



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**329 Royal York Road – Intention to Designate, Part IV,
*Ontario Heritage Act***

Date:	February 7, 2007
To:	Toronto Preservation Board and Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Policy and Research, City Planning Division
Wards:	Etobicoke-Lakeshore – Ward 6
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council state its intention to designate the property at 329 Royal York Road (Christ Church Mimico Cemetery) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest. The property is listed on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties.

The third Christ Church Mimico (1956) was demolished in 2006 following two fires. The cemetery, which purportedly contains more than 500 burials and over 100 markers, is an important historical reminder of the development of Etobicoke and a landmark in the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that

1. City Council state its intention to designate the property at 329 Royal York Road (Christ Church Mimico Cemetery) under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
2. If there are no objections to the designation in accordance with Section 26(6) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the solicitor be authorized to introduce the Bills in Council designating the property under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
3. If there are objections in accordance with Section 29(7) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the Clerk be directed to refer the proposed designation to the Conservation Review Board; and

4. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. The cost of publishing the notice of intention to designate in the daily newspaper is included in the 2007 Policy and Research budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of February 5 and 6, 2007, City Council approved a recommendation from the Etobicoke York Community Council that the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, report back to the March 27, 2007 meeting of Etobicoke York Community Council on the designation of Christ Church Mimico Cemetery. Following the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the Toronto Preservation Board is consulted on the proposed designation before the report goes before the Community Council and City Council.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

With the demolition in 2006 of Christ Church Mimico (1956) following two fires, the proposed designation will recognize the heritage value of the cemetery and commemorate the parishioners interred there, including members and descendants of many pioneer families associated with the early development of Etobicoke.

COMMENTS

The property at 329 Royal York Road is worthy of designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest, and meets the criteria for municipal designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario. A location map (Attachment No. 1) and photographs (Attachment No. 2) are attached.

The following Statement of Reasons for Designation is intended for publication according to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The Reasons for Designation are attached (Attachment No. 3) and include a statement of the cultural heritage value of the property with a description of its heritage attributes. The complete Reasons for Designation will be served on the property owner and the Ontario Heritage Trust and included in the designating by-law.

Reasons for Designation

The property at 329 Royal York Road is recommended for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its cultural heritage value or interest. Christ Church Mimico Cemetery, with interments dating from 1832 until present day, is an important historical reminder of the development of Etobicoke and a landmark in the community.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Location Map
Attachment No. 2: Photographs
Attachment No. 3: Reasons for Designation