# The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby

#### **By-law No. 14-29**

## A By-law to designate Thirty Mountain Methodist Cemetery at the corner of Thirty Road and Elm Road East as a feature of historical, architectural and/or contextual significance

Whereas pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

And whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby has cause to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

Thirty Mountain Methodist Cemetery Grimsby, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate **Thirty Mountain Methodist Cemetery** at **the Corner of Thirty Road and Elm Tree Road East** and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in the Grimsby Lincoln News, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

And whereas the reasons for designation and extent to which the designation applies are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and form part of this By-law.

**Now be it resolved that** the Council of the Town of Grimsby enacts as follows:

1. That the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

> Thirty Mountain Methodist Cemetery Corner of Thirty Road and Elm Tree Road East Town of Grimsby The Regional Municipality of Niagara

2. That the Town solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto at the Land Registry Office.

Read a first time this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014.

Read a second and third time and finally passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014.

R.N. Bentley, Mayor

H. Acady- Caston

H. Soady-Easton, Town Clerk

# Schedule 'A' to By-law 14-29

In the Town of Grimsby in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, property description as follows:

Thirty Mountain Methodist Cemetery, CEMETERY; PT LT D, EAST GORE, North Grimsby; GRIMSBY, municipally known as Thirty Mountain Methodist Cemetery, Town of Grimsby, Regional Municipality of Niagara

# Schedule 'B' to By-law 14-29 Statement of Significance And Description of extent of the features To which the designation applies

### Description of Property

The subject property is located on the west side of Thirty Road South of Elm Tree Road East. The site has grave markers, grass and trees.

#### Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Thirty Mountain Methodist Cemetery is of cultural heritage value as an example of an early nineteenth century rural cemetery for followers of the Methodist Church. The legible grave markers in the cemetery show burials from 1817 to 1886. The gravesites found in the cemetery provide important insight into the lives of North Grimsby Township's inhabitants who were followers of the Methodist Church and reflect the key historical themes in the development of the Township during this period.

The rural cemetery is characterized by a natural setting that attracts and comforts the living, and creates a secure space for the dead. The use of markers and monuments perpetuates the memory of individuals.

The Thirty Mountain Methodist Cemetery has associational value as the last resting place of the Rev. Henry Ryan who was one of the earliest leaders of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Upper Canada.

The location of the cemetery at an intersection and behind a school house gives it a landmark quality.

### Heritage Attributes

The following architectural attributes have been determined to contribute to the heritage value of the building and constitute part of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest* for Thirty Mountain Methodist Cemetery:

- The location and size of the cemetery;
- The monuments, sculptures and structures;
- The rural setting, including mature trees and fenced area;
- The original plan and placement of the gravesites;
- The original grave markers and their surviving inscriptions;
  - The variety of styles, materials and symbolism represented in the markers and monuments;
  - The range of size and sophistication of markers and monuments, from modest to elaborate; and
  - The marker of Rev. Henry Ryan (1775-1833) a founder of Canadian Methodism.