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City of Belleville

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

169 FRONT STREET
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May 8, 1991

Mr. Jim Spicer
President
The Kinsmen Club of Belleville Inc.
P. O. Box 192
Belleville, Ontario
K8N 5E2

Dear Mr. Spicer:

RE: HERITAGE BELLEVILLE DESIGNATION OF
KINSMEN PARK (DUNDAS STREET BURYING GROUNDS)

In accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act and as authorized by May 6, 1991 resolution of City Council, I am giving "Notice of Intent" that City Council intends to designate the subject property as property of historic and architectural value or interest.

Subsection 52 (2)(a) of the Ontario Heritage Act reads as follows:

"(2) Notice of intent to designate under Subsection (1) shall be,

(a) served on the owner of the property and on the Clerk of the municipality in which the property is situate; ..."

Attached is a "Notice of Intent" which will appear in the press. It has been recommended to City Council by Heritage Belleville (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee), that the building be designated and preserved for the reasons set forth in this Notice.

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A Notice of Objection to the designation of the above property setting out the reasons(s) for the objection and all relevant facts, may be served on the undersigned within thirty days after the date of first publication of Notice of Intention in the newspaper. The first day of publication is May 14, 1991 therefore the deadline date for Notice of Objection is June 13th, 1991.

Yours truly,



William C. Moreton, A.M.C.T.
City Clerk

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cc - Alderman K. Manderville
Mr. D. Bentley, Secretary, L.A.C.A.C.
City Engineer
Chairman, Ontario Heritage Foundation
Director of Planning



THE CORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE TO BE OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OR INTEREST, PURSUANT TO THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT.

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Belleville hereby gives Notice of Intent to designate the property described below to be of historic or architectural value or interest in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337, R.S.O. 1980.

KINSMEN PARK (DUNDAS STREET BURYING GROUNDS)

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The Dundas Street Burying Ground was consecrated on March 3, 1828 as one of Belleville's first cemeteries. The land (a one acre parcel) was bought by the Methodist Episcopal Church for 30 Pounds Sterling from 'John Canniff the Elder' for a place of interment for the dead. The burying ground fronted on Dundas Street to the North, Newberry Street on the East, and was 163 feet wide by 264 feet deep. It fell into disuse in 1872 (after 44 years of use) when the Belleville Cemetery on Dundas Street West was opened. The burying ground was never officially closed, and gradually fell into disarray. While there are pictures of the original markers on the site, unfortunately there are no written records for burials in the Dundas Street Burying Grounds as it was not the practice to keep such records when it was being used. The first real effort to keep records was started in 1895 with the Belleville Cemetery Company.

In 1916 the land was sold to Francis and Mary O'Flynn by the City of Belleville to recover arrears of taxes by the owner of the ground. The O'Flynn's sold the land back to the City in 1925 to preserve the property for use as a public park or "open breathing space". A condition in the indenture states that should the City fail to use the land as a park or try to dispose of same to any private individual(s), then the land would revert back to the Trustees of the Bridge Street Methodist (now United) Church. In the early 1950's the land was leased to the Kinsmen Club who have established and maintained the site as a children's playground until this day.

There can be no doubt, however, that many of our earliest settlers are buried here, and that the part they played in establishing the City of Belleville, was very important.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

Heritage Belleville is recommending the designation of the Dundas Street Burying Ground under the guidelines of the Ontario Heritage Act for the preservation and commemoration of the site. The area will remain a public playground with the current programs undisturbed. Once the site is designated, Heritage Belleville will be arranging for a special plaque on the site. This will be the first designated cemetery in Belleville under the Ontario Heritage Act of 1974.

A NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY SETTING OUT THE REASON(S) FOR THE OBJECTION AND ALL RELEVANT FACTS, MAY BE SERVED ON THE UNDERSIGNED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT IN THE NEWSPAPER. THE LAST DAY FOR FILING OF OBJECTIONS IS THE 13TH DAY OF JUNE, 1991.

William C. Moreton, A.M.C.T.
City Clerk

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