

Scarborough Community Preservation Panel

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Dear Councillors;

re: 2006 Annual Report to Council

On behalf of the members of your committee, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of our annual report for the past year.

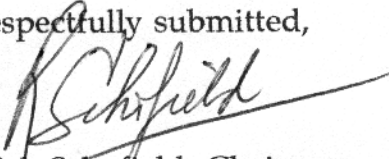
The attached report represents the work of your local Scarborough Community Preservation (Municipal Heritage Committee - LACAC) Panel.

Your committee continues to work closely with other heritage groups within the Scarborough community including: the Scarborough Historical Society, the Scarborough Archives, and the Scarborough Museum Board, in an effort to promote the preservation and protection of both our community's built and natural heritage, and our cultural heritage.

Although recruitment and appointment of new panel members for 2007-2010 have yet to take place and the possibility exists that none of the current members will be allowed to continue, we will continue to serve until the issues have been resolved.

When our report appears on your agenda, I will be available to answer any questions you might have concerning this report.

respectfully submitted,


Rick Schofield, Chairman

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Scarborough Community Heritage Preservation Panel

(Scarborough Municipal Heritage Committee - LACAC-Panel)

REPORT TO SCARBOROUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL for 2006

TO: Chair of the Scarborough Community Council and Council members

The Scarborough Community Heritage Preservation Panel, is pleased to submit a report of its activities during the past year.

During 2006, members of your committee met regularly to deal with matters relating to the preservation and promotion of our built and natural heritage and to discuss other matters dealing with the committee's terms of reference as outlined in By-law 380-2001, § 103-18.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. General Community support

Once again members of your Community Preservation Panel have contributed hundreds of hours of volunteer time to the research, promotion and preservation of our built and natural heritage; researching properties and their history, attending meetings, reading reports, setting up and assisting with heritage displays, visiting sites, conducting tours and meeting with interested citizens to discuss relevant heritage issues.

2. Restorations and Renovations - Morrish Store

With support from other Scarborough heritage groups, your committee continues to work towards the City's restoration of the historic 1891 W.J. Morrish General Store and its future use as a community heritage facility. Work this past year completed the structural restoration of the building including the installation of a fully accessible washroom and access ramp and reinforcement of the upper level floors and ceilings. A complete summary of this project appears later in this report.

3. Site markers - Promotion

Your Community Heritage Preservation Panel has continued its project of placing site markers on heritage buildings within the Scarborough Community. Two new markers were erected this past year, on the historic Birchmount Firehall #1 and the Mann Coachhouse. More than thirty markers have been erected, in addition to the fifty plaques erected in our local community by the Scarborough Historical Society and the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

4. Historical Designations:

Since amalgamation, your Scarborough Heritage Preservation Panel researched and recommended to the Toronto Preservation Board, numerous properties for possible designation under the terms of the Heritage Act. Action on the some properties has not yet taken place since City Preservation staff policy dictates that designations will only be recommended if a building is threatened. This past year, the William Stonehouse Regency Cottage and the Herb Duncan House were approved for designation. Both face an uncertain future as their respective site are rezoned and redeveloped.

5. General Activities

Within the roles and responsibilities of the original by-law and its amendments, your committee members were active in a wide range of other heritage-related activities which are outlined further within this report, including an annual three day promotional display set up at the Scarborough Town Centre during Heritage Week in February. Unfortunately, some building and planning issues have not been forwarded to the committee for review and comment and some aspects of our heritage have been lost.

6. Organizational setup

Members of your committee met to select a chairman, vice chairman, treasurer and representatives to serve on the City-wide Toronto Preservation Board and the new Heritage Toronto.

The following were selected:

Chairman,	Rick Schofield	Vice Chair and T.P.B. alternate
Treasurer,	Don Allen	Bob Saunders

In order to promote Scarborough preservation issues relating to the Heritage Act, the committee appointed Bob Saunders as the Chairman's alternate on the City-wide Toronto Preservation Board. Mr. Saunders previously served as the President of Community Heritage Ontario, the provincial MHC organization, which has its head office in Scarborough. He now serves as the Chairman of the Toronto Preservation Board.

Your Scarborough Heritage Preservation Panel agreed to meet monthly, as required, at the historic Neilson House on the second Tuesday of the month. As staff are not available to take minutes, the Chairman agreed to assume this responsibility and forward minutes to all Panel members, the Toronto Preservation Board and the Scarborough Community Council Administrator, for Councillors' reference.

