

Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Item 16.11,
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on June 6, 7 and 8, 2012
Enacted by Council: November 1, 2012

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 1414-2012

**To designate the property at 440 Shuter Street (Park Public School) as being of
cultural heritage value or interest.**

WHEREAS authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 440 Shuter Street (Park Public School) 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 440 Shuter Street 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 property at 440 Shuter Street, 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 property at 440 Shuter Street 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
(STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE)

Description

The property at 440 Shuter Street 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 values. Located on the north side of Shuter Street, west of River Street, Park Public School (completed in 1917 and now known as Nelson Mandela Park Public School) is a three-storey school complex. The site was listed on the inaugural City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties in June 1973.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Park Public School is a representative example of a school building from the World War I era that is distinguished by its design that was executed according to the principles of Beaux-Arts Classicism with a high degree of craftsmanship. The sheer scale, the symmetry of the T-shaped plan with balanced entrances and fenestration, and the application of classical features are hallmarks of Beaux-Arts Classicism. Special attention is given to the central entrance block on Shuter Street where a frontispiece is highlighted by three-storey stone columns.

Park Public School is an institution of significance in Regent Park, the neighbourhood that originated as part of the Park Reserve adjoining the Don River north of present-day Queen Street East. The original Park School (1853, and located directly north of the present edifice) opened as the first publically-funded school in Toronto where it served St. David's Ward. The present building was completed during World War I when it opened as the largest public school in Canada. It survived following the mid-20th century redevelopment of the neighbourhood for Regent Park. Now considered the oldest school (but not the oldest educational building) on its original site in Toronto, it was renamed for Nelson Mandela in a 2001 ceremony attended by the internationally renowned political activist and freedom fighter. Scheduled to reopen in 2012 following rehabilitation, Park Public School is part of the Toronto District School Board's Model Schools for the Inner City Program that envisions the complex as the 'heart of the community'.

Contextually, with its impressive scale and prominent site on Shuter Street between Sumach and Sackville Streets, Park Public School is a local landmark in the Regent Park neighbourhood.

SCHEDULE "B"

PIN 21080-0331 (LT)

BLK S PL 802E TORONTO; LT 10 S/S JAMES ST, 11 S/S JAMES ST, 12 S/S JAMES ST,
13 S/S JAMES ST, 11 N/S NORTH PARK ST, 12 N/S NORTH PARK ST,
13 N/S NORTH PARK ST PL 108 TORONTO; PT LT 10 N/S NORTH PARK ST PL 108
TORONTO

AS IN OS39965 & OP65605

City of Toronto and Province of Ontario

Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)

The herein before described land being delineated by heavy outline on Sketch No. PS-2012-099 dated October 3, 2012, as set out in Schedule "C".

