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## REVISION #2

### NOTICE OF PASSING OF DESIGNATION BY-LAW NO. 52-2012 OF A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

**Owner:** Town of Ajax

**Purpose:** Designation of the Memorial Park Gates & Cenotaph under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act as a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

**Location:** Church Street North on the east side of Memorial Park (located south of the Pickering Village Library)

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As a follow up to my letter dated April 4, 2012, please find attached a revised copy of the Heritage Designation By-law No. 52-2012. Another error was found upon registering the by-law with regard to the legal description (i.e. Schedule 'A'). No other changes were made to the by-law. My sincere apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

Further information with respect to the designation of the Memorial Park Gates and Cenotaph can be obtained by contacting Christy Chrus, Senior Planner, Ph: 905-619-2529 Ext. 3200 or Email: [christy.chrus@ajax.ca](mailto:christy.chrus@ajax.ca).

Sincerely

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AJAX

## BY-LAW NUMBER 52-2012

A By-law to designate the Memorial Park Gates and Cenotaph located on Church Street North, known as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 40R-27310 as a property 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 to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax has caused to be served on the owners of the property of the Memorial Park Gates and Cenotaph known as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 40R-27310 and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust a Notice of Intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no person has served a notice of objection to the proposed designation on the Clerk of the said Corporation;

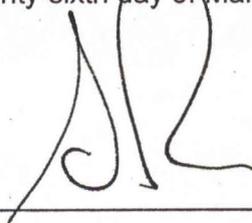
AND WHEREAS the Council has considered the recommendations of the Ajax Heritage Advisory Committee with respect to this matter;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax ENACTS as follows:

1. THAT the Memorial Park Gates and Cenotaph located on Church Street North and more particularly described on Schedule "A", attached hereto, be designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B", attached hereto.
2. THAT this designation shall not preclude any changes that may be deemed necessary for the efficient use of the property provided that any changes shall be in keeping with the current character of the property and shall be carried out in consultation with the Ajax Heritage Advisory Committee.
3. THAT the Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the land registry office.
4. THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause Notice of Passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ a first time and second time this  
Twenty-sixth day of March, 2012.

READ a third time and finally passed this  
Twenty-sixth day of March, 2012.



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Mayor



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D-Clerk

## **SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 52-2012**

### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PIN 26432-0172 (R) – Part Lot 15, Concession 2, Pickering, designated as Part 1 on Plan 40R-27310; Town of Ajax, Regional Municipality of Durham.

PIN 26432-0001 (LT) – Part of the Road Allowance between Lots 14 and 15, Concession 2, Pickering, designated as Part 2 on Plan 40R-27310; Town of Ajax, Regional Municipality of Durham.

## **SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 52-2012**

### **STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST**

#### **Description of Property – Memorial Park Gates and Cenotaph also known as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 40R-27310**

The iron entrance gates and nearby cenotaph at Memorial Park, located on Church Street North, were constructed in or around 1922 shortly after the park was purchased by the Pickering Village Chamber of Commerce. The gates are unique to Ajax and have a strong association with the adjoining neighbourhood park.

#### **Statement of Cultural Value or Interest**

The structures' cultural heritage value results from their historical significance and their importance as a cultural heritage landscape.

Historically, the entrance gates were an intrinsic part of the major focal point of the village. Memorial Park was the venue of the popular Dominion Day festivities from 1922 to at least the 1950s, and subsequently the Village Festival in the 1970s and 80s. The cenotaph was the site of Remembrance Day ceremonies until 1974.

Aesthetically, the gates represent a formal entrance to Memorial Park and give it a special character unlike that of any other park in Ajax. While the nearby cenotaph is no longer used for Remembrance Day ceremonies, it complements the gates and the adjacent library and provides a point of interest for families using the park.

#### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The key attributes exhibited by this landscape feature include:

- 1) The gates' prominence on the Church Street North streetscape as a longstanding formal entrance to Memorial Park;
- 2) The uniqueness and high quality design of the wrought iron gates;
- 3) Its quality of construction, exemplified by the fact that it has stood for almost 90 years without requiring any major repairs; and
- 4) The longstanding association of both structures with special events that have taken place in the park, including Dominion Day festivities, the Pickering Village Festival and Remembrance Day ceremonies.