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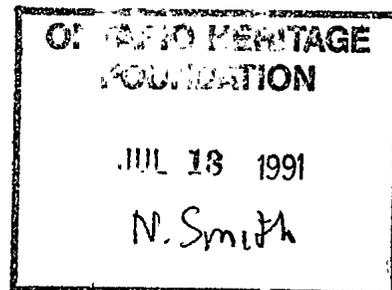
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July 15, 1991

Mr. John White  
Chairman  
The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West, 7th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. White:

Re: Kinsmen Park (Dundas Street East Burying Ground)  
- Designation Under the Ontario Heritage Act

Further to my letter of June 18, 1991, which was Notice of Intent, I am pleased to advise that By-Law Number 13119 has been passed designating the subject property to be of historic or architectural value or interest pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, 1980. By-Law Number 13119 was registered as Instrument No. 456465 on July 3, 1991.

Attached hereto is a copy of By-Law Number 13119 for your files. The necessary notice of the passing of this by-law appeared in the local press on June 24, 1991.

Yours truly,

William C. Moreton, A.M.C.T.  
City Clerk

WCM/sr  
attach

pc. Chief Administrative Officer  
City Engineer  
Secretary, Heritage Belleville

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 13119

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE TO BE OF HISTORIC VALUE OR INTEREST (KINSMEN PARK - DUNDAS STREET EAST BURYING GROUND)

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1980 provides that where the council of a municipality has given notice of its intention to designate a property to be of historic or architectural value or interest and where objections to said notice of designation are duly received and duly processed through the Conservation Review Board, the council shall pass a by-law designating the property to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS all statutory requirements for giving notice of council's intention to pass a by-law designating the property herein described to be of historic value have been complied with;

AND WHEREAS no objections to said notice of designation were received;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the property located at the Kinsmen Park, Dundas Street East, which parcel of land is more particularly described in SCHEDULE "A" attached hereto, be and the same is designated as a property of historic value or interest, for the reasons stated in SCHEDULE "B" attached hereto as provided for in the Ontario Heritage Act, 1980.

THIS BY-LAW SHALL COME INTO FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY ON AND AFTER THE PASSING THEREOF.

Read a first time this 17th day of June, 1991.

Read a second time this 17th day of June, 1991.

Read a third time and finally passed this 17th day of June, 1991.

  
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GEORGE A. ZEGOURAS, MAYOR

  
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WILLIAM C. MORETON, CITY CLERK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER

13119

KINSMEN PARK - DUNDAS STREET EAST

Part of Lots 32 and 33, south of Dundas Street East and Part of  
Lots 34 and 36, Haslett's and Carre's Plan, City of Belleville,  
County of Hastings, being designated as Part 1, Plan 21R-10264.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION

KINSMEN PARK  
DUNDAS STREET EAST

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Dundas Street East burying ground was consecrated on March 3, 1828 as one of Belleville's first cemeteries. The land (a one acre parcel) was bought by the Methodist Episcopal Church for 30 Pounds Sterling from "John Canniff the Elder" for a place of internment for the dead. The burying ground fronted on Dundas Street East to the north, Newberry Street on the east and was 163 feet wide by 264 feet deep. It fell into disuse in 1872 (after 44 years of use) when the Belleville Cemetery on Dundas Street West was opened. The burying ground was never officially closed and gradually fell into disarray. While there are pictures of the original markers on the site, unfortunately there are no written records for burials in the Dundas Street East burying ground as it was not the practice to keep such records when it was being used. The first real effort to keep records was started in 1895 with the Belleville Cemetery Company.

In 1916 the land was sold to Francis and Mary O'Flynn by the City of Belleville to recover arrears of taxes by the owner of the ground. The O'Flynn's sold the land back to the City in 1925 to preserve the property for use as a public park or "open breathing space". A condition in the indenture states that should the City fail to use the land as a park or try to dispose of same to any private individual(s), then the land would revert back to the Trustees of the Bridge Street Methodist (now United) Church. In the early 1950's the land was leased to the Kinsmen Club who have established and maintained the site as a children's playground until this day.

There can be no doubt, however, that many of our earliest settlers are buried here and that the part they played in establishing the City of Belleville, was very important.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

Heritage Belleville is recommending the designation of the Dundas Street East burying grounds under the guidelines of the Ontario Heritage Act for the preservation and commemoration of the site. The area will remain a public playground with the current programs undisturbed. Once the site is designated, Heritage Belleville will be arranging for a special plaque on the site. This will be the first designated cemetery in Belleville under the Ontario Heritage Act of 1974.