

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2009-110

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE
WESLEYAN METHODIST CEMETERY (STRANGE),
AS A HERITAGE SITE UNDER THE
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT**

WHEREAS Part IV, Section 29 of 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 buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural value or interest,

AND WHEREAS the Council ('Council') of the Corporation of the Township of King ('Township') has determined that the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery (Strange) located on lands described as Concession 5, Part Lot 8, and municipally known as 13445 Weston Road, in the Township of King, in the Regional Municipality of York, (the 'Lands') shall be designated as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Section IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, 1990, c.O.18;

AND WHEREAS Council has caused to be served on the Ontario Heritage Trust notice of intention to so designate the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery (Strange) for the reasons set out in Appendix "A" attached to this By-law, and has caused such notice of the intention to be published in the local newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King **HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The property known as the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery (Strange) located on lands described as Concession 5, Part Lot 8, in the Township of King, in the Regional Municipality of York, is designated pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

2. The Township Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the Lands as described in Clause 1 above in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is authorized and directed to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the *Ontario Heritage Trust* and to cause notice of passing of this By-law to be published in the local newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.

READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 30th day of November, 2009

READ a THIRD time and **FINALLY PASSED** this 30th day of November, 2009



Margaret Black, Mayor



Chris Somerville, Clerk

APPENDIX 'A' TO BY-LAW NUMBER 2009-110

WESLEYAN METHODIST CEMETERY (STRANGE), TOWNSHIP OF KING

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

Property Name: Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, Strange
Street Address: 13445 Weston Road
Location: Concession 5, Part Lot 8
Municipality: Township of King, Regional Municipality of York
Assessment Roll: #042 733 **Property Owner:** Township of King

The Township of King Heritage Committee wishes to advise King Township council the property known municipally as the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, Strange is recommended for designation for its cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. It meets criteria for municipal designation prescribed by *Ontario Regulation 9/06* under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value.

Description of Property

The Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, Strange is an inactive, small, rural mid 19th-century community cemetery located at 13445 Weston Road. At ½ an acre measuring 165 feet deep by 132 feet wide, it is situated on the east side of Weston Road, south of the 15th Concession, on the northwest corner of Concession 5 Lot 8.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, Strange is related to its design/physical value as a good example of a small, mid 19th-century, local community cemetery situated in a rural setting. The predominately limestone grave markers are mostly plain and arranged in an oval pattern flanking all four sides of the property line. The level, grassy setting surrounded on three sides by mature trees and bushes provides a peaceful bucolic setting for the deceased.

The cultural heritage value of the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, Strange is related to its historical/ associative value as the burial site of several of the early settlers of the one time community of Strange. Established circa 1852 on a lot set aside by Donald McCallum the property is the site of the one time Wesleyan Methodist Church, also once known as the Roughcast Church, closed in 1904. Closed in 1878, its approximately 21 markers and monuments date from 1852 to 1878 and list the burial sites of adults and children of several families, many related, common to the community of the time.

The cultural value the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, Strange also relates to its contextual value for its more than 156 years influence on the continued rural character of the immediate landscape. Its rustic and treed setting serves as a spiritual and visual landmark and important reminder of the rural past to the community.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery, Strange related to its cultural heritage value as a small, mid 19th-century, rural burial site of early settlers of the one time community of Strange, its influence on the rural character of the landscape, and its spiritual and visual landmark value to the community are portrayed by:

- the variety of styles and material of its original markers and monuments, with their surviving inscriptions
- its placement of the original markers and monuments
- the original placement of gravesites
- the mature trees and bushes
- its location and dimensions
- the park like setting
- the level, grassy landscape

Reference: Clerks Department Report CL-2009-35, October 19th, 2009.