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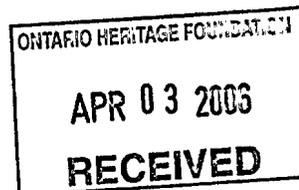
# TOWNSHIP OF KING

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Dear Sirs:

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate the King City Cemetery  
Part Lot 6, Concession 4, Township of King**

This is to advise that at its meeting of March 20, 2006, Council approved Clerks Department Report CL-2006- 07 which advised of a request from the Township of King Heritage Committee to consider designating the King City Cemetery under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Council endorsed the recommendations of the Report to approve the request.

Please find enclosed for your information, a copy of the Clerks Department Report CL-2006-07, and the Notice of Intention to Designate the King City Cemetery as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

Please be advised that the Octagonal Dead House located on the King City Cemetery lands was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 2001. The intent of the current procedure is to designate the remaining cemetery lands.

An abbreviated Notice was published in the local newspaper, the King Weekly on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006. If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly

Chris Somerville  
Township Clerk

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 as amended and in the matter of lands and premises known as the King City Cemetery described as Part of Lot 67, Plan 85 in the Township of King in the Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario:

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990:

King City Cemetery  
2580 King Road, King City

The said property meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design or physical value, historical value and contextual value. The King City Cemetery was founded in 1887 and is the internment site of local historic personages, a site of a unique building and monuments and holds an integral position for its physical and spiritual value to the community,

### REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

#### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value**

The cultural heritage value of the King City Cemetery is related to its design or physical value as the site of an octagonal, brick dead house begun in 1889 and completed in 1892. Modeled on the dead house in Aurora, Ontario, it is one of only two in King Township, three in York Region and all octagonal dead houses are unique to Ontario. The King City Cemetery dead house was designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in September 2001 by King Township Council under By-law Number 2001-147. Purchased from and installed by Lundy Company in October 1929 the iron fence fronting King Road as well as the metal decorative sign read *King City Cemetery* remains as an early illustration of the importance of the cemetery to the community. The Crossley family monument is of unique design and material, constructed of what was termed White Bronze. Made of 99 percent commercially pure zinc, these monuments were easily moulded thus allowing for intricate designs, inscriptions, panel design and finials and no two markers are considered alike. The material, style and construction are unknown elsewhere in the community.

The cultural heritage value of the King City Cemetery is related to its historical or associative value as the burial site of members of many principal families as well as respected individuals of the early community of Springhill, later the village of King. Their contributions and activities were of high significance to the early development and culture of the present King City and the greater community. They include: James Whiting Crossley and early Reeve in the Township; his brother Hugh Thomas Crossley a celebrated evangelist; William J. Crossley owner of Crossley Hall; Isaac Dennis owner of the prominent Dennis Hotel and Hogan's Hotel; his daughter Agnes and her husband John Hogan hosts of Hogan's Hotel; James C. Stokes major local businessman, store owner, Councillor, Reeve and Warden of York Region; Dr. George Lockhart family doctor in King City for 41 years from 1900 until his death; Elizabeth McClure Gillham long time school teacher, local historian and author of a number of historical pieces on King Township; Walter Rolling, teacher and principal of Kinghorn School for 41 years and the first black educator in King Township.

The cultural value of the King City Cemetery also relates to its contextual value for its more than 115 years influence on the continued rural character of the King City community. It was founded in 1887 as the only major, as well as non-denominational cemetery serving the eastern portion of King Township and in particular the community of Springhill. The typography of the original countryside setting with its gently rolling, grassed hills and knolls together with the four vistas surrounding it on all sides remain an integral part in defining the character of the immediate area of the community. This is measured in the continued rural land use of the adjacent properties, in particular to the east notwithstanding the settlement pattern from King City. Still an active cemetery, it contains approximately 2,700 burials. Many of the oldest trees, planted annually by members of the original King City Cemetery Company, visually distinguish the grounds and area. These mature trees together with the original slim gravel pathways running over the low sloping hills and the rural landscape surrounding it on all sides are key components in the cemetery maintaining its physical bond and relationship to the community. The nature of the grounds and proximity to King City suggest it was well chosen not only as a final resting place but also as a location of peaceful respite to be used by local residents, visitors and the families of those interred within. The King City Cemetery remains an important spiritual landmark to the community to this day.

### **Heritage Attributes**

The Heritage attributes related to the Cemetery's cultural heritage value as the burial site of local historic personages, its building, monuments and its influence on the rural characteristics and spiritual value to the community are portrayed by:

- The octagonal, brick dead house
- Iron fence marking the southern boundary
- Sign constructed of two approximately 10 foot iron rail posts spaced approximately 12 feet apart with two downward arced, decorative iron bars attached at the top with metal lettering reading *King City Cemetery*
- The Crossley Family memorial monument of White Bronze, a distinctive, four sided obelisk standing approximately two metres high and coming to a point at the top containing intricate designs, inscriptions, panel design and finials
- Mature trees and shrubs
- Gently rolling grassed hills and knolls
- All four vistas to the west, east, north and south, integral in defining the rural character of the immediate area of the community
- The original slim gravel pathways running over low sloping hills.

Further information regarding this project is available at the Township of King, Clerks Department at the address below, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Any person may, within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Township of King notice of his or her objection to the designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Township of King will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Dated at the Township of King this 24th day of March, 2006.  
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