

Cultural Heritage

Highlights:

- Provincial Heritage Act amended in 2005
- Heritage Master Plan approved in 2008
- Current Heritage Conservation Districts:
 - Main Street (South side between Water & Ainslie Streets)
 - Blair Village
 - City owned lands in Dickson Hill
- Priorities for Cultural Heritage Resources:
 - Incorporation of Cultural Heritage Resources and surrounding context into development
 - Scale & design which is compatible
 - Preservation & adaptive reuse of building
- Heritage Registry – each resource described, illustrated & evaluated in terms of significance:
 - represents early period
 - work of outstanding designer, builder or artisan
 - associated with historical figure or event
 - type of construction or design rarely used today
 - example of City's history
 - important to urban design or streetscape
- Designation of Heritage Properties
 - Regulates the demolition, removal or inappropriate alteration of buildings designated under the Ontario Heritage Act
 - For buildings on Registry but not designated Council will not permit the demolition for a period of 60 days while solution found, including designation
- Designation of Heritage Conservation Districts
 - Similar provision to designated properties
 - Council may pass By-law for a period of up to 1 year to allow for examination of potential Heritage Conservation District
- Cultural Heritage Landscapes
 - Require measures to protect in design of development proposals
 - May cross municipal boundaries & include culturally significant cemeteries

- Heritage Character Areas
 - Areas of heritage significance that have been modified by human including important historical patterns of development
 - Policies will be developed in consultation with Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

- Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment
 - Identification & evaluation
 - Graphic & written inventory
 - Assessment of proposal's impact
 - Means to mitigate impacts
 - Alternatives to proposal
 - Identification of, and justification for, the preferred option

- Archaeological Resources
 - Assessment must be undertaken if lands affected by development proposal likely to contain archaeological resources
 - If Assessment identifies significant archaeological resource it must be preserved in present location (no development) or removed in keeping with established policies & protocols

- Scenic Heritage Roads – Provision made to protect Cultural Heritage aspects with any reconstruction through context sensitive design.



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