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April 8, 2019

Registrar - Ontario Heritage Trust  
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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST  
APR 15 2019  
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**Re: Notice of Passing of Designation By-law 87-2009**

Dear Erin Semande,

Please find enclosed a copy of the municipal by-law passed by City Council designating the property at the southeast corner of Conservation Drive and Hurontario Street (Zion Cemetery) under Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The by-law has been registered against the property affected in the land registry office, and the City has also published the Notice of the Passing of the By-law.

Please feel free to contact me for any further information.

Regards,

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

# BY-LAW

Number 87-2009

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST  
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To designate the property at the southeast corner of Conservation Drive and Hurontario Street (Zion Cemetery) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18 (as amended) authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

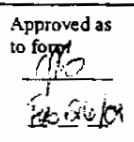
WHEREAS the Brampton Heritage Board supports the designation of the properties described herein;

WHEREAS a Notice of Intention to Designate has been published and served in accordance with the Act, and there has been no Notice of Objection served on the Clerk;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brampton HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The property at the southeast corner of Conservation Drive and Hurontario Street (Zion Cemetery) more particularly described in Schedule "A" is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
2. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property at the southeast corner of Conservation Drive and Hurontario Street (Zion Cemetery) and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Brampton as required by the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
4. The City Clerk shall serve and provide notice of this by-law in accordance with the Act.
5. The short statement of the reason for the designation of the property, including a description of the heritage attributes are set out in Schedule "B" to this by-law.
6. The affidavit of Peter Fay attached, as Schedule "C" hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL  
THIS 3rd DAY OF March, 2009.



Karl Walsh  
Karl Walsh, Director, Community Design, Parks Planning and Development

Susan Fennell  
SUSAN FENNELL - MAYOR

Peter Fay  
PETER FAY - CLERK

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW** *81-2009*

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PT LT 15, CON 1 EAST OF HURONTARIO STREET CHINGUACOUSY;  
BRAMPTON

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SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 87-2009

**SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION OF ZION CEMETERY ON CONSERVATION DRIVE:**

The Zion Cemetery on Conservation Drive is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value or interest. The property meets the criteria for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design or physical value, historical value and contextual value.

The subject property is the site of a rural Euro-Canadian Christian Cemetery. Many early 'pioneer' settlers are buried in this cemetery including members of the Vodden, Goulding, and Clark families. The property for the cemetery was donated in 1815 and the earliest recorded burial was in 1843 and the latest was in 1951.

The cultural heritage value of the Zion Cemetery is related to its design or physical value as a representative example of a rural historic Euro-Canadian cemetery. The many early tombstones and grave markers reflect a high degree of craftsmanship as exhibited by ornately carved motifs and symbols. The markers are of the slab, block, and obelisk styles, and are made of marble, limestone, or granite. The property for the cemetery, part of lot 15 concession 1 East, was donated to the Christian Brethren Baptist Church by John Watson in 1815. A church was built by the Baptist congregation and later used by the Wesleyan Methodists, after the Baptists relocated to the Snelgrove area. The Wesleyan Methodists worshipped there until the 1860s. And, according to the Women's Institute, the church was torn down circa the turn of the century, leaving the cemetery as a standalone feature. It is claimed that with the demolition of the Church the cemetery lost its identity and during burials in years to come it was always referred to with a range of different names ranging from "Snelgrove" to "Fifteen Cemetery". Some of the oldest monuments belong to members of the Snell family.

The property, and the burials it contains, also hold significant spiritual importance as the 'final resting place' of several 19<sup>th</sup> century citizens of Brampton, including some of its earliest Euro-Canadian settlers.

