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ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

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Dear Ontario Heritage Trust,

Re: Newmarket Heritage By-law

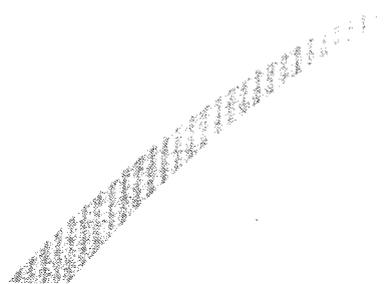
Please see attached for the heritage designation by-law for 17000 Yonge Street (Orthodox Friends Cemetery).

Please let me know if I can assist in any way.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Cho".

Patricia Cho
Planner





CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET

BY-LAW NUMBER 2017-14

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE
VALUE OR INTEREST
ORTHODOX FRIENDS CEMETERY (17000 YONGE STREET)**

WHEREAS pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of a Municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Orthodox Friends Meeting House and Cemetery
17030 & 17000 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON M1S 3A7

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Orthodox Friends Cemetery, 17030 & 17000 Yonge Street, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

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

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Newmarket deems it advisable to pass such a by-law;

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

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:

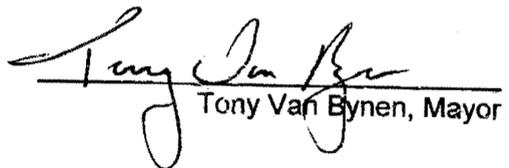
Orthodox Friends Cemetery
Town of Newmarket
The Regional Municipality of York

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

ENACTED THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2017.

CITY OF NEWARK TRUST

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Tony Van Bynen, Mayor


Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2017-14

In the Town of Newmarket in the Regional Municipality of York, property descriptions as follows:

Part of Lot 92, Concession 1 King, Parts 3&4, 65R-2892, Newmarket, Regional Municipality of York

SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2017-14
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Orthodox Friends Cemetery
17000 Yonge Street

Orthodox Friends Cemetery is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The property located at 17000 Yonge Street consists of the Orthodox Friends Cemetery, is situated on the west side of Yonge Street. The property consists of a cemetery established in 1807.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Physical/Design Value

The Orthodox Friends Cemetery and adjacent Meeting House and is an excellent example of a simple Quaker Meeting House with an adjacent Quaker Cemetery. It is one of the oldest surviving Meeting Houses in Canada and an important example of Quaker architecture in Canada.

The Orthodox Friends Cemetery is located to the south of the Meeting House. Grave markers were not used in the cemetery until the 1830s. The oldest gravestones are generally located along the east and south portions of the cemetery, while the more recent burials are located around the north and western portions; the older monuments and grave markers face west while the more modern stones tend to be oriented eastward. The cemetery features gravestones and monuments that range in size and material, including: wood (no examples of which remain visible), stone, and cast iron. By 1983, only one cast iron marker remained. The grave markers also exhibit a range of engraving techniques, writing (font) styles and decoration/iconography. Friends' gravestones are not generally ornate, some grave stone iconography can be seen in the Orthodox Friends' Cemetery in Newmarket, namely: hand with finger pointing up, symbolizing the deceased's journey to heaven; dove, often symbolizing the death of a child though in this case an adult woman; tulip, generally an extension of the traditional use of flowers for commemoration; lamb, representing the death of a child.

Historical/Associative Value

The Orthodox Friends Meeting House and Cemetery is associated with the Quaker Religion and has been in continuous use for almost 200 years. The Orthodox Friends Cemetery was established first in 1807 after Asa Rogers deeded two acres of land for a burial ground for the Yonge Street Monthly Meeting of Friends. The donated land was used right away for burials following an epidemic that caused many deaths between 1808 and 1809. Soon after this initial land-use as a cemetery, additional lands were obtained in 1810 for the purpose of constructing the Meeting House.

The Orthodox Friends Meeting House was the first building constructed north of the Town of York (City of Toronto) for religious purposes. The Orthodox Friends Meeting House was constructed between 1810 and 1812 on lands obtained from William Doan. The building was constructed by members of the Religious Society of Friends who immigrated to the area from Pennsylvania after 1800 under the leadership of Timothy Rogers. This was the third established Quaker community in Upper Canada. In 1828, there was a separation in the Yonge Street Friends Meeting House; the Orthodox Friends remained at the Yonge Street Meeting House and burial ground at 17030 Yonge Street, while the Hicksite Friends

established a meeting house and burial ground at what is now 16580 Yonge Street.

Contextual Value

The Orthodox Friends Cemetery is situated along Yonge Street, a historic thoroughfare. The Cemetery and Meeting House are historically and functionally linked. Mature Trees remain on the cemetery site, two at each gated entryway and one in the west quarter near the centre. The Meeting House overlooks the cemetery on a slight rise and is surrounded by lawns giving it a park-like atmosphere.

Cultural Heritage Attributes

- Gravestones' surviving inscriptions that commemorate early Friends settlers in Canada
- Original gravestones and monuments including their range of sizes and materials
- Orientation on an east-west axis and placement of grave markers
- Intricate designs on the gravestones including lambs, doves, hands pointing heavenward and tulips