

Scarborough Community Preservation Panel

c/o Rick Schofield, Chairman

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Toronto Preservation Board,
c/o Colleen O'Neill, Committee Clerk,
10th floor, West Tower, Toronto City Hall,
100 Queen St. West, Toronto, ON

March 31st, 2009

To members of the Board;

**re: Request to Repeal By-law 90-2002 -- Designation of Clark-Reesor Dwelling
and approval of the Demolition of Said Structure**

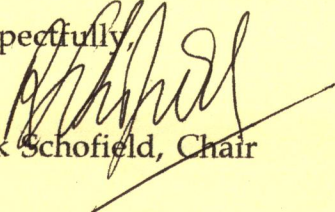
The frame dwelling house known as the Clark-Reesor House is owned by Hydro One and was severely gutted by fire in August, 2006 and has been vacant and boarded up since.

Members of the panel have been in lengthy discussions with the owner regarding the structure, its possible restoration and possible future relocation. It has now been determined that the building's structure is too damaged to restore and/or relocate. The remaining structural components of the building will not support relocation and the interior elements, which were altered over many years, have been so badly damaged that restoration is not feasible. The panel members reluctantly agreed that there is no possibility that the building can be salvaged and that it currently poses a safety issue, being quite isolated in a rural part of Scarborough and subject to illegal trespassing and the resulting liability issues.

Hydro One originally offered support to relocate the building and assist with its restoration. It now expresses its regret that the building could not be relocated and restored due to the severity of damage and has offered to provide heritage scholarships totalling \$ 15,000. to assist qualified students pursuing a career in heritage preservation and/or heritage planning.

At a meeting of the Scarborough Community Preservation Committee held on December 9th, 2008, the panel agreed to request **that the Toronto Preservation Board approved an application under Section 31 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act to repeal By-law 90-2002 which designated the Clark-Reesor House and respectfully request that staff take the necessary action to forward the request to Toronto City Council as soon as possible to eliminate liability issues which usually escalate in the summer.**

Respectfully,


Rick Schofield, Chair