

Designation Sweeps the Nation

Fa-La-La-La-La? *Key of F?*



Coping with the Designation Deadline required by Bill 23

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Providing Effective Heritage Info to Owners & the Public

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CHO: Municipal Strategies for Designation

Ontario Heritage Conference
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How to cope...



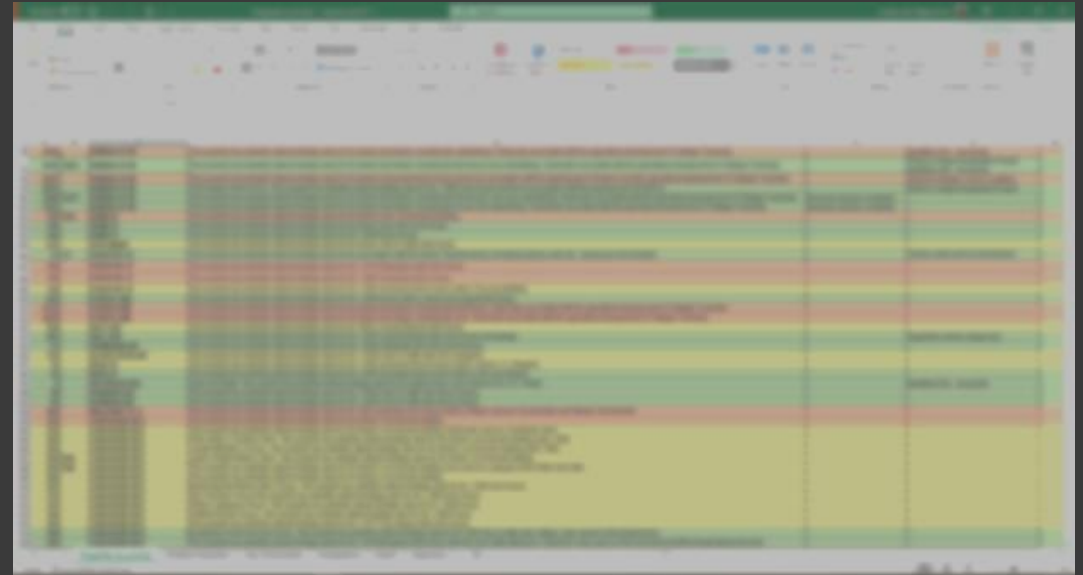
What's worked for us

Starting early

- November 2022 – Bill 23 passed
- November 2022 – staff did initial evaluation of listed properties
- January-March 2023 – hired 2 researchers
- May 2023 – took first NOID to MHC/Council

Prioritizing properties

- Ranked 300 listed properties green (definitely designate), yellow (maybe), or red (don't designate)
- Ranked based on cursory review using 9/06:
 - **Design/physical value** – is it an obvious good representative example of a style?
 - **Historical/associative value** – are there known significant people/themes/ architects associated with the property?
 - **Contextual value** – is it physically important to the built fabric of the area, is it a landmark?
- Prioritized 80/300



The image shows a screenshot of a spreadsheet, likely Microsoft Excel, displaying a list of properties. The spreadsheet has several columns, with the first column containing property names or addresses. The subsequent columns are color-coded: green, yellow, and red, corresponding to the ranking system described in the text. The rows are also color-coded, with green rows indicating properties that are definitely designated, yellow rows indicating properties that are maybe designated, and red rows indicating properties that are not designated. The spreadsheet is titled 'Listed Properties' and has a date of '9/06' in the top right corner.

What's worked for us

- Researchers from local historical societies help with research
- Created 'Research Checklist' to ensure all researchers are checking the same sources
- Provided 'Research Categories' to give direction for research

