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The Corporation of the Town of Essex

By-Law Number 1476

Being a By-Law to designate the property known municipally as the Tofflemire Snider Cemetery, as being of cultural heritage value or interest under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

Whereas Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act authorizes the council of a municipality to enact bylaws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures located thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex has consulted with the Essex Municipal Heritage Committee with respect to the designation of the property known municipally as the Tofflemire Snider Cemetery as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

And Whereas authority was granted by Council to designate said property;

And Whereas the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Essex has caused to be served upon the owner of the lands known as the Tofflemire Snider Cemetery (the Corporation of the Town of Essex) and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in newspapers having general circulation in the municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;

And Whereas the reasons for designation are set out in the Schedule A;

And Whereas no notice of objection to the proposed designations has been served on the Clerk for the Corporation of the Town of Essex;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex enacts as follows:

1. That the property known as the Tofflemire Snider Cemetery, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached to this bylaw, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, as amended;
2. That the municipality's solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of the bylaw to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" to this bylaw in the proper Land Registry Office;
3. That the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Essex is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be served upon the owners of the aforesaid properties and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and to cause notice of this bylaw to be published in a newspaper(s) having general circulation in the Corporation of the Town of Essex as required by the Ontario Heritage Act;
4. That Schedule "A" forms an integral part of this bylaw.

Read a first, a second and a third time and finally passed the 18th day of January, 2016.

Mayor

Clerk

Schedule A

Reasons for Designation – Tofflemire Snider Cemetery (Colchester South)

Legal Description

Con 1, Part of Lot 42, in the former township of Colchester South, Essex County, Ontario

Description of Property

- Lot Area –0.17 acres
- Lot Frontage –85.14 feet
- Map Roll Number 620-17000 –Cemetery

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Historic or Associative Value

This cemetery is located at Con 1 Part of Lot 42, in the former Township of Colchester South. Historical records and grave markers reveal that several members of Colchester's earliest pioneer families are interred here, including John Snider and his wife Elizabeth, United Empire Loyalists and one of the earliest settlers to the area.

The Tofflemire Snider Cemetery is also symbolic of the collaboration of Colchester's earliest pioneers and the beginning of a longstanding relationship between many of the original settler families of the area, as many neighbouring pioneers began to share the cemetery by interring their own graves in the plot. This is evidence by the presence of gravemarkers belonging to the Buchanans, Tofflemire, Beeman and Brush families.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Heritage attributes that contribute to the heritage value of the cemetery at con 1 Part of Lot 42, in the former township of Colchester South, are:

- Final resting place of Colchester South's earliest pioneers and their family, as evidenced by grave markers
- Shared burial symbolic of collaboration between Colchester's pioneer families