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November 4, 2010

Ontario Heritage Trust  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J8

At their meeting of October 4, 2010 Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution:

*THAT the Council of the Town of Smiths Falls supports the designation of the Smiths Falls Collegiate Institute Archway as it has a significant Cultural Heritage Value to the municipality.*

*Resolution # 2010-10-278*

At their meeting of November 1, 2010 Council passed by-law 8363-2010 which designates the Smiths Falls Collegiate Institute Archway as having significant Cultural Heritage Value to the Town of Smiths Falls. I have attached a copy of this by-law.

I have also enclosed the notice that was published in our local newspaper. No concerns/objections were received.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello  
Town Clerk

cc: Ministry of Culture  
Canadian Register of Historic Places  
Guy Saumure & Sons Ltd (Property Owner)

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS  
BY-LAW NO. 8363-2010**

**BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE SMITHS FALLS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE ARCHWAY AS HAVING  
A SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE TO THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS**

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, Chapter 337, Section 29 R.S.O. 1980 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural, cultural and historical value or interest; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the propose designation has been served on the Clerk of the municipality pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls enacts as follows:

1. THAT the Smiths Falls Collegiate Institute Archway, situated on a portion of the former Smiths Falls & District Collegiate Institute property (2 Gould Street, Smiths Falls - corner of Johnston Street and Elmsley Street North), as having Cultural Heritage Value to the municipality The Reasons for Designation shall be as described on Schedule "B" also attached hereto.
2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality.
4. That the provisions of this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

Read a first and second time this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2010

Read a third time and PASSED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2010

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW NO. 8363-2010

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

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SCHEDULE 'B' TO BYLAW NO. 8363-2010  
REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Built in 1911, for \$60,000, Smiths Falls Collegiate Institute (SFCI) became a symbol of the growth and prestige of education in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Built for 300 students, SFCI was modern for its time. By 1924, enrolment had swelled to 418, of who over 300 came from the Town of Smiths Falls. The three-storey brick building was also used in the evening for a night vocational school, thus cementing its role in the community. By 1951, it was evident a larger secondary school was needed and construction took place just behind the Collegiate. SFCI's top floor was removed and the building became Rideau Public School, to accommodate the increase in the elementary student population.

When the building was eventually demolished it was the Rotary Club that championed the preservation of the arch (originally the girls' entrance) as the only remaining portion of this building that had served so well. The arch is the only remaining part of the building (represents a 40-year era).

The Greek Revival architectural details of the new building, at the time, continued the civic style of the Town Hall, Central School and Public Library. Physical arch attributes include an emphasis on straight lines, symmetry and proportion, classical moldings, semi-circular arch opening and a low-pitched gable roof.

Designation of the arch as a Heritage Property will remind future generations of the fabric of a progressive and expanding town.