



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

BY-LAW

Number 223-2010

To designate the property known as Memorial Arena at 69 Elliott Street as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18 (as amended) authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

WHEREAS the Brampton Heritage Board supports the designation of the properties described herein;

WHEREAS a Notice of Intention to Designate has been published and served in accordance with the Act, and there has been no Notice of Objection served on the Clerk;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brampton HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

- 1. The property known as Memorial Arena at 69 Elliott Street more particularly described in Schedule "A" is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" to this by-law in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owners of the property known as Memorial Arena at 69 Elliott Street and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of this by-law to be published to the City's website in accordance with Council's Procedure By-law.
4. The City Clerk shall serve and provide notice of this by-law in accordance with the Act.
5. The short statement of the reason for the designation of the property, including a description of the heritage attributes are set out in Schedule "B" to this by-law.
6. The affidavit of Peter Fay attached, as Schedule "C" hereto shall form part of this by-law.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 23rd DAY OF June, 2010.

Approved as to form [Signature] June 10/10

[Signature] SUSAN FENNEL - MAYOR

[Signature] PETER FAY - CLERK

Approved as to Content: [Signature] Karl Walsh, Director, Community Design, Parks Planning and Development

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW *223-2010***

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

14067-0129 (LT)

PT LTS 13 TO 15 PL BR21 AS IN BR31084; S/T BR31084 ; BRAMPTON

## SCHEDULE "B" TO BY-LAW *223-2010*

### **STATEMENT OF THE REASON FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MEMORIAL ARENA, 69 ELLIOTT STREET:**

The property known as Memorial Arena at 69 Elliott Street is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value. The property meets the criteria for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design or physical value, historical value and contextual value.

### **STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST OF THE PROPERTY:**

The cultural heritage value of the Brampton Memorial Arena is related to its design or physical value as an exceptional example of a community hockey rink. The building exhibits an excellent state of preservation and this is especially evident with regard to the exterior main façade and the interior spaces. The front façade faces Old Fairgrounds Park. This one storey masonry wing houses the main lobby and dressing rooms. The interior of the building is distinguished by its expansive and structurally complex roof system of long spanning arches and trusses. The roof system is a heavy timber frame, open span bowstring truss ceiling with wood purlins and plank sheathing. The interior space is also noted for its original hinged wooden spectator seating and boxes, along with bench seating, and beaded tongue-in-groove wood paneled interior walls, ceilings and wainscoting in lobby and main hallways. Sports structures of this nature and degree of architectural heritage integrity have become rare in Ontario.

Overall the building reflects a high degree of craftsmanship and is a good example of a mid 20th century sports complex. The building and its impressive roof system was designed by Norman Otto Hipel (1890-1953) of Preston, Ontario. Hipel was an accomplished builder who patented his arena roofing system in 1928.

The property has considerable historical or associative value as it reflects the optimism of a small Ontario community in the immediate post World War Two era. The Brampton Memorial arena was constructed in 1949-1950. It was built to honour those who lost their lives in the Second World War. It was also the first artificial ice rink (i.e. mechanically-refrigerated) constructed in the City of Brampton. Premier T.L. Kennedy officiated at the sod turning ceremony in April 1949. The arena was opened to the public on January 14, 1950 at a gala event.

The property also has important associations with the history of hockey, and lacrosse. The Brampton Novice Lions Hockey Tournament was staged in this arena from 1960 to the 1980s. Future National Hockey League (NHL) stars played in this event over the years including: Darryl Sittler, Bob Gainey, Denis Savard, Bob Goodenow, Ron Ellis, Greg Stefan, Rick MacLeish and Dale Hawerchuk. Gordie Howe was in attendance to watch his two young sons Mark and Marty play in the 1964 tournament. Wayne Gretzky played in the 1972 event. Gretzky scored 19 goals in the first three games of

that tournament. Canadian female hockey legend, and Brampton native, Cassie Campbell played bantam hockey at the Memorial Arena with the Brampton Canadettes Girls Hockey Association.

For several decades the Memorial Arena was home to the Brampton Excelsiors, one of the leading teams in major series box lacrosse. Sports anchor Chris Cuthbert describes the Excelsiors as "Canada's most historic sports franchise." Lacrosse legend, John Tavares played several games on the floor of the Memorial Arena. The Excelsiors have eight Mann Cup championships and their banners hang from the ceiling of the arena.

