



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2014-102

A by-law to designate the Oakville Arena at 133 Rebecca Street as a property of historical, architectural and/or contextual significance.

WHEREAS pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

WHEREAS the municipal council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville resolved to pass a Notice of Intention to Designate the property at 133 Rebecca Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on May 26, 2014 after consulting with the Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee on April 29, 2014;

WHEREAS the municipal council of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville has cause to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

133 Rebecca Street
Oakville, ON

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Oakville Arena at 133 Rebecca Street and a statement of the reasons for the proposed designation, and further, has caused said notice of intention to be published in the *Oakville Beaver*, being a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the municipality;

COUNCIL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest, for the reasons set out in Schedule B attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.

Oakville Arena
133 Rebecca Street
Town of Oakville
The Regional Municipality of Halton

2. THAT the Town solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto at the Land Registry Office.

PASSED this 6th day of October, 2014

Rob Burton Mayor

Vicki Tytaneck Town Clerk

**SCHEDULE "A" TO
BY-LAW 2014-102**

In the Town of Oakville in the Regional Municipality of Halton, property description as follows:

Oakville Arena

PT LT 16, CON 3 , AS IN TW10044, EXCEPT 603638,"473138"& 473277 ; LTS 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29, PL 161 ; OAKVILLE/TRAFALGAR "AMENDED OCT 14, 98 J. MENARD"S/T EASE OVER PT 1 PL 20R12877 AS IN H767539. S/T EASE OVER PT 2 PL 20R12877 A
Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW 2014-102

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Description of Property – Oakville Arena, 133 Rebecca Street

The Oakville Arena is a one-storey arena complex located on the north side of Rebecca Street between Felan Avenue and Kerr Street in west Oakville.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Design Value or Physical Value

The Oakville Arena has cultural heritage value as a rare example of mid 20th century arena complex design and of the technological achievements of the era. Built in 1951, the building is one of only four known surviving arenas in Ontario with a Hipel truss roof system. This system's ability to span large areas provides the interior of the building with a distinctive character and open atmosphere. The unpainted wood system, sense of height created by the open trusses, and visual interest of the trusses, purlins, and roof deck create a unique space.

Historical Value or Associative Value

The Oakville Arena has cultural heritage value related to its historical associations with the community and its use as a hub for the community since 1951. The community raised more than half of the funds for the construction of the arena and, for the first few decades, the arena was privately run by a group of volunteers. The arena has hosted a variety of sporting activities and events, most notably hockey and figure skating, as well as many large community and national events. The history of sports, recreation, and social events gives this arena emotive and symbolic value to the community.

The arena also has cultural heritage value related to its historical associations with Norman Otto Hipel. In 1940, Hipel patented the unique truss roof system used in the arena. This truss system was used in the construction of many Ontario arenas in the 1940s and 1950s but the Oakville Arena is a rare surviving example with this system intact.

Contextual Value

The Oakville Arena has cultural heritage value as a contextually significant landmark in west Oakville. The arena is physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its immediate setting in Trafalgar Park and supports the character of the park and area. The arena visually defines the southern edge of the park and is a landmark building along Rebecca Street and in the neighbourhood.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes that express the cultural heritage value of the Oakville Arena as a unique example of arena construction and which are found on the building envelope (exterior walls and roof) of the gambrel-roofed arena portion of the building (unless otherwise noted) include its:

- Wood Hipel truss roof forming a gambrel roof shape and all related structural elements original to the roof, including exposed and unpainted wood trusses, purlins, and roof deck;
- Interior Masonite-covered wood buttresses bearing the load of the trusses, including the original metal cross-bracing between the buttresses;
- Fenestration on the north and south elevations; and
- Exterior concrete block walls forming the original arena portion of the building, including exterior buttresses.

Key attributes that also embody the cultural heritage value of the Oakville Arena but which are not attached to the building include its:

- Original wood and metal folding benches from the arena; and
- Kinsmen Pine Room wood painted sign with Kinsmen logo and Town of Oakville crest.

Explanatory Note

Re: Heritage Designation By-law No. 2014-102

By-law No. 2014-102 has the following purpose and effect:

To designate the Oakville Arena located on the property 133 Rebecca Street as a property of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter O.18, Part IV, Section 29.