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In the Matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 (Section 29)

And in the matter of the lands and premises at the following location in the Town of Essex, Ontario

Notice of Intention to Designate

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex intends to designate the following property, including lands and structures, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

Description of Property – Tofflemire Snider Cemetery

The cemetery located at Con 1, Part of lot 42, in the former Township of Colchester South in Essex County, is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the provincial criteria prescribed for municipal designation under the category of historical or associative value. Situated along County Road 50 east, just west of the John R. Park Homestead, the Tofflemire Snider Cemetery serves as the final resting place for several members of Colchester South's earliest pioneer families.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cemetery at Con 1, Part of lot 42 in the former Township of Colchester South, has cultural heritage value as a symbolic example of the collaboration between Colchester South's earliest pioneers and their families, as many neighbouring pioneers began to share the cemetery by interning their own graves in the plot. This is evidenced by the presence of gravemarkers belonging to the Buchanans, Tofflemire, Beeman and Brush families. Associatively, the cemetery is the final resting place of John Snider, a United Empire Loyalist and the earliest pioneer to the area, and his wife Elizabeth.

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 evidence by grave markers
- Final resting place of John Snider, United Empire Loyalist, and wife Elizabeth, earliest pioneers to the area
- Shared internment symbolic of collaboration between Colchester's pioneer families

Within 30 days of the publication of this notice, any person may contact the Town of Essex (see below) to give written notice of their objection to the proposed designation(s) to the Clerk. Objections must include a statement of the reasons for the objections and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council for the Town of Essex shall refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing. Additional information is available from the Town of Essex Planner.

Dated at the Town of Essex November 17, 2015

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