The building is directly associated with recreational pursuits. Several concerts, fall fairs, figure skating meets, rallies and other events have been staged in this arena.

The cultural heritage value of the property is also connected to its contextual value. The property helps to maintain, support and define the character of Elliott Street and the former Brampton Fair Grounds. The property contributes to the character and identity of the area. It is a conspicuous landmark established in a neighbourhood developed during the early and mid 20th century. It is linked to its surroundings in that it is the key focal point in the Fairgrounds Park, has links to the nearby corner variety store, McHugh public school and residential neighbourhoods. It is also the last surviving vintage building on the Fairgrounds site. The property also holds deep symbolic and emotive value to many Brampton citizens.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES OF THE PROPERTY:**

Unless otherwise indicated, the reasons for designation apply generally to all exterior elevations, facades, foundation, roof and roof trim, all doors, windows, other structural openings and associated trim, all architectural detailing; all interior spaces, structural elements, design elements, finishes and detailing; construction materials of wood, stone, brick, plaster parging, metal and glazing and related building techniques, fencing, all trees, shrubs, hedgerows, other vegetation and the grounds and vistas generally.

To help ensure that the cultural heritage value of this property certain heritage attributes, contributing to its value, have been identified. They include:

- the name of the facility being "Brampton Memorial Arena";
- heavy timber frame, open span bowstring truss ceiling, designed by Norman Otto Hipel and all related structural elements including wood purlins and plank sheathing;
- existing dimensions of the ice surface being 90 x 190 feet; Brampton's first artificial ice surface;
- all hockey and lacrosse championship banners hanging from ceiling;

- wood press box with wood ladder;
- original hinged, slated wooden spectator seating, painted in either green or blue and all paneled boxes with tongue in groove wainscoting;
- wooden bench seating;
- vintage metal sign warning patrons not to stand on seats (located in seating area on east side of rink area);
- remaining ticket wicket near the west side entrance;
- cast bronze memorial plaque at east lobby entrance commemorating construction;
- front lobby with beaded wood paneled walls and ceiling, wainscoting, and row of square spectator windows facing rink;
- simple plank door and window surrounds;
- original one storey masonry section, forming principle exterior façade, facing Fairgrounds Park;
- existing fenestration on principle façade;
- central frontispiece on principle façade with "Brampton Memorial Arena" in individual letters affixed to masonry wall;
- round, metal roof vents along ridge of roof;
- unpainted exterior masonry walls with wire cut brick and dichromatic patterning;
- exterior side walls with buttresses bearing load of vaulted roof;
- exterior massing and built form, barn-like profile and roof pitch;

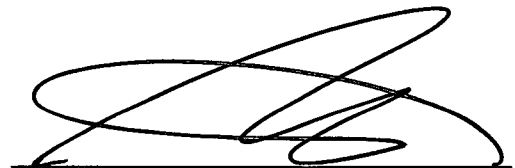
SCHEDULE "C" TO BY-LAW 223.2010

AFFIDAVIT OF PETER FAY

I, **PETER FAY**, of the City of Mississauga in the Region of Peel, **MAKE OATH AND SAY:**

1. I am the Clerk for the Corporation of the City of Brampton and as such I have knowledge of the facts herein contained.
2. The public notice of intention to designate the property known as Memorial Arena at 69 Elliott Street was served on the owner of the property and was advertised, in the form attached as Exhibit A to this my affidavit, on the City's website in accordance with Council's Procedure By-law.
3. The by-law to designate the property known as Memorial Arena at 69 Elliott Street came before City Council at a Council meeting on *June 23, 2010* and was approved.
4. A copy of the by-law, including a short statement of the reason for the designation has been served upon the owner of the property and the Ontario Heritage Trust and notice of such by-law was published on the City of Brampton website on *July 20, 2010*.

SWORN before me at the City )  
of Brampton, in the Region )  
of Peel, this *28th* )  
day of *JUNE*, 2010 )



*Earl Evans*

A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits, etc.

**EARL EVANS, Deputy City Clerk**  
**The Corporation of The City of Brampton**  
**2 Wellington Street West**  
**Brampton, Ontario L6Y 4R2**  
**A Commissioner, etc., ....**  
**in the Regional Municipality of Peel**