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Dear Madam or Sir:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate - Quaker Cemetery, Mill Street, Ajax

Please find enclosed the Notice of Intention to designate the above-noted property.

This Notice will be advertised in the local newspaper and on the Town's website and it is the Town's intention to pass the necessary by-law to designate the site under the Ontario Heritage Act on September 13, 2004.

Sincerely,

M. de Rond
Clerk

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cc Jim Adamson, Board of Trustees of the Religious Society of Friends
Heritage Ajax Advisory Committee

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
QUAKER CEMETERY, MILL STREET, AJAX**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax intends to designate the property being the Quaker Cemetery, also known as the Friends Cemetery, on Mill Street in Pickering Village, Ajax, as a property of historical value or interest under Part IV of *The Ontario Heritage Act* (R.S.O 1990, Ch. O. 18). A By-law to designate the property is scheduled to be before Ajax Town Council at its regular meeting to be held September 13, 2004.

Reasons for Designation:

The Heritage Ajax Advisory Committee is keenly interested in the designation of the Quaker Burial Ground on Mill Street in Ajax, owned by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). It is the oldest cemetery in Ajax and one of the oldest in the former Pickering Township and inters many of the founding Quaker families of historic Duffins Creek (now Pickering Village). The site is located on the east side of Mill Street, south of Highway 2 (legally known as Concession 1, Part Lot 13).

Early information is to be found in the Will of Timothy Rogers, the earliest Quaker settler in Pickering Township. He donated the land for a Quaker Meeting House and Burial Ground. Rogers' prime concern was the establishment of Quaker settlements, first at Younge Street, Newmarket, then at Pickering.

In his Will, dated 1829, Rogers referred to the Burial Ground in Pickering and mentioned that his wife Sarah, his daughter Sarah, and his sons, John Wilde Rogers and John Emsley Rogers, and others were buried there.

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries graves in some Quaker Burial Grounds were not marked by gravestones. Thus, there are no markers for Timothy Rogers or for any of the other persons mentioned in his Will. The earliest recorded date found on a gravestone on the Burial Ground is 1830. It marks where several members of the Betts family are buried.

The Burial Ground is a reminder of the heritage and roots established by the first Quaker settlers early in the settlement of Pickering Township.

Additional information on the proposed designation is available at the Clerks Department.

Any person may send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Ajax notice of their objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Ajax will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

THE LAST DAY FOR FILING OBJECTIONS IS SEPTEMBER 10, 2004.

Dated at Ajax, Ontario, this 10th day of August, 2004.

M. de Rond, Clerk

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