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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY

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Jim Leonard, Registrar  
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Re: Notice of Intent to Designate as Heritage Property by the Corporation of the Town of Whitby – Brooklin Pioneer Cemetery (Methodist Episcopal Cemetery) - South side of Albert Street at South End of Church Street, Lot 189 of Plan H- 500502

At its meeting held on October 9, 2012, Whitby Town Council passed the follow resolution:

1. That Planning Report No. PL 57-12, regarding the Designation of the Brooklin Pioneer Cemetery, dated September 24, 2012, be received as information;
2. That Staff be authorized to have the Brooklin Pioneer Cemetery, municipally known as Lot 189 of Plan No. H-50052, designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;
3. That Staff, in consultation with LACAC Heritage Whitby, be directed to prepare and forward an appropriate 'Notice of Intent to Designate' to Groveside Cemetery Board, the Ontario Heritage Trust and the local newspaper;
4. That Staff, in consultation with LACAC Heritage Whitby and the Groveside Cemetery Board, determine the appropriate placement of the Heritage Designation plaque on the subject property; and
5. That Staff be directed to prepare the necessary by-law together with reasons for designation for Council's consideration.

Further to this Council direction, please find enclosed herewith a copy of the above-noted Notice of Intent to Designate in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, that was advertised in the January 25, 2013 edition of the Whitby This Week newspaper and the Brooklin Town Crier.

Further information regarding this matter may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at (905) 430-4302.

*Debi A. Wilcox*  
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Town Clerk



## **STATUTORY NOTICE** **ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE AS A HERITAGE PROPERTY BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITBY**

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby intends to designate the property at the following municipal address as property of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

**Brooklin Pioneer Cemetery  
South side of Albert Street,  
Lot 189, Plan H-50052  
Whitby, Ontario**

#### **REASON FOR DESIGNATION OF LOT 189, PLAN H-50052, WHITBY, ON**

##### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

A church and cemetery were established by the Methodist Episcopal faith on this site in 1847 and this was the only burial place in Brooklin for thirty-seven years. The Church was established by Rev. Philander Smith, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, who was buried in the cemetery in 1870. There were no more burials in the cemetery after 1884 and it was abandoned. The cemetery was ordered closed by an Ontario Order-in-council in 1924 and the Township of Whitby officially closed the cemetery in 1925. Many of the remaining stones were collected and moved to Groveside Cemetery, south of Brooklin. The cemetery may still contain up to one hundred bodies, however, no official records of the cemetery remain. The cemetery is now grown over with woods. In 1997 the property was formally purchased by the Town of Whitby and is now referred to as Brooklin Pioneer Cemetery.

##### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The Brooklin Pioneer Cemetery is of significance for its' historical association of local pioneer families as well as the burial of Bishop Philander Smith (1796-1870) who served fifty-one years as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church (MEC) and was at the time considered the oldest minister in the MEC. Brooklin is a well-known rural community and the associated cemetery was the first established in the Village of Brooklin in 1847.

Please be advised that the full report regarding the proposed heritage designation of Brooklin Pioneer Cemetery (PL57-12) can be viewed in the Town of Whitby's Planning Department during regular business hours between 8:30am and 4:30pm from Monday to Friday, Tel 905-430-4306, Ext 2205.

**AND TAKE NOTICE that any person may, before February 25, 2013** send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Whitby, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such notice of objection is received, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

DATED at the Town of Whitby this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

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