CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 896-1998

To designate the property at 3800 St. Clair Avenue East (R.H. King Memorial Arch)
as being of historical value or interest.

WHEREAS authority was previously granted by the Council of the City of Scarborough to designate the property at No. 3800 St. Clair Avenue East as being of historical 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 the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historical or architectural value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Scarborough caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as No. 3800 St. Clair Avenue East and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to designate the property and has caused the Notice of Intention to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality as required by the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule “B” to this by-law; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation was served upon the Clerk of the City of Scarborough; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto Act, 1997 provides that every by-law or resolution of the Council of the former City of Scarborough in force before Scarborough was dissolved on January 1, 1998 shall be deemed to be a by-law or resolution of the City of Toronto;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The property at No. 3800 St. Clair Avenue East, more particularly described and shown on Schedule “A” to this by-law, is designated as being of historical 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 Schedules “A” and “C” 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 No. 3800 St. Clair Avenue East and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Toronto as required by the Ontario Heritage Act.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 17th day of December, A.D. 1998.

CASE OOTES, NOVINA WONG,
Deputy Mayor City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)
SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW No. 896-1998

In the City of Toronto (formerly the City of Scarborough) and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of Lot 24 in Concession C in the Geographic Township of Scarborough designated as PART 1 on Plan 64R-16033 deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Metropolitan Toronto Registry Division (No. 64).

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Plan SYE2904 dated November 24, 1998, as set out in Schedule “C”.
SCARBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL/R.H. KING MEMORIAL ARCH is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The Gothic style arch was constructed in 1922 as part of the main entrance to Scarborough High School and later Scarborough’s first Collegiate Institute. When the original school edifice was demolished in 1976, the main arch was preserved on its original site as a memorial to thousands of Scarborough students who attended what was then the only Scarborough school to offer Senior Matriculation and graduation to post secondary education.

Later renamed R.H. King in honour of its first principal and the first Director of Education for the Scarborough Board of Education, the school served the Scarborough community for more than fifty years. Although the original edifice no longer survives, the memorial arch was retained as a free standing memorial and includes the original stone arch pieces and brickwork facing onto St. Clair Avenue and Kingston Road. Also included in the recommended designation is the original 1922 cornerstone located at the base of the right (east) stone and brick column.

A historic plaque has been erected on a modern plinth at the base of the arch opening and should be retained. The plaque tells the history of the school and of secondary education in Scarborough.