RESEARCH CHECKLIST			
LOCATION	NAME	CALL NUMBER, LOCATION, IN PLACE	CHECK (X)
	NOTE: Read Library resources and in the On-line, On-site, and Contact Menus		
Library	Assimilation Records – Trailburg Township ones are labelled "Assimilate"	Historical microfilm cabinet	
Library	County Marriage Registers of Cassia, Canada, 1855-1869	929.371.3 Gaa REF	
Library	Haiton Maritime Register, 1870-1873	929.300.71/13533 Ha REF	
Library	Historical Atlas and Maps	Geoline Room, map shelves	
Library	Index: Subject Headings	Geoline Room	
Library	List of Birth, Marriages and Deaths in the Nation 1891-1894	929.3 Lix REF	
Library	Geoline: A Place that Grows – that Grows	917.130.3 Gaa REF	
Library	Geoline Name Index 1890-1900	Geoline Room	
Library	Geoline Name-index Index 1890-1900 (incomplete)	Geoline Room	
Library	Poole's of Haiti: Index to Genealogical Source Material	929.371.3 Hpa REF	
Library	Types of Catholic Dictionary and <u>Geoline</u> , 1932	917.130.3000S Tow	
Library	Trailburg Township: Cemetery no. 1-20	925.5 Gaa REF	
Library	Upper Canada Land Survey, Vol. 246, February 1871 to February 1884, 1st index	929.371.13 Hpa REF or online at http://www.utoronto.ca/~hpa/uppercanada/uppercanada.pdf http://www.utoronto.ca/~hpa/uppercanada/1871-1884	
Office	Beautiful Canada, for the Town of Cassia, 1873	Bookstore/RDS Drive	
Office	Centennial & Bell for the Town of Cassia, 1873	RDS folder, large package	

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Office	Directory of <i>Calville</i> , 1932	Bookshelf?
Office	Directory of <i>Calville</i> and <i>Bionne</i> , 1956	Bookshelf?
Office	Directory of <i>Calville</i> -Träger, 1960	Bookshelf?
Office	Fire Insurance Maps, <i>Calville</i> , 1910	8 Drive/Bookshelf
Office	Fire Insurance Maps, <i>Calville</i> , 1913	5 Drive
Office	Fire Insurance Maps, <i>Calville</i> , 1934	8 Drive
Office	Fire Insurance Maps, <i>Calville</i> , 1934 (incomplete)	3 Drive
Office	Fire Insurance Maps, <i>Calville</i> , 1949	3 Drive
Office	Fire Insurance Maps, <i>Calville</i> , 1967	5 Drive
Office	Hakon County Atlas, 1877 (flat copy book)	Bookshelf?
Office	Memories of <i>Calville</i>	Bookshelf?
Office	<i>Calville: A Place of Some Importance</i>	Bookshelf?
Office	<i>Calville: A Small Town</i>	Bookshelf?
Office	<i>Calville and the Sixteen</i>	Bookshelf?
Office	<i>Calville Book: Calville Then and Now</i>	Bookshelf?
Office	<i>Calville: Past and Present</i> , 1912	Bookshelf?
Office	<i>Calville Street Names and Landmarks</i>	Bookshelf?
Office	<i>Calville's 100 Years, 1837-1937</i> Centennial Souvenir Brochure	
Office	CHS Archival Photograph Collection	Red folder, small package
Office	CHS Newsletter Summaries (1920s)	Red folder, small package
Office	CHS Research Files - Subbed List	Red folder, small package
Office	Old <i>Calville</i>	Bookshelf?
Office	Old <i>Ontario</i> Houses	Bookshelf?
Office	Ontario Architecture	Bookshelf?

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Online	Ontario House Styles – Robert Miel	Bookshelf
Online	Prints of Canada	Bookshelf
Online	Historical Research History by Province	1 Drive http://www.history.gov.ca/
Online	Reader, Find a House/Building	Library room
Online	Index to OHS Library includes Free Family: A History of John's United Church 1850-2007	
Online	Forerunners of a Highland Immigrant Banned Immigrants Story of the Quaker 606060 United Empire Loyalists	Library room
Online	OHS Document File	Archives room
Online	OHS Photo File	Archives room
Online	OHS Research Files: Individuals and Families	Library room
Online	Canada 1851-61, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1906, 1911, 1916 and 1921 1901 Canada available June 2021	Library & Archives Canada www150.ca.gc.ca
Online	Canadian Passenger Lists 1864-1914, Death & Marriage Canadian Military Records Immigration Lists voters lists elections	www.familysearch.org www.ancestry.ca
Online	Ontario Architecture	www.ontarioarchitecture.ca
Online	Internet Archive: Periodicals, buildings & architectural journals	archive.org
Online	Archives of Ontario Crime photo database	http://www.ontarioarchives.com/ http://www.ontariocrimerecord.com/

