

Authority: Etobicoke York Community Council Item 26.20,
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on April 29 and 30, 2009
Enacted by Council: November 1, 2012

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 1404-2012

To designate the Sharon Cemetery as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the Sharon Cemetery as being of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the *Ontario Heritage Act* authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures located thereon to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Toronto has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as the Sharon Cemetery and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, a Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4, Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this by-law; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection was served upon the Clerk of the municipality;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The Sharon Cemetery, more particularly described in Schedule "B" and shown on Schedule "C" attached to this by-law, is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. The City Solicitor is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the Sharon Cemetery and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be posted on the City's web site for a period of 30 days in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Notice, Public, Article II, § 162-4, Notice requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 1st day of November, A.D. 2012.

FRANCES NUNZIATA,
Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS,
City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)

SCHEDULE "A"
REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description

Sharon Cemetery, Etobicoke, is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29, of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design, associative and contextual value. Located on the north side of Rexdale Boulevard, west of Highway 27 (in Part Lot 31, Concession 3, Etobicoke Township), Sharon Cemetery was established in 1842 and encompasses approximately 160 burials and more than 75 grave markers. Beginning in 2005, the cemetery trustees initiated a restoration project that uncovered many monuments and resulted in the repair and remounting of damaged markers.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Sharon Cemetery is historically associated with the Primitive Methodist congregation that was established in the Etobicoke community of Highfield in 1842. During the latter year, a church known as Hainstock's Chapel and adjoining burial ground opened near the intersection of present-day Rexdale Boulevard and Highway 27 where a rural settlement had developed. A second church completed on the site in 1856 was renamed Sharon Chapel and later known as Sharon Methodist Church (1884) and Sharon United Church (1925). The latter building was demolished in 1967, leaving the cemetery as the remaining physical reminder of the historical use of the property. The cemetery contains the graves of many of Etobicoke's founding families and their descendants.

The cemetery's design value is drawn from the collection of monuments that date from 1845 to 1948, and range from modest grave markers to more elaborate monuments with intricate shapes and decorative carvings. The oldest extant marker (dated October 17, 1845) recognizes the grave of Mary Etherington. A more recent cairn with a plaque identifies the historical background of Sharon Cemetery, and a monument lists the names of families whose ancestors were interned there.

Contextually, Sharon Cemetery is an important visual feature on Rexdale Boulevard, west of Highway 27, where it occupies a parklike setting adjoining the Humber Arboretum.

Heritage Attributes

The heritage attributes of Sharon Cemetery relate to its design, associative and contextual value as an early cemetery associated with the Highfield community in Etobicoke are:

- The collection of grave markers, including granite, marble and limestone monuments in the tablet, block and obelisk styles
- The stone cairn with a plaque identifying the cemetery, and the granite monument listing the names of families with ancestors buried on the site
- The placement and orientation of the grave markers
- The unobstructed views across the cemetery
- The mature trees

SCHEDULE "B"

