

Entrance at historic estates to be replaced



The entranceway gates at the Westgate Boulevard and Jane Street location in historic Kingscross Estates were demolished Oct. 5. For the third time in the past 60 years, replacement gates will be built, funded by more than \$13,000 raised privately by the Kingscross Estates Rate Payers Association (KERA).

Kingscross Estates is the first and oldest estate subdivision in Canada, a prestigious development in southern Ontario with its unique landscape, woodlots, ponds and winding roads. It is home to many species of birds, animals and reptiles, including a species of concern, the snapping turtle.

It was considered revolutionary in the 1950s, conceived by developer Joe Gellany, who envisioned estate homes built on two-acre-plus lots. In the summer of 1954, ground was broken and construction began on this historic development, with the entranceway gates being built by the late 1950s. These succumbed to the elements and were replaced by the current signs in the early 1980s.

Negotiations are now under way with the King City Museum to permanently exhibit one of the four signs removed from the gates. On Nov. 15, another fundraising event will be held at Hogan's Inn to auction the remaining signs.