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Online	Biographical Dictionary of Architects in Canada 1800-1950	http://www.bdi.ca/online/index.html
Online	Census, Halton, 1842-1901	http://www.halton.on.ca/ohwr/census.html
Online	Census, Trafalgar Township, 1841	http://www.cityoftrafalgar.on.ca/1377/1378.aspx
Online	Family Search	www.familysearch.org
Online	Halton's Historical and Newspaper Records	www.halton.on.ca/historical/city/index.html
Online	Library & Archives Canada. Military Records, census records & other resources.	http://www.library-archives.gc.ca
Online	Halton's Images	http://images.halton.on.ca/sections.asp
Online	Halton Newspaper Index	http://www.halton.on.ca/sections.asp
Online	Our Ontario Newspapers	www.ourontariocanada.ca
Online	Old Fulton Postcards (includes old newspapers from ALA & CA)	http://www.ala.ca
Online	Brimley Library (to access ProQuest historical newspapers, including The Globe & Mail and the Toronto Star. Also available at Toronto Public Library with a library card)	http://www.brimleylibrary.ca
Online	City of Halton's Website (includes links to various historical resources)	http://www.halton.on.ca/sections.asp
Online	Canada's List: Collection of links to websites which may be useful.	http://canadasslist.com/canada
OTA	Photo catalogue	http://www.cityofhalton.ca/ota
THHS	Family Files	Various Files
THHS	Histories – Schools, various	Various Files
THHS	Images – Various	Scanned

LEGEND
Library – Oakville Central Library, 120 Navy St
OHS – Oakville Historical Society, 110 King St
Office – Town Hall Heritage Planning office
Online

Category	Details
Owners/tenants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who lived there - What was their significance/accomplishments/associations
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What's the neighbourhood/subdivision and its history - Is there a social community associated with it (i.e. church, organization)
Building Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What's the date of construction - Who was the architect/designer - Who was the builder
Photos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there any photos of the house or the people/community associated with the property

What's worked for us

Being flexible

- Writing NOIDs/by-laws with owners' input
- Being flexible on heritage attributes to get a positive designation
 - i.e. instead of including the historic wood windows, an attribute might be: "the presence of multipaned wood windows"
- Considering Heritage Easement Agreements in unique circumstances

Changing course

- Switching to supported designations when we have too many unsupported ones in the queue
- Reaching out to 'yellow' properties to see if we can get a positive designation (if they merit it)

Benefits of designation

- Annual heritage grant program funding restoration projects
- Free bronze plaque
- Free/quick heritage permit



What's worked for us

Communications Strategy


Social media posts

TOWNOFOAKVILLE

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townof oakville

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Liked by restoreitgirl and others

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This c.1911 house is an excellent example of the Arts & Crafts style, an architectural style that focused on craftsmanship, connection to nature and purposeful designs as a reaction to the dehumanization of the Industrial Age. The 2 ½ storey house is clad in stucco and wood shingles and includes multiple rooflines, dormers, casement windows, and natural materials – all typical of the style.

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Heritage Designation Project

The Town of Oakville's Heritage Designation Project aims to designate approximately one third of its heritage listed properties before 2025.

About the project

In November 2022, the Government of Ontario passed Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*. The bill included several changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, including a two-year time limit for listed properties to remain on municipal heritage registers.

Listed properties are properties that have been identified as having cultural heritage value but have not yet been designated. In Oakville, this change means that the existing 294 listed properties will be removed from Oakville's heritage register as of January 1, 2025. To protect the town's cultural heritage, the town has a goal of designating approximately one third of these listed properties before 2025.

Process

Throughout 2023 and 2024, Heritage Planning staff will be producing Cultural Heritage Evaluation Reports (CHERs) for many of the town's listed properties. These documents will provide an overview of the property and an evaluation of its cultural heritage value to determine if it meets the heritage designation criteria of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

These CHERs will be reviewed at monthly [Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee meetings](#) and [Planning and Development Council meetings](#). For each property, Council will decide whether or not to proceed with designation.

Planning & Development

Official Plan

Planning Studies

Heritage Planning

Heritage Planning

Heritage Designation Project

Heritage Districts & Properties

Heritage Permits

Heritage Grant Program

Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee

Planning Applications & Forms

What's worked for us

Communications Strategy cont'd...

Next steps:

- Social media testimonials with happy owners
- Social media video tours of heritage properties
- 2025 newsletter featuring grant program, restoration projects, designations, etc.

Designation Info Sheet

Heritage Designation



What is designation?

Each individual heritage property is designated through a designation bylaw that is approved by Town Council. This bylaw outlines what elements of the property are considered to be heritage and which are not.

After approval from Town Council, the designation bