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September 28, 2016

Ontario Heritage Trust
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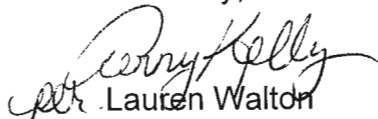10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Re: Municipal Designation of Elmwood Cemetery – By-law No. 4607

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Registrar for the Ontario Heritage Trust, the Town of Perth is hereby providing you with Notice of the approval to municipally designate the Elmwood Cemetery, located at 165 Dufferin Road in Perth, Ontario, by By-law No. 4607, attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Rennie, Heritage Tourism Manager / Curator at 613-267-1947.

Sincerely,

Lauren Walton
Town Clerk

Enc.

c. Karen Rennie, Heritage Tourism Manager / Curator
    Shannon Baillon, Director of Community Services

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BY-LAW NO. 4607

A By-law to designate Elmwood Cemetery, located at 165 Dufferin Road, to be of historical significance

Recitals:

1. The *Ontario Heritage Act*, Section 29 in Part IV, as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property within the municipality to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

2. The Committee of the Whole has reviewed Report 2016-COW-7.3 and 2016-COW-10.UB.1, and concurs with the staff recommendation to designate the Elmwood Cemetery, located at 165 Dufferin Road, to be of historical significance.

3. The Council of the Town of Perth passed Motion #16-076 authorizing staff to publish a Notice of Intention to Designate the property.

4. On June 21, 2016, the Notice was published on the Town's website and Municipal Connect for two (2) consecutive weeks.

5. The public was provided an opportunity to object to the Notice of Intention to Designate, to the Town Clerk, within a thirty (30) day period of providing the Notice.

6. The Town Clerk has not received any objections to the proposed designation as of Friday, August 9, 2016.

7. The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Perth deems it advisable to pass this By-law.

Accordingly, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Perth enacts as follows:

PERTH HERITAGE DESIGNATED PROPERTIES
Building/Property Name: Elmwood Cemetery

Address:	165 Dufferin Road, Perth, ON K7H 3B4
Original Owner:	The Perth Cemetery Company
Present Owner:	Same
Date Built/Operated:	March 1872
Architect/Contractor:	N/A

Original Use:
The Cemetery Company was formed in 1872 by a group of local citizens who recognized that the Town was growing and there would be a need for a larger cemetery. The Perth Cemetery Company was created under the *Cemeteries Act of Upper Canada* and registered in Lanark County on March 27, 1872.

Many people from Drummond, mainly from the southern part of the Township, are buried here.

Oliver Cromwell and wife Marie Cromwell sold 50 and 5/100 acres in NE1/2 of the E1/2 Lot 2 Con. 3 in the Township of Drummond to the Perth Cemetery Company for $2,400 in 1872.

It was primarily a Protestant cemetery until the mid-20th century when it was made available to all denominations. However, the cemetery does not keep records of the faith of persons buried there. This information is sometimes recorded on death certificates which are recorded elsewhere.

Present Use:
Elmwood is the only operating cemetery within the Town of Perth and is open to anyone in the community. The Perth Cemetery Company is run by a volunteer board of trustees made up of Interment Rights Holders.

Designation:

Registration: Licence #3281729-1
                      Cemetery Number: 01912

Statement of Heritage Value or Interest:
As noted, Elmwood Cemetery is the only operating cemetery in the Town and has been in operation since 1872. There are approximately 10,000 persons interred. However, there are a number of interments that pre-date the cemetery as they were originally buried elsewhere and later re-interred at Elmwood. We are not aware of the specific reasons that families had for re-interring their loved ones, but reasons likely include concerns that older, closed or abandoned cemeteries may not been maintained, or that family plots had been purchased in the "new" cemetery. Approximately 60 re-interments from the Methodist Church Cemetery and the Old Burying Ground are known, some as recent as the 1960's.

There are a large number of children in the cemetery, often marked by small markers with special symbols or small stones. However, we are also aware of a number of children who were "quietly" buried, probably by poorer people. They are sometimes found in part of a plot that has a family connection – possibly a grandparent.

One section of the cemetery was used to inter persons from the "House of Industry" – a workhouse or poorhouse that used to exist in Perth. We now have an accurate count of burials in that section since 1902 and know that there are at least 150 interred there, all in unmarked graves. As such we have made arrangements for a memorial bench and two granite markers with an alphabetical listing of all 150 individuals interred there. It can be extrapolated that between 1872 and 1902 before the House of Industry opened that there are another 150 indigent persons located there also. Thus there is a mass burial site of approximately 300 indigent persons in total. This site will be protected from any future disturbance.

There are plots for cremated remains in different parts of the cemetery, including some that are parts of family plots and others in a common area. The earliest cremations are probably from the 1970's.

Monument styles have varied over the years, and Elmwood includes many fine examples of various marker architecture and materials including marble, granite, limestone, zinc, steel and one remaining wooden cross commemorating a soldier who died at Passchendaele. Other residents buried here include veterans from all major conflicts from the War of 1812, the North West Rebellion and both World Wars. Our vault was completed in 1897 at a cost of $1385.40. It was used from the winter of 1897/98 onwards, but had not been used recently. However, we have now partially returned it to use for winter storage of coffined remains.

All persons in our cemetery are considered important and are given the care, respect and dignity they deserve. Some of the monuments commemorate well-known figures from Perth's history and include:
Lieut Alexander Kippen; John A. Stewart; Arthur Meighen; Rev William Bell; Marks Brothers; Lieut Andrew Playfair; David Hogg Jr.; Dr J. F. Kennedy; Thomas Alfred Code, and; The Mclaren – Stewart Family Mausoleum.

While there are many local notable persons buried at Elmwood, we consider all those who come through our gates with equal respect and dignity regardless of their social standing.

Lt. Alexander Kippen
- Large monument used early on as a cenotaph.
- He died in a 19th Century war.

John A. Stewart and his wife Jessie (Henderson) Stewart
- He owned one (1) of Perth's distilleries.
- Owned Wampole's (the Canadian Branch at least) and began the building of the "Wampole Houses" for workers at Wampoles.
- His widow, Jessie Stewart donated the site of the former distillery to make "Stewart Park" in memory of her husband.

Charles, Robert and Arthur Meighen
- Members of the family that were very successful merchants in Perth (and in Montreal) building the large stone building on the N.W. corners of Gore and Foster.

The "Marks Brothers"
- Famous for their theatrical ventures for many years across Canada and the USA.
- Their home on Christie Lake became a popular centre for tourists etc.

Col. Andrew Playfair
- An owner of mills at Playfairville (named after him) and an active Methodist lay preacher.

David Hogg Jr.
- The third generation of David Hogg's in Perth.
- Like his father David, he was a cabinet-maker (and therefore a maker of coffins!)
- He turned his father's workshop on Gore St. into his furniture factory and became more actively and professionally an Undertaker.
- He sold the business to the Blair family who still operate a funeral home from that site.

Dr. J.F. Kennedy
- A dentist in Perth and an acquaintance of Alexander Graham Bell, who is remembered for having the first telephone in Perth. (A memorial to that effect is on the wall of the "Farmer Block" on D'Arcy Street, where his office was.

The Code family, incl. Thomas Alfred Code and John Code
- Thomas Alfred Code moved his wife from Innisville to Perth, built the Code Textile Mills at the corner of Wilson and Heriot (this is the original spelling!) streets, and gave the land opposite the mill to be a park (properly called Haggart Park but usually called Code Park.)
- John Code was also active in the Town, serving the public in various capacities.

