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October 21, 2010

Ontario Heritage Trust
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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

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry Costello".

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

cc: Guy Saumure & Sons Ltd (Property Owner)

Sensational!



PUBLIC NOTICE
Designation of the Smiths Falls
Collegiate Institute Archway

As per Section (29) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls intends to designate the Smiths Falls Collegiate Institute Archway, as having Cultural Heritage Value to the municipality. The Smiths Falls Collegiate Institute Archway is 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).



Built in 1911, for \$60,000, Smiths Falls Collegiate Institute (SFCI) became a symbol of the growth and prestige of education in the early 20th 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.

Any objections to this designation must be made in writing and addressed to the Town Clerk before November 1, 2010.

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