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CITY OF NANTICOKE

BY-LAW NO. 82-98

Being a by-law to designate York Mausoleum, Waterford Greenwood Cemetery, located at Part of Lot 8, Concession 8, geographic Township of Townsend, now in the City of Nanticoke, Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk and being more particularly described as PART 1 on Reference Plan 37R-7800, as a property of historical and/or architectural significance.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 as amended, provides for the conservation, protection and preservation of the heritage of Ontario, and provides that the Council of a municipality may designate a property within the municipality to be of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Nanticoke deems it desirable to designate the property located at Part of Lot 8, Concession 8, geographic Township of Townsend, now in the City of Nanticoke, Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk and being more particularly described as PART 1 on Reference Plan 37R-7800 as registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Norfolk (No. 37), as a property of historic and/or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the procedures required by Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, have been carried out and no Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate the aforementioned property was received;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Nanticoke enacts as follows:

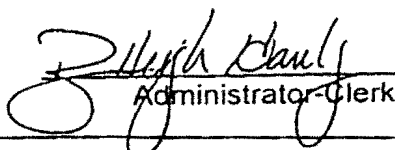
1. THAT the property known locally as the York Mausoleum located at Part of Lot 8, Concession 8, geographic Township of Townsend, now in the City of Nanticoke, Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk and being more particularly described as PART 1 on Reference Plan 37R-7800 as registered in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Norfolk (No. 37), be and is designated as a property of historic and/or architectural value or interest.
2. THAT the reasons for designation, as set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto be and are part of this by-law.
3. THAT a copy of this by-law setting out the reasons for designation, shall be registered against the property affected and deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Norfolk (No. 37).
4. THAT this by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of its final passing thereof.

PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL this 8th day of September, 1998.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS TO BE A  
TRUE COPY

  
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Mayor

  
Mayor

  
Administrator-Clerk

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## SCHEDULE "A"

BY-LAW NO. 82-98

YORK MAUSOLEUM

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O.  
1990, CHAPTER 0.18.

Context

The York Mausoleum with its paired "Ionic" columns and classical pediment, is a local expression of an ancient tradition of the wealthy of housing their deceased within an elaborate monument. To find a mausoleum resembling a miniature, classical temple in a rural cemetery is a pleasant surprise. Built c.1915, and containing nine vaults, it is larger and more elaborate than the three mausoleums found in the nearby Town of Simcoe.

Site

Located at Part of Lot 8, Concession 8, geographic Township of Townsend, now in the City of Nanticoke, Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk and being more particularly described as PART 1 on Reference Plan 37R-7800, the York Mausoleum was placed some distance from its contemporary monuments at the west end of the cemetery. It faces east and over time, sections of the family plot have been sold for its upkeep.

History

I.E. York was a successful druggist who came from Brownsville, Oxford County, in 1878, and married Alice Sovereign (a founding family of Waterford). They lived in a magnificent towered house with carriageway, 180 Main Street South, Waterford, and grew ginseng in the backyard. He joined the 39th Regiment of the Norfolk Rifles, rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel, and commanded by Regiment for five years. He is credited with instigating the building of the first Waterford High School and became its Secretary-Treasurer for thirty years.

Son Howard York, M.D., died at age twenty-six; Gordon farmed outside of Waterford but never married. Their family home became the Waterford hospital and then a seminary.

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Architecture

Measuring 12 feet by 18 feet by 16 feet high, the entire concrete structure is finished in a smooth cement. The gabled ends form an extended pediment with entablature supported by paired columns at the entrance elevation. The columns are Ionic in design with volute capitals. The decorated double doors (bronze) open into the inner chamber. The floor is tiled in small hexagons of white marble, the vault openings are covered with slabs of white marble and carved in marble above the vaults are the words: "Until the Day Break, And Shadows Flee Away".

Four of the five inscribed vaults are filled. Gordon, at his request is buried beside the mausoleum. The remaining vaults are empty.

Two beautiful stained glass windows light the interior space. They feature a garland and a torch in their design.

Extensive repairs were carried out in 1993 (\$8,000.00). The results were excellent. Waterford and area should be very proud of this monument and the family which contributed a great deal to its history.

The York Mausoleum (c.1915) represents the ancient tradition of the wealthy of housing their deceased within elaborate monuments. To find a mausoleum resembling a miniature, classical temple in a rural cemetery is a pleasant surprise.

For these reasons all aspects of the structure of the York Mausoleum are considered to be historically and architecturally significant.