

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2009-100

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CEMETERY
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 Methodist Episcopal Cemetery (Kingham) located on lands described as Concession 4, Part Lot 5, and municipally known as 12955 Jane Street in the Village of King City 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 Methodist Episcopal Cemetery 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 Methodist Episcopal Cemetery located on lands described as Concession 4, Part Lot 5, in the Village of King City, 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 2009-100

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CEMETERY, KING CITY, TOWNSHIP OF KING

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

Property Name: Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Kinghorn
Street Address: 12955 Jane Street
Location: Concession 4, Part Lot 5
Municipality: Township of King, Regional Municipality of York
Assessment Roll: #022 155 **Property Owner:** Township of King

The Township of King Heritage Committee wishes to advise King Township council the property known municipally as the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Kinghorn 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 Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Kinghorn is an inactive, small mid 19th-century community cemetery located at 12955 Jane Street, on the east side immediately south of King Road. Measuring 16,422 square feet, it is situated at the west end of the west half of Lot 5 Concession 4, one kilometre west of the village of King City.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Kinghorn is related to its design/physical value as a typical small, mid 19th-century, local community cemetery situated in a rural setting. The gravesites, identified with mostly plain limestone markers, are arranged in parallel rows facing the road. Its environment of a gentle rolling, grassy terrain, several mature trees, surrounded by a metal fence, emphasizes the designed yet caring setting families and friends chose to remember their departed loved ones.

The cultural heritage value of the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Kinghorn is related to its historical/associative value as the burial site of early settlers in the one time community of Kinghorn and workers at the nearby Lowell Tannery. Established circa 1848 together with a Methodist church which closed in 1890 and was moved in 1906, the cemetery's 24 headstones and their inscriptions, marking burials from 1852 to 1867, perpetuate the memory of those individuals that first lived and worked in the community.

The cultural value of the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Kinghorn also relates to its contextual value for its more than 160 years influence on the continued rural character of the immediate landscape and the nearby King City community. Located at a major intersection, its simple rustic environment serves as a spiritual landmark and important reminder of the rural past to the community

Description of Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Kinghorn related to its cultural heritage value as a small, rural 19th-century burial site of early settlers and workers in the one time community of Kinghorn and its influence on the rural character of and spiritual 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
- the surrounding fence
- its location and dimensions
- the park like setting
- the gently rolling grassed landscape

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