During the past year, your committee met regularly to discuss issues placed before it. Members of the Panel met with residents of the old Village of Agincourt to discuss the possibility of creating a Heritage Conservation District. Committee members also visited numerous historic sites to monitor renovations and alterations, or to examine structures which the Panel was scheduled to discuss for other heritage-related issues.

A more detailed report of the Scarborough Heritage Preservation Panel's activities follows.

1. Mandate and Authority

The role and responsibilities of your Community Heritage Preservation Panel (formerly known as LACAC) and those of the Toronto Preservation Board are summarized as follows:

The Toronto Preservation Board is responsible for advising and assisting Toronto Council on all matters relating to Parts IV and V of the Ontario Heritage Act. Staff have taken an active role in this area. Each Community Heritage Preservation Panel has been given the responsibility of all other activities relating to the preservation and promotion of the built and natural heritage within its geographic area. The local Preservation Panels report on Heritage Act issues to the Toronto Preservation Board and to the local Community Council on all other preservation issues.

Your Scarborough Heritage Preservation Panel's role and responsibilities are to:

- 1 **recommend properties** within the local community which should be considered by the Toronto Preservation Board for designation as heritage properties;
- 2 **list and monitor Heritage Properties**, especially those properties at risk, for review and discussion by the Board;
- 3 **research** into properties being proposed for listing or designation as heritage properties, public programs and other preservation-related issues;
- 4 **provide public awareness and promotion** of issues relating to heritage properties and natural heritage, in cooperation with the new Heritage Toronto and other heritage groups, as required;
- 5 **promote neighbourhood heritage and history**;
- 6 **arrange to erect small historic markers** on community sites of local interest;
- 7 **provide local community activities** recognizing the efforts of citizens to protect, preserve or promote heritage properties;
- 8 **coordinate related heritage activities** with local museums, societies, the Toronto District School Board and similar organizations within the community
- 9 **advocate**, in co-operation with Heritage Toronto and other heritage organizations,
- 10 **undertake such other duties** relating to heritage preservation issues as may otherwise be assigned to it by Council

In February, 2004, on the recommendation of Scarborough Community Council, Toronto Council appointed citizens to serve on the Scarborough Heritage Preservation Panel. Current committee members include: Donald Allen, Joan Dolson, Sandy Grigg, Jeremy Hopkin, Rick Schofield, Robert Saunders & Scott Woodland. These Panel members have worked diligently on behalf of the Scarborough Community Council and look forward to continuing to serve the community should they be selected by Council to continue for another term.

Implementation and Activities during the year 2006.

2. Restorations and Renovations

With support from other Scarborough heritage groups such as the Scarborough Historical Society, your committee continues to work towards the restoration of the historic 1891 W.J. Morrish General Store. Unfortunately, numerous delays in the past have resulted in slow progress. During this past year the contractors completed the major structural restoration of the building, including the installation of a fully accessible washroom and access ramp and reinforcement of the upper level floors and ceilings. While the main floor has been completed except for painting and minor deficiencies, the second floor walls and ceilings remain unfinished. The Scarborough Historical Society has funded plaster repairs and painting for half of the second floor and the rest will be dealt with in the future. The general public is eagerly awaiting the completion of the restoration and the eventual opening of the building to the community.

3. Site markers

Your Preservation Panel continues its project of placing site markers on heritage buildings within the Scarborough Community. During the past five years, 36 markers have been erected. The markers are small, oval-shaped, generic plaques which identify each building as one of the Scarborough community's historic sites. These markers are, in some cases, in addition to the larger, bronze plaques which have been erected by the Scarborough Historical Society that describe each site in detail. In other situations, only the small markers provided by your Panel through its fund-raising initiatives, have been mounted on the building.

The mounting of a number of additional markers is pending:

George Pearse House Milne House Springfield farmhouse

4. Historical Designations:

Since amalgamation, Scarborough's Preservation Panel has recommended to the Toronto Preservation Board, several properties for possible designation under the terms of the Heritage Act, including several which have been dealt with this past year:

Clark/Reesor dwelling,	6741	Steeles Avenue;
William Stonehouse dwelling	5951	Steeles Avenue;
Herb Duncan dwelling	53	Old Kingston Road;

Recommended but not designated:

Russell Reesor Farm,	18	Reesor Road @ Steeles Avenue;
Coates House,	68	Chine Drive.