The property also has historical or associative value as it reflects the history of Snelgrove. In 1838 John Snell, a native of Devonshire, England, was granted 100 acres in Chinguacousy Township near Hurontario Street. However, Snelgrove was first known as Edmonton. Early settlers called it Edmonton after a place in London, England and this name was for the post office when it first opened in 1851. In the 1877 Atlas of Peel County, Edmonton is described as a lively village with a population of about 200. In 1877 the village included five large churches, a brick schoolhouse, Temperance and Orange Halls, a Post Office, two stores, a carriage factory, blacksmith shop, and two hotels amongst other amenities. Due to Edmonton in Western Canada confusion began and it was decided in 1895 that a new name should be given to the post office. Due to the fact that there were five Snell families in the area the name of the area was changed to Snelgrove. This cemetery is also illustrative of broad patterns of social history because the engravings on the grave markers act as a testament to the experiences of early settlers and their faith.

The cemetery also reflects the lives of the early settlers in Peel County, having been established on land on land in central Chinguacousy. The many historical associated found in the cemetery are a symbol of the people who helped shape the character and development of Brampton.

The cultural heritage value of the property is also connected to its contextual value as it helps identify the location of the former hamlet of Snelgrove. This important and well-preserved cemetery is, in fact, the only remaining tangible vestige of the former hamlet, and this is of exceptional historical importance. The landscaping elements of the cemetery are also significant with several, randomly planted mature specimen trees and shrubs. The cemetery site also serves as a reminder to Brampton's past as it sits in sharp juxtaposition with its suburban surroundings, both residential and commercial.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES OF THE PROPERTY:**

Unless otherwise indicated, the reason for designation apply generally to all exterior elevations, facades, foundation, roof and roof trim, all doors, windows, other structural openings and associated trim, all architectural detailing, construction materials of wood, stone, brick, plaster parging, metal and glazing and related building techniques, fencing, all trees, shrubs, hedgerows, other vegetation and the grounds and vistas generally.

To ensure that the cultural heritage value of this property is conserved, certain heritage attributes that contribute to its value have been identified specifically and they include:

##### **Design / Physical Value:**

- Representative example of a rural historic Euro-Canadian Cemetery;
- All tombstones and grave markers

##### **Historical / Associative Value:**

- Spiritual value as the burial site of an indeterminate number of 19<sup>th</sup> century Euro-Canadians and other persons;
- Associative value reflecting the history of the former community of Snelgrove;
- Associations with Brampton's Baptist Congregation

##### **Contextual Value:**

- All landscaping elements including elevation, trees and shrubs;
- Rural character of site which juxtaposes its immediate surroundings;
- Archaeological potential including all burials and the site of the former Christian Brethren Baptist church

#### **GENERAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:**

The cemetery fronts along Conservation Drive and is shaped like a rectangle. Its frontage is 53.89 feet and its depth is 19.22 feet giving it a total area of just under 1/3 of an acre. The cemetery is gated with a black metal fence with 3 openings along conservation Drive and there is a monument with a plaque in the center of the Cemetery that provides a brief history. The subject property is generally flat in nature but it does have some slopes.

SCHEDULE "C" TO BY-LAW 81-2009

AFFIDAVIT OF PETER FAY

I, **PETER FAY**, of the City of Mississauga in the Region of Peel, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. I am the Clerk for the Corporation of the City of Brampton and as such I have knowledge of the facts herein contained.
2. The public notice of intention to designate Zion Cemetery (at the Southeast corner of Conservation Drive and Hurontario Street) was served on the owner of the property and was advertised, in the form attached as Exhibit A to this my affidavit, in the Brampton Guardian, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Brampton, on Wednesday, November 12 2008.
4. The by-law to designate the Zion Cemetery (at the Southeast corner of Conservation Drive and Hurontario Street) came before City Council at a Council meeting on March 25, 2009 and was approved.
5. A copy of the by-law, including a short statement of the reason for the designation has been served upon the owner of the property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and notice of such by-law was published in the Brampton Guardian on \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

SWORN before me at the City       )  
of Brampton, in the Region       )  
of Peel, this                        )  
day of                                )

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A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits, etc.