



Scarborough Community Preservation Panel

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To members of the Preservation Board;

re: **Kingston Road Revitalization Study**

At a meeting of the Scarborough Community Preservation Committee held on March 10th, 2009, the panel discussed, at length, its 2007 site study of the Kingston Road area in Birch Cliff along with a recently conducted "windshield" study conducted by staff of the same area in response to planning request as part of the Kingston Road revitalization Study, Phase 2.

Pictures of all significant structures along the four kilometre stretch of Kingston Road were circulated to committee members and preliminary research conducted from available secondary sources available in the Scarborough Archives.

The development of this area began early in the 20th century after the local post office was established and former farms were laid out in small registered plans of subdivision. Birch Cliff school, built in 1915, provided incentive for more residential construction and local, supporting businesses. Development was accelerated when Scarborough Township moved its seat of municipal government to Birch Cliff in 1922.

While many of the commercial buildings date back to the 1920s and have unusual architectural components, the area also includes the 1922 Veteran's Memorial Hall, the 1912 Birch Cliff Anglican church, and well designed 1930's low rise apartments.

The attached list summarizes the results of the committee's discussions and **the panel recommends that the list be forwarded to staff for further discussion** prior to final recommendations on which of the two dozen structures should be included on the City's inventory of heritage structures.

respectfully,

Rick Schofield
Chair

Kingston Road (Birch Cliff) Study

In July, 2007, the Scarborough Preservation Committee conducted an on-site study of all structures along the Kingston Road from Victoria Park to Birchmount as part of the Kingston Road Revitalization Study, Phase 2. Photographs were taken and research begun on the various heritage structures.

In October, 2008, Heritage Preservation staff conducted a visual survey of the same area and presented the results to the management team.

Following are the recommendations of the Scarborough Community Preservation Committee with reference notes: (all address numbers are for Kingston Road)

code: SCPP = recommended for listing by Scarborough Committee

HPS = recommended for listing by Heritage Preservation staff

FR = recommended for future review to clarify possible listing

SCPP	HPS	1054-1064	multiple commercial buildings dating from 1920s	
SCPP		1102	Alpine Hotel (possibly Zimmerman's Auto dealer (c1900)	FR
SCPP	HPS	1114	former Brigham's Grocery store	
SCPP	HPS	1165	Homeside apartments (c1930)	
SCPP		1212-1238	former Fallingbrook Pharmacy et al	FR
SCPP	HPS	1253	Donald mann's Coach House (c1907)	currently on inventory
SCPP	HPS	1355	Toronto Hunt Club	currently on inventory
SCPP	HPS	1366-1370	double commercial building	
SCPP		1374	former Keen family store (c1920s)	
SCPP		1390-1394	commerical building	FR
SCPP		1396	former McAfee Confectionary store	FR
SCPP		1440	Taylor Memorial Library	
		1443	brick dwelling house	FR
SCPP		1448	TD bank	
SCPP		1535	St. Nicolas Anglican Church (c1912)	
SCPP		1545	former Brett Jeweler	
SCPP	HPS	1559-1563	former Knott Dry Goods et al	
SCPP		1574	former Philbrook Butcher store (c1920s)	
SCPP		1577	Scarborough Veteran's Memorial Hall (c1922)	
		1615	brick dwelling	FR
SCPP		1647	formerly Taylor's Drug Store	
SCPP	HPS	1650	S.S. # 15, Birch Cliff Public School (c1915)	currently on inventory
SCPP	HPS	1660	former bank and Municipal offices (c1922)	currently on inventory
SCPP	HPS	1664-1680	linked commercial/residential building (c1923)	currently on inventory
SCPP	HPS	1716	formerly Whan Drug Store (c1920s)	currently on inventory
SCPP	HPS	1736	formerly Marathon/CTC auto service center	

three other structures were identified by SCPP east of Birchmount

SCPP		Scarboro' Arena Garden (sports complex) (c1952)
SCPP		Harrison Estate dwelling (currently Arts Scarborough)
SCPP	HPS	Scarborough War Memorial/Cenotaph (c1931)

Future action pending review and consultation with Heritage Preservation staff