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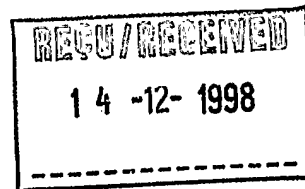
**Re: Notice of Intention to Designate  
Dwyer Hill Pioneer Roman Catholic Burial Ground  
Part of Lot 22, Concession 9, Marlborough**

Please find enclosed Notice of Council's intent to designate a property owned by the Regional Municipality of Ottawa- Carleton as a property of historic or architectural value or interest, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Yours sincerely,

J. David Ball,  
Clerk  
JDB/scEncl.





**Township of Rideau**  
**Notice of Intention to Designate**  
Ontario Heritage Act,  
R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Rideau intends to designate the property known as the Dwyer Hill Pioneer Roman Catholic Burial Ground, Part of Lot 22, Concession 9, Marlborough, as a property of historic or architectural value or interest, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

Reasons for Designation:

The Roman Catholic Cemetery in Marlborough Township is the earliest known burial ground in Rideau Township. The community of Irish Catholics which it served was centred around Dwyer Hill and Richmond. When the St. Clare Cemetery was established *circa* 1867 the original pioneer burial ground was closed.

The burial ground is unique in the Township, and rare in Ontario, due to the nature of the graves. These take the form of a shallow excavation containing the shrouded body, covered with stones in a low cairn edged with limestone flags. Formerly the graves were marked with pine planks inscribed with lead paint. These are now lost. A low stone wall encloses part of the burial ground.

The spartan character of the cemetery reflects the hardship of life on the frontier during the first half of the 19th century.

The cemetery proper comprises an area of 808.88 m<sup>2</sup>, with individual graves located throughout a larger area of 74,898 m<sup>2</sup>. The reasons for designation apply specifically to the graves.

Any person who has reason to object to the foregoing designation, may serve notice of such objection in writing, setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts, by serving the same to the undersigned no later than January 11, 1999.

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