Authority: City of Scarborough Administrative Committee Report No. 14, Clause No. 1, as adopted by the Former City of Scarborough Council on September 2, 1997  
Enacted by Council: February 4, 1999

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 9-1999

To designate the property at 1410 Military Trail (Highland Creek Public School (S.S.#7)) 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. 1410 Military Trail 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. 1410 Military Trail 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. 1410 Military Trail, 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. 1410 Military Trail 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 4th day of February, A.D. 1999.

CASE OOTES, NOVINA WONG,
Deputy Mayor City Clerk

(Corporate Seal)
SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW No. 9-1999

In the City of Toronto (formerly the City of Scarborough) and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of Block A on Plan 2096 registered in the Land Registry Office for the Metropolitan Toronto Registry Division (No. 64) the boundaries of the land being described as follows:

PREMISING that the bearings hereinafter mentioned are grid and are referred to the Central Meridian 79 degrees and 30 minutes West Longitude through Zone 10 of the Ontario Co-ordinate System then;

COMMENCING at a point the location of which may be arrived at as follows:

BEGINNING at the southeasterly angle of the said Block A;

THENCE North 15 degrees 05 minutes and 00 seconds West a distance of 87.22 metres to the point of commencement;

THENCE South 72 degrees 32 minutes and 40 seconds West a distance of 23.59 metres to a point;

THENCE North 17 degrees 45 minutes and 35 seconds West a distance of 13.42 metres, more or less, to the southerly face of a two storey brick school building;

THENCE North 72 degrees 31 minutes and 40 seconds East along the said southerly face of the two storey school building a distance of 1.52 metres to the westerly face of a one storey brick school building located on the hereindescribed lands;

THENCE North 17 degrees 12 minutes and 40 seconds West along the said westerly face of wall a distance of 2.55 metres, more or less, to the northwesterly corner thereof;

THENCE North 72 degrees 31 minutes and 20 seconds East along the northerly face of wall of the said one storey brick school building a distance of 20.52 metres, more or less, to the northeasterly corner thereof;

THENCE South 18 degrees 10 minutes and 00 seconds East along the easterly face of wall of the said one storey school building a distance of 2.55 metres, more or less, to the southerly face of the two storey school building aforesaid;

THENCE North 72 degrees 31 minutes and 40 seconds East along the southerly face of the said two storey school building a distance of 1.52 metres to a point;
THENCE South 17 degrees 38 minutes and 40 seconds East a distance of 13.43 metres, more or less, to the point of commencement.

Being part of PIN 06234-0139(LT) in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Metropolitan Toronto (No. 66).

The hereinbefore described land being delineated by heavy outline on Plan SYE2908 dated January 18, 1999, as set out in Schedule “C”.
HIGHLAND CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL (S.S. #7) is recommended for designation for historical and architectural reasons. Built in 1918, the original solid brick was constructed to serve those children on the east side of the valley. Its elliptical fanlight and paired sidelights provide a picturesque entrance to this classical style building.

Designed by architects James, Laudon and Hertzberg, the original two-room structure was constructed by local Highland Creek residents. John C. Morrish and Son were the carpenters and general contractors and brothers Roger and William Pearse were hired as masons. Together the Morrish and Pearse team built many of the more prominent buildings in Highland Creek and the community’s elementary school is, perhaps, the finest example of their early 20th century work to survive.

Although additions have been added to serve the growing and changing needs of the community since W.W. II, only the exterior of the original 1918 part of the school is recommended for designation. This includes the window openings (excluding modern glazing) and masonry walls of the east and west sides of the building, the steep-pitched roof and the main (south/west) facade, which reflect elements of Georgian and Classical styles of architecture.

The main facade is the focal point of the building and when the modern wings were added over the past 50 years, these have been set back from the original 1918 section such that the original school building remains visibly prominent from the street. This facade includes a pair of original 4/4 double hung sash windows on either side of the central entrance. Each opening in this masonry wall is topped with a cream-coloured keystone. Two wooden pillars (not original) now support the original portico protecting the entrance. Smaller windows to the basement can be found paired with the main floor windows above.

The 1918 section of the building has been a prominent part of the streetscape for eighty years and the site has been marked by a historic plaque which tells of the history of the school and its importance to the community of Highland Creek.