



The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society

(Founded in 1996)

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Meghan House
Cultural Heritage Planner
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
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Re: Designation of George L. Armstrong School

Dear Ms. House:

The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society was formed in 1996 with the objectives of increasing public awareness and appreciation of local heritage, collecting and preserving documentary evidence related to the Mountain and advocating for the preservation of the built heritage of the Hamilton Mountain.

The members of the HMHS voted at the general meeting of November 2013, to approach the City of Hamilton to begin the heritage designation process to have George L. Armstrong School municipally designated.

G.L. Armstrong School is located at Concession Street between East 18th and East 19th, on land acquired by the Board of Education for the City of Hamilton in 1919 for a sum of \$15,000. The school was built in 1929 and named in honour of a man who had served the Board of Education for the City of Hamilton for over 30 years.

Other schools that were on the Mountain prior to the construction of Armstrong, S.S. Number 3 Barton, Lloyd George (renamed Inverness) and Brantdale have all been demolished. Other Mountain schools such as Peace Memorial and Onteora have also been torn down. G.L. Armstrong and Mohawk Trail School remain as the oldest schools on the Mountain and our last links to the early history of education on the Mountain.

Inasmuch as the purpose of our Society is to recover, record and preserve the history and heritage of the Mountain we consider the preservation of the G.L. Armstrong School to be an integral part of our mandate. We have witnessed the demise and demolition of some of the Mountain's built heritage and believe that now is the time to act to assure that G.L. Armstrong School does not become another victim: hence our request for designation.

Yours truly,

Robin McKee, President

cc: Dr. John Malloy, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, HWDSB
Anna Bradford, Director of Tourism and Culture, City of Hamilton