The Honorable John Glass Haggart
- Owned mills on the Tay River at the end of Mill Street, lived in the fine house opposite the mills built by his father; and was a Member of Parliament and a Member of the Federal Cabinet.
- He was the leader in building the first version of the Tay Canal

The Hart family incl. John, John Semple, and William Brown Hart
- The Hart family arrived in Perth in 1842 and opened the Hart's Book Store in the early 1880's, where 3 generation of the family, John, John Semple and William B maintained the store, once called the best such store between Montreal and Toronto.
- John Semple Hart was also the founder of the Elmwood Cemetery, where he was Secretary for many years.

Judge John Hope
- A successful lawyer in Perth who became a judge

George Walker Sr. and Jr.
- Editors: Perth Courier

William McNairn Shaw M.L.A.
- A prominent and successful lawyer in Perth, and a member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.
- He built the large stone house at the corner of Foster and Drummond Streets.

Cyril Inderwick and wife Winnifred (Shaw) Inderwick
- Cyril lived at Inge-Va on Wilson Street East for most of his life, was involved in founding the Architectural Advisory Panel of Ontario.
- His wife Winnifred Shaw was active with the Perth community, formed an early version of the Children's Aid Society, and through her contacts with the heritage and architectural community in Toronto, was able to save the Matheson house (site of the Perth Museum) from destruction.

George and Lawrence James

Judge John Malloch
- Perth's first judge, who built Victoria Hall, the oldest part of the Great War Memorial Hospital in Perth.

William Morris
- One of the first merchants in Perth, and one of the founders of Queen's College (now University) in Kingston.

Sen. Peter McLaren
- A wealthy lumberman
- His home on Drummond Street (Nevis Cottage) is one of Perth's fine houses.
- He and a Lanark lumberman, Boyd Coldwell, fought a famous lawsuit concerning the right of passage on Canada's rivers. Coldwell firstly won the lawsuit at the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (in London, England) whereby Sir Oliver Mowatt, Premier of Ontario, was able to pass the "Rivers and Streams Improvement Act", the first interpretation of the BNA Act in favour of provincial rights!

Thomas Brooke
- An early resident of Perth, active in local government as Town Clerk in Perth and also in a number of surrounding townships for many years.

Archibald Campbell
- A geologist who was also the founder of the Perth Museum.

Robert Douglas
- Active in the Town of Perth.

Description of Heritage Attributes:
The cemetery is situated in the north corner of the Town of Perth with a portion of the property in Drummond North Emsley Township. The cemetery runs from Dufferin Road in the east to the 4th Concession right of way in the west and covers approximately forty-six (46) acres, with around twenty (20) acres developed.

Most of the roadways and paths within the cemetery grounds were laid out early in its history and early graves are found throughout the site as families were able to select plots where they wished. More recently, some additional roadways have been created towards the rear of the property. The front gates were erected in 1872, the vault in 1896/97, and the office and meeting room were added in 1984.

There have been no historical books about the cemetery. The cemetery does maintain a register of all interments. The more recent registers are kept by the Perth Cemetery Company, but the registers from 1872 to 1935 are kept by the Town Museum at Matheson House. An index of interments from 1872 – 1993 is available in the Algonquin College Perth Campus library.

Legal Description:
THAT PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST HALF OF LOT 2 CON 3 DRUMMOND, NOW IN THE TOWN OF PERTH LYING N OF OLD HIGHWAY 7 (part of PIN 05177-0128).

References:
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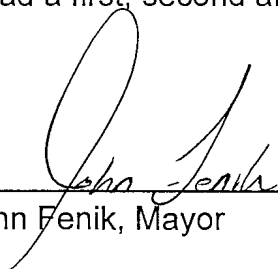   57 Foster Street
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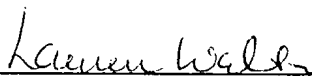Contact: David Batchelor
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History of Drummond Township (page 63)
Author: John C. Ebbs, John Fowler

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 27th day of September, 2016.

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John Fenik, Mayor   Lauren Walton, Clerk

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