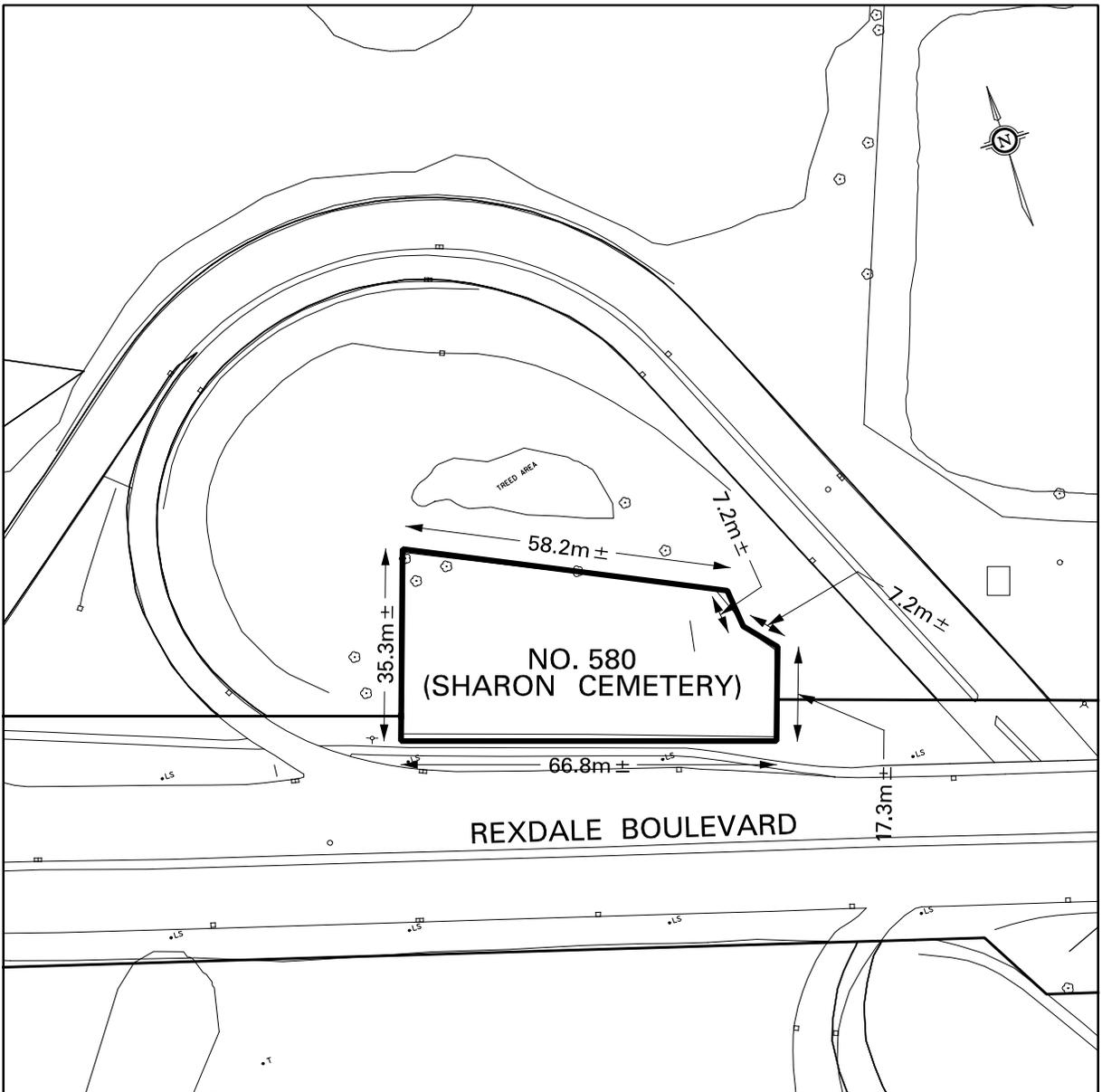
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PT LT 31, CON 3 FRONTING THE HUMBER, PART 1,64R3680

City of Toronto (former City of Etobicoke) and Province of Ontario
Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on
Sketch No. PS-2012-095 dated September 25, 2012, as set out in Schedule "C".

SCHEDULE "C"



Toronto

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION
SURVEY & UTILITY MAPPING

NOTE:
THIS SKETCH IS NOT
A PLAN OF SURVEY
AND HAS BEEN COMPILED
FROM SURVEY NOTES AND
OFFICE RECORDS, IT SHALL
NOT BE USED EXCEPT FOR
THE PURPOSE INDICATED
IN THE TITLE BLOCK

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PREPARED BY: DWAYNE PITT

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

NO. 580 REXDALE BOULEVARD (SHARON CEMETERY)
LAND DESIGNATED AS BEING OF CULTURAL
HERITAGE VALUE AND INTEREST

(NOT TO SCALE)

WARD 2 - ETOBICOKE NORTH
DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

SKETCH No. PS-2012-095