



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

BY-LAW

Number 12.2010

To designate the property on Hurontario Street and Mayfield Road (St. John's Edmonton/Snelgrove Cemetery) as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18 (as amended) authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

WHEREAS the Brampton Heritage Board supports the designation of the properties described herein;

WHEREAS a Notice of Intention to Designate has been published and served in accordance with the Act, and there has been no Notice of Objection served on the Clerk;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brampton HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The property on Hurontario Street and Mayfield Road (St. John's Edmonton/Snelgrove Cemetery) more particularly described in Schedule "A" is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
2. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property on Hurontario Street and Mayfield Road (St. John's Edmonton/Snelgrove Cemetery) and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published to the City's website in accordance with Council's Procedure By-law.
4. The City Clerk shall serve and provide notice of this by-law in accordance with the Act.
5. The short statement of the reason for the designation of the property, including a description of the heritage attributes are set out in Schedule "B" to this by-law.
6. The affidavit of Peter Fay attached, as Schedule "C" hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 10th DAY OF March, 2010.

Approved as to form
<u>12-20/10</u>

SUSAN FENNELL - MAYOR

PETER FAY - CLERK

Approved as to Content:

Karl Walsh, Director, Community Design, Parks Planning and Development

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 72-2010

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Pt. Lot 19, Plan CH-8; Brampton

142360005 (LT)

SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW 72-2010

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION OF ST. JOHN'S EDMONTON/SNELGROVE CEMETERY ON HURONTARIO STREET:

The property at Hurontario Street and Mayfield Road (St. John's Edmonton/Snelgrove Cemetery) is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value. The property meets the criteria for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design or physical value, historical value and contextual value.

The subject property is the site of a historic Euro-Canadian Christian Cemetery. This Anglican cemetery was established in the early 19th century in the former hamlet of Snelgrove, also known as Edmonton. Snelgrove was known as Edmonton in the 1830s and 1840s. William Vernon Buffy had a tavern there for a number of years. After the post office was established in 1851 there was confusion over mail being sent to Edmonton, Alberta and it was decided to rename the hamlet after the Snell family who had settled in the area in the 1830s.

Many early pioneer settlers are buried in this cemetery. The cemetery holds several early, hand-carved tombstones containing well-executed and beautiful motifs and symbols. The markers are of the slab styles primarily, and are made of marble. All grave markers are imbedded in the soil. One of the visible stones is the grave of Sarah Crawford who died on May 27, 1872, and her husband who died in 1873.

The many attributes in the cemetery are a symbol of the people who helped shape the character and development of Brampton. The setting and landscaping elements form an interesting green space with several early plantings. This well-preserved cemetery also represents one remaining vestige of the nearby former hamlet of Alloa.

The intersection of Highway 10 and Mayfield marks the location of the historic Village of Snelgrove. Although the cemetery is one of the few things that remain of the historic village, this area was once a hub for commercial activity and an important part of Brampton's past.

The history of the area dates back to 1826 when Andrew Renzire came to live there following the completion of the survey for the north half of Toronto Township and all of Chinguacousy Township. As a result, Hurontario Street, which bisected the new survey was soon lined with planks and provided easy access for settlers to the port at the mouth of the Credit River. Snelgrove, which was then named Edmonton, after the English hometown of an early settler, became a small commercial centre in the 1820s and 1830s. By 1877, Edmonton was a growing village with many local amenities serving the population of approximately 200. These amenities included five large churches, a school, houses, liquor store, boot and shoe store, a hotel, factories manufacturing cheese, carriages and gloves as well as the Chinguacousy Township Hall. Tremaine's Map of Peel County (1856) indicates that the frontage along Hurontario Street was densely developed by that date. The Illustrated Historical Atlas of Peel County (1875) indicates that the subject property was situated within the urban density development area known as Edmonton.

Seeing that Edmonton (Snelgrove) was establishing itself as a thriving community, this in turn attracted the Canadian Pacific Railway, which was then referred to as the Credit Valley Railroad, to run its rail line through the village and establish a station. This meant that Snelgrove was amongst the few communities in the present day Brampton to have a permanent major railway station.

The establishment of the railway station in the Village of Snelgrove brought about a change in the community. The CPR proposed to change the name of its station in Edmonton, Ontario as there seemed to be confusion with the City of Edmonton, Alberta which by this time was of significant size.

The proposed name change brought about opposition from local residents. In particular, the Snell Family, which had been the largest family and landowner in the area, opposed the ideas since their large breeding operation named Ayrshire Cattle was broadly advertised as being in "Edmonton, Ontario". The Snell Family declared that if the name of the station were to be changed it should be called Snelgrove. The CPR agreed to the name change and soon after the Post Office followed suit.

DESCRIPTION OF THE HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES OF THE PROPERTY:

Unless otherwise indicated, the reason for designation applies generally to all gravestones, monuments, fencing, trees, shrubs, hedgerows, other vegetation and the grounds and vistas generally.

To ensure that the cultural heritage value of this property is conserved, certain heritage attributes that contribute to its value have been identified specifically and they include:

- Representative example of a historic Euro-Canadian Cemetery;
- All tombstones and grave markers
- Spiritual value as the burial site of an indeterminate number of 19th century Euro-Canadians and other persons;
- Associative value reflecting the history of the former community of Snelgrove;
- Associations with Brampton's Anglican Community
- All landscaping elements including trees and shrubs;
- Dense wood lot which is a juxtaposition to its immediate surroundings;
- Archaeological potential including all burials and the site of St. John's Anglican Church

The property consists of approximately 0.602 hectares and is square in shape. Existing residential lands lie to the east and to the south. A single residential lot is situated at the northwest corner and a woodlot at the northeast corner. The nearest waterway is a tributary of the Etobicoke Creek, which flows in a southerly direction to the west of the subject property.

The landscape elements of the cemetery are significant with several mature shade trees. However, the property is heavily overgrown at this time. There is significant ground cover and vegetation that is worthy of retention and care.

SCHEDULE "C" TO BY-LAW 72-2010

AFFIDAVIT OF PETER FAY

I, **PETER FAY**, of the City of Mississauga in the Region of Peel, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. I am the Clerk for the Corporation of the City of Brampton and as such I have knowledge of the facts herein contained.
2. The public notice of intention to designate St. John's Edmonton/Snelgrove Cemetery at Hurontario Street and Mayfield Road was served on the owner of the property and was advertised, in the form attached as Exhibit A to this my affidavit, on the City's website in accordance with Council's Procedure By-law.
3. The by-law to designate the St. John's Edmonton/Snelgrove Cemetery at Hurontario Street and Mayfield Road came before City Council at a Council meeting on *March 10, 2010* and was approved.
4. A copy of the by-law, including a short statement of the reason for the designation has been served upon the owner of the property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and notice of such by-law was published on the City of Brampton website on *November 19, 2009*

SWORN before me at the City)
of Brampton, in the Region)
of Peel, this *29th*)
day of *March, 2010*)

EARL EVANS, Deputy City Clerk
The Corporation of The City of Brampton
2 Wellington Street West
Brampton, Ontario L6Y 4R2
A Commissioner, etc.,
in the Regional Municipality of Peel

Earl Evans

A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits, etc.

