@oakville.ca](mailto:mseaman@oakville.ca)

**Cathie Best, Town Clerk**