

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2009-103

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE
THE SECESSIONIST PRESBYTERIAN 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 Secessionist Presbyterian Cemetery (Laskay) located on lands described as Concession 6, Part Lot 4, West Part of Lots 24 and 25, Plan 167, and municipally known as Rear of 12868 Weston Road, in the Hamlet of Laskay 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 Secessionist Presbyterian 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;

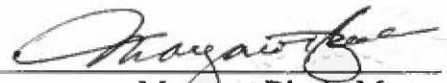
NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King **HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The property known as the Secessionist Presbyterian Cemetery located on lands described as Concession 6, Part Lot 4, West Part of Lots 24 and 25, Plan 167 in the Hamlet of Laskay, 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 2009-103

SECESSIONIST PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY, LASKAY, TOWNSHIP OF KING

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

Property Name: Secessionist Presbyterian Cemetery, Laskay
Street Address: Rear of 12868 Weston Road
Location: Concession 6, Part Lot 4, west part of lots 24 and 25 Plan 167
Municipality: Township of King, Regional Municipality of York
Assessment Roll: #041 059 **Property Owner:** Township of King

The Township of King Heritage Committee wishes to advise King Township council the property known municipally as the Secessionist Presbyterian Cemetery, Laskay 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 Secessionist Presbyterian Cemetery, Laskay is an inactive, small, rural, mid 19th-century community cemetery located at 12868 Weston Road. Measuring approximately 7,685 square feet, it is situated to the rear of the one time Laskay Presbyterian Church, on the southwest corner of Weston Road and Mill Street, fronting on Second Street. It is located on Concession 6 Part Lot 4, the west part of lots 24 and 25 Plan 167, in the hamlet of Laskay.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The cultural heritage value of the Secessionist Presbyterian Cemetery, Laskay 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. Characterized by burial sites with simple limestone slabs and more elaborate granite markers arranged in an apparent unstructured layout amidst mature trees and bushes it serves as a reminder of the peaceful, undisturbed setting intended as the final resting place for the deceased of the community.

The cultural heritage value of the Secessionist Presbyterian Cemetery, Laskay is related to its historical/associative value as the burial site of members of a number of the original families of the hamlet of Laskay. Senator David Reesor set aside portions of his 50 acres of land for a Presbyterian church, manse and the cemetery established circa 1858. Sharing property with the one time Laskay Presbyterian Church, its approximately 13 markers and monuments, dating from 1854 to 1892, list the names of 18 of the last remaining burial sites of adults and children of the community, some Scottish immigrants, following the later reinterment of many others.

The cultural value of the Secessionist Presbyterian Cemetery, Laskay also relates to its contextual value for its more than 150 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 Secessionist Presbyterian Cemetery, Laskay related to its cultural heritage value as a small, mid 19th-century, rural burial site of early settlers of the hamlet of Laskay, 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
- the park like setting
- its location and dimensions

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