+ seven dwellings in Rouge Park

Council has approved the designation of the George Pearse cottage and the Scarborough Civic Centre but the committee has not yet received any report on the final status of the designating bylaws.

5. Other Activities:

(a) **Promotion:**

Members of your volunteer Scarborough Panel, again in partnership with the Scarborough Historical Society and the Scarborough Archives set up its annual display at the Scarborough Town Centre during **Heritage Week, 2006** including information about "StandUp Scarborough". An estimated 25,000 people visited the display during the three day promotion. The Chairman served as a heritage advisor on the committee which finalized its 2006 **Scarborough Walk of Fame** to recognize celebrated Scarborough citizens, past and present. That Gala event took place on May 17th, 2006 and was extremely successful.

Your committee's chairman along with panel member Don Allen, also set up and looked after a display during the Highland Creek Heritage Festival held in June, 2006, again working together with our partner organizations.

(b) **Building and Planning Issues:**

Staff in the Scarborough region's Planning and Building Department appear to be discontinuing the circulation of applications for variances, zoning bylaw amendments, Committee of Adjustment applications etc. to our committee. As a result, the committee was unaware of plans to change the designated Richardson dwelling on Old Kingston Road to office space. Regrettably, the original interior has been substantially altered and the committee has no historical photographs to document the original interior.

In addition to those designated properties mentioned earlier in this report, the following sites were visited this past year (2006) by your committee members with regard to some aspect of heritage preservation or concern:

Clark-Reesor House @ 6741 Steeles Ave.	-- proposed relocation & preservation
W.J. Morrish Store @ 6282 Kingston Road	-- site inspection & meetings with staff
Cornell/Campbell farm @ 3620 Kingston Road	-- site visit and property surveillance
Johnson/Phillips House @ 2756 Brimley Road	-- demolition and related documentation

This past year, the **Johnson-Phillips** house (Ward 41) listed above was thoroughly researched and the interior documented. During demolition further documentation provided interesting information about the building's history.

The **Clark-Reesor house** (Ward 42) on Steeles Avenue, designated by City by-law, was gutted by fire and much of the original fabric of the 19th century farmhouse was destroyed. The committee is currently in discussion with Hydro One to ascertain why this building was lost and whether or not due diligence was exercised by the owner.

The committee has been monitoring the designated **Bell Estate** (Ward 45) on Warden Ave. While redevelopment of the area takes place, the designated historic fieldstone house has been boarded up and is no longer in use as a seniors' drop-in centre.

(d) Provincial Liaison:

Two members of your committee continued to work closely with Community Heritage Ontario, the provincial association of Municipal Heritage Committees. Bob Saunders serves as CHO Past President and Rick Schofield continues to serve as the organization's Executive Secretary/Treasurer. This provincial organization works to further the identification, preservation, interpretation and wise use of community heritage; and publishes a quarterly journal, *CHONews*, which is distributed across the province to all MHCs. Your Scarborough Community Preservation Panel is pleased to be a host for meetings of the CHO Executive.

6. Outstanding Issues

While your committee has endeavoured to deal with all aspects of its heritage preservation mandate, certain issues remain outstanding at year's end:

- (a) Restoration of the Morrish Store is now nearing completion.
- (b) Heritage properties currently threatened or facing uncertain fate:
 - (i) the Russell Reesor farm (vacant) Ward 42
 - (ii) the Coates house (currently up for sale) Ward 36
 - (iii) the Cornell/Campbell farm property in Scarborough Village Ward 36
 - (iv) the unique Lily Cup facade (proposed demolition) Ward 35
- (c) Policy and/or procedures for the notification to the panel, by staff, of alterations and zoning changes proposed for buildings on the City's heritage inventory such as the Richardson House. This would enable photo documentation of original heritage features. (Material such as minor variances, zoning amendments etc., were previously provided by the Scarborough Building Department)

Your Scarborough Heritage Preservation Panel has been kept up-to-date with the actions of the City-wide Toronto Preservation Board and its discussions concerning preservation issues across the entire city. The Panel is most appreciative of the assistance Bob Saunders has provided as a Scarborough Panel representative on the Preservation Board.

Finally, the committee wishes to extend its thanks to all Scarborough Councillors who have supported the preservation of our heritage. We look forward to your ongoing support in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Schofield, Chairman
 Robert Saunders, Vice Chair
 Don Allen, Treasurer
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 Sandy Grigg,
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