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RE: **Christ Church Cemetery Located at 0 Sullivan Street in the Hamlet of Colchester**

Dear Town of Essex Property Owner.

At their regular meeting on Monday June 17, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Essex issued a Notice of Intention to Designate your property at 0 Sullivan Street under section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Why was my property selected?

Your property has been selected because it displays cultural heritage value and interest.

Attached is a Statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and a description of the heritage attributes of the property.

Notice of objection

A Notice of Objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate may be served on the Clerk of the Town of Essex by **July 27, 2024**. The Notice of Objection must set out the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Your cooperation with the preservation of our past is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

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Where you belong



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APPENDIX A

Municipal Address

0 Sullivan Street, Colchester – Christ Church Cemetery

Legal Description

PLAN 18 LOTS 3 & 4 PT LOT 2 E/S BAGOT PT LOTS 2 TO 4 & W/S CLITHEROW

General Description of Property

0 Sullivan Street is located on the southern side of Sullivan Street, opposite Christ Church (190 Bagot Street), at the intersection of Bagot Street and Sullivan Street, in the Hamlet of Colchester, in the Town of Essex.

Description of Property that has Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The area of the property that demonstrates cultural heritage value or interest is the area that includes the cemetery and the 1957 Christ Church Memorial Chapel.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historical/Associative Value

The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.

The Christ Church Cemetery is the final resting place of Colchester's earliest settlers and settler families with the earliest headstone dating back to the early 19th century. Alongside this, the Christ Church cemetery has direct associations with the Christ Church, having been the site of the original Christ Church built in 1820 and dedicated in 1821. Christ Church is a significant spiritual pillar for the Community of Colchester. The Christ Church cemetery includes a replica chapel of the original Church that was lost to erosion in the late 19th century. The replica was built in 1957 using limestone from the ruins of the original church. An engraved stone marks the location of the original church on the cemetery lands.



The property has historical value or associative value because it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture

The Christ Church cemetery yields and has the potential to yield information that contributes to an understanding of the Colchester and Harrow communities. Interred at the cemetery are members of the area's earliest families including, but not limited to, the Levergood, Brush, Pardo, Wright, and Adams families. This site is representative of the relationships that were present between the early settler families. It also has the potential to yield information about the types of burials and headstones that were common throughout the decades, and past members of the Christ Church congregation.

Contextual Value

The property has contextual value because it is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area.

The Christ Church cemetery is located within the area of the Christ Church (Built in 1876) and the Colchester Schoolhouse (built in 1881). Together, these buildings and cultural landscapes comprise the location of the area's earliest spiritual and educational institutions. The location of the Christ Church cemetery helps maintain and define the historical character of the area.

The property has contextual value because it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings and because it has

The Christ Church cemetery retains its contextual value because it is historically, functionally, and visually linked to its surroundings, specifically with the Christ Church located at 190 Bagot Street (built in 1876); the Colchester Schoolhouse (built in 1881); and, Lake Erie. It still serves as an active cemetery for members of the Christ Church congregation and helps preserve the history of some of the areas earliest settler families.



Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical/associative value that has direct associations with the institution of Christ Church and persons interred at the cemetery which have significance to the community, includes:

- The Cemetery's location at the southern side of Sullivan Street and parallel to the banks of Lake Erie; and,
- The 1957 limestone Christ Church Chapel existing on the cemetery lands, including the chapel's roof line, window openings, limestone brickwork, and large cross carving on the eastern wall of the chapel above the entrance.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the historical and associative value which yield, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to the understanding of the Colchester community and culture, includes:

- All existing burials and headstones.

The key heritage attributes that has contextual value that is important in defining, maintaining and supporting the character of the area includes:

- Its location adjacent the Christ Church at 190 Bagot Street and the Colchester Schoolhouse at 195 Bagot Street.

The key heritage attributes that contribute to the contextual value of the Christ Church Cemetery that are physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings includes:

- The location of the cemetery adjacent to the Christ Church at 190 Bagot Street
- The grave markers identifying the final resting place of Colchester's earliest settlers and their families
- Shared burial pattern symbolic of collaboration between Colchester's settler families and of a large religious community
- Location, mass, form, and style of the limestone 1957 replica chapel
- Location of all existing burials and headstones.