

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

By-Law 2026-112

A By-law to Designate 1047 Porter Road, Geographic Township of Manvers in the City of Kawartha Lakes

A By-law to designate 1047 Porter Road in the Township of Manvers in the City of Kawartha Lakes as being of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Recitals

1. Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, provides that the Council of a municipality may pass a by-law to designate a property within the boundaries of the municipality as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
2. A Notice of Intention to Designate 1047 Porter Road, Township of Manvers described further in Schedule A, has been given in accordance with Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.
3. No objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the City.
4. Council has consulted with its Municipal Heritage Committee.
5. Reasons for Designation are set forth in Schedule A.

Accordingly, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes enacts this By-law 2026-XXX.

Section 1.00: Definitions and Interpretation

1.01 **Definitions:** In this by-law,

“alter” means to change in any manner and includes to restore, renovate, repair, erect, demolish, and disturb; and **“alteration”** and **“altering”** have corresponding meanings;

“City”, “City of Kawartha Lakes” or “Kawartha Lakes” means The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes and includes its entire geographic area;

“City Clerk” means the person appointed by Council to carry out the duties of the clerk described in section 228 of the Municipal Act, 2001;

“Council” or “City Council” means the municipal council for the City;

“Director of Development Services” means the person who holds that position and his or her delegate(s) or, in the event of organizational changes, another person designated by Council;

“Municipal Heritage Committee” means the Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee which makes recommendations to Council and is established under Section 28 of the Ontario Heritage Act;

“Ontario Heritage Act” or **“the Act”** means the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. o.18, as amended or any successor thereof;

“Property” means property as set out in Section 2.01.

1.02 Interpretation Rules:

(a) The Schedules attached to this by-law form part of the by-law, and are enforceable as such.

(b) The words “include” and “including” are not to be read as limiting the meaning of a word or term to the phrases or descriptions that follow.

1.03 Statutes: References to laws in this by-law are meant to refer to the statutes, as amended from time to time, that are applicable within the Province of Ontario.

1.04 Severability: If a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction declares any portion of this by-law to be illegal or unenforceable, that portion of this by-law shall be considered to be severed from the balance of the by-law, which shall continue to operate in full force and effect.

Section 2.00: Designation of Property

2.01 1047 Porter Road, Geographic Township of Manvers is designated as being of cultural heritage value, as described further in Schedule A. This designation shall not preclude alterations that may be deemed necessary for the efficient use of the property but that any and all alterations shall be in keeping with the original and present character of the property and that no alterations to the property affecting its heritage attributes as outlined in Schedule A shall be made without written consent from the City.

2.02 The City is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described above in the Land Registry Office.

2.03 The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Trust, and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper with general circulation within the municipality.

Section 3.00: Enforcement, Offence and Penalties

3.01 Enforcement: This by-law may be enforced by every municipal law enforcement officer and police officer.

3.02 Offence and Penalty: It is an offence for a person to contravene any provision of this by-law, and every person who contravenes this by-law is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, is liable to a fine in accordance with the provisions

of the Provincial Offences Act, the Ontario Heritage Act and to any other applicable penalty.

Section 4.00: Administration and Effective Date

4.01 **Administration of the By-law:** The Director of Development Services is responsible for the administration of this by-law.

4.02 **Effective Date:** This By-law shall come into force on the date it is finally passed.

By-law read a first, second and third time, and finally passed, this 23rd day of June, 2026.

—
Doug Elmslie, Mayor

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Cathie Ritchie, City Clerk

Schedule A to By-law 2026-112

Being a By-law to designate 1047 Porter Road, Geographic Township of Manvers in the City of Kawartha Lakes as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

Section 1: Description of Property

1047 Porter Road, Geographic Township of Manvers

Section 2: Location of Property

Located on the west side of Porter Road north of the intersection of Porter Road and Highway 7A

Section 3: Legal Description

MANVERS CON 8 S PT LOT 20 RP;57R10825 PART 1, MANVERS

Section 4: Location of Heritage Features

The property's primary heritage feature is the nineteenth century cemetery which spans the majority of the property.

Section 5: Statement of Reasons for Designation

Design and Physical Value

1047 Porter Road has design and physical value as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century rural cemetery. The cemetery was established in approximately 1850 as a burial ground for the local New Connexion Methodist congregation alongside a chapel constructed on the same site around the same time, which has been demolished. Through its landscaping, layout and orientation, the cemetery is demonstrative of the kinds of rural churchyard cemeteries established in the mid-nineteenth century, particularly in contrast to the growing trend of landscaped garden cemeteries being established in urban centres. The cemetery is one of eleven cemeteries in Manvers Township and one of the several that were established in the township around this period. It remains an important example of an early Methodist cemetery in Manvers Township.

Historical and Associative Value

1047 Porter Road has historical and associative value in its role as the Graham Cemetery. Originally established as the cemetery for the Graham Methodist Church, it is directly associated with the growth of the Methodist Church in Manvers Township, with specific associations with the New Connexion Methodists who established the church in the early 1850s. Through the surviving cemetery, the property yields information regarding this religious denomination in Manvers Township and death and burial in this community. The property also has direct historical connections with early Manvers settler John Graham who donated the land for the cemetery and church and whose family was a prominent group of early settlers in Manvers.

Contextual Value

1047 Porter Road has contextual value as part of the broader, historic rural character of the area of Manvers Township around Bethany. As an early settler cemetery, the property forms part of a broader rural agricultural landscape that includes a variety of features that, taken together, define the rural, dispersed community as a cohesive whole. These include agricultural properties, natural features, and institutional structures and properties including the cemetery which was established alongside a New Connexion Methodist chapel. It is historically linked to its surroundings as part of the development of rural Manvers Township in the mid-nineteenth century and the area where the cemetery is located retains a variety of features and land use patterns that are historically connected to this period and to each other. The property is a local landmark both its historic value and association with early residents of the Bethany area, but also as an active local cemetery. The property has served as a burial site for the local area since the early 1850s and is well-known in Manvers Township.

Section 6: Heritage Attributes

The Reasons for Designation include the following heritage attributes and apply to all elevations, unless otherwise specified, and the roof including: all façades, entrances, windows, chimneys, and trim, together with construction materials of wood, brick, stone, stucco, concrete, plaster parging, metal, glazing, their related building techniques and landscape features.

Design and Physical Attributes

The design and physical attributes of the property support its value as a mid-nineteenth century rural settler cemetery.

- Approximate 1 acre lot size
- Historic headstones
- Irregular headstone layout in approximate rows
- Mature trees and vegetation
- Grassy lawns
- Limited landscaping

Historical and Associative Value

The historical and associative value of the property supports its value as a mid-nineteenth century settler cemetery in Manvers Township and its association with the Methodist congregation in the area near Bethany.

- Approximate 1 acre lot size
- Headstones and burials related to historic members of Manvers' Methodist community
- Association with adjacent former Graham homestead

Contextual Value

The contextual value of the property supports its value as a local landmark and as a contributing part of the historic rural landscape of this part of Manvers Township near Bethany.

- Views from the cemetery of the surrounding rural area
- Sloped lot
- Views of the cemetery from Porter Road
- Relationship to the surrounding rural agricultural properties