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TOWN OF LAKESHORE

419 Notre Dame St.
Belle River, ON N0R 1A0

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Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street, East
Toronto, Ontario
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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Heritage Designation of Puce Memorial Cemetery

Enclosed you will find a copy of By-law 102-2013, being the By-law to designate property known as the Puce Memorial Cemetery to be of historical value.

The owner of the property being the First Baptist Church, Puce has been notified of the designation and a public notice has been placed in a newspaper, having general circulation in the Town of Lakeshore.

Should you require any further information with respect to the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned. I remain;

Yours truly,

Mary Masse
Clerk

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Encl. 1

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAKESHORE

By-law 102-2013

BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE PROPERTY AT ROLL # 190 00000 1000000 TO BE OF HISTORICAL VALUE

WHEREAS The *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, as amended authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore (the "Town") has caused to be served upon the owners of the lands and premises known municipally as Roll # 190 00000 1000000, Town of Lakeshore and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no notices of objection to the proposed designation were served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore hereby enacts as follows:

1. The real property municipally known as Roll # 190 00000 1000000, in the Town of Lakeshore and more particularly described in Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this by-law, including all of the buildings and structures located thereon, is hereby designated as being of historical value or interest.
2. The reasons for the aforementioned designation are set out in Schedule "B";
3. The Town Solicitor is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the real property described in Schedule "A" in the proper land registry office.
4. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the property and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS DAY
8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013.**



Tom Bain, Mayor



Mary Masse, Clerk

Schedule "A"
To By-law 102-2013

Legal Description:

Registry Division of Essex (12)
Part of Lot 7,
Concession East Puce River,
Geographic Township of Maidstone
Town of Lakeshore
County of Essex
Province of Ontario

All of PIN 75006-0110 (R)

Premising that the Northern limit of Essex County road 42 has a bearing of N87-38-30W as shown on Plan 12R-21452 and relating all bearing herein thereto;

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Part 100 on Plan 12R-21452;

Thence N02-23-10E along the Western limit of Parts 30, 31 & 100 on Plan 12R-21452 a distance of 208.62 feet to the Southeast corner of Part 29 on Plan 12R-21452;

Thence N76-14-40W along the south limit of Part 29 on Plan 12R-21452 a distance of 59.05 feet to the Southeast corner of Part 28 on Plan 12R-21452;

Thence N88-07-35W along the southern limit of Parts 25, 26, 27, 28 and 124 on Plan 12R-21452 a distance of 465.30 feet to the East bank of the Puce River;

Thence Southeasterly along the East bank of the Puce River 410 feet more or less to its intersection with the Northern limit of Essex County road 42 as widened by Deposit Plan No. 4321 (MTO Plan P-1844-3)

Thence Easterly along the last mentioned limit 197 feet more or less to the POINT
OF COMMENCEMENT.

Schedule "B"
By-law 102-2013

Reasons for Designation

Property Name: Puce Memorial Cemetery

Street Address: 898 County Road 42, Lakeshore

Roll Number: 190 00000 100 0000

Legal Description: CON EPR PT LOT 7 IRREG, 2.08 AC 183.35 FR D

Puce Memorial Cemetery is recommended for designation for its cultural heritage value or interest under part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. It meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value.

Puce Memorial Cemetery is an active cemetery which has a blunted triangular shape encompassed by the Puce River on the West which travels a short distance North-West, a fence along the North, a field to the East and a bridge and County Road 42 along the South. A sign marking the site as Puce Memorial Cemetery marks the entrance located along the South edge of the cemetery. The front border of the cemetery is outlined by tapered cement standards with painted iron rails partially bordering the road and the creek bank. A gravel roadway encircles central gravestones starting at the entryway and back to the road; a side road branches off on the side of the creek with plots marked on both sides of the circle driveway. A survey of the property is on file.

Puce Memorial Cemetery is the burial place of numerous people of African origins, who were escaped slaves and oppressed free Blacks from the U.S.A. who later became pioneers and freedom fighters helping to shape Canada. Puce Memorial Cemetery is a cemetery with approximately 400 plots.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Puce Memorial Cemetery owned by the First Baptist Church Puce has been in existence since circa 1846 and is a burial place of numerous people of African Origin.

As Puce was one of the final stops on the Underground Railway; escaped enslaved families and oppressed free blacks from the United States settled this area seeking freedom and to make contributions to this community.

These black freedom seekers purchased property from the Refugee Home Society and were incorporated into the community as productive citizens making contributions to agriculture, business, religious and cultural landscapes garnering great admiration and respect.

The First Baptist Church Puce and the Puce Memorial Cemetery served many individuals from the community and has unified families both in life and in death physically and spiritually.

Puce Memorial Cemetery is an active cemetery with an estimated 400 plots located on the Puce River.

The legacy of Puce Memorial Cemetery comes from the positive spirit of the Underground Railway and continues in the congregation and descendants of the First Baptist Church to this very day. The spirit of love and harmony links the cemetery to this community which will continue on into perpetuity.

The First Puce Baptist Church has requested designation not be rescinded by any future Council.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the cemetery that reflect its design/physical value and historical/associative value include:

- Its original markers and monuments, with their surviving inscriptions;
- Its variety of styles, materials and symbolism represented in the markers and monuments;
- The range of size and sophistication of markers and monuments from modest to elaborate. Some of the early markers were made out of wood and have deteriorated over time but markers made of marble and granite though worn, still indicate the resting place of these free men and women. Family clusters of graves are common throughout the cemetery signifying generational unity.
- Some graves were moved and the boundaries of the Cemetery were shifted to the north in the 1930s to accommodate the widening of Highway 2, now called County Road 42. Many of the headstones were buried underground which helped with the preservation even though no care was taken during relocation.
- The entire Puce Memorial Cemetery property is to be designated while allowing the cemetery to remain active. There are over 40 plots remaining to intern individuals. Once all plots are filled, the cemetery will be closed in situ. It is requested that this designation not be rescinded by any future Council.

Key Attributes of the cemetery that reflect its contextual value

The location along the Puce River allowed for an area of peacefulness for the black settlers resting place. This peaceful atmosphere includes a large stately oak tree which had been there for many generations.

The cemetery is situated along the Puce River 1.5 km from the First Baptist Church Puce on the Puce Road (County Road 25). During many funerals, the mourners walked from the church to the burial site to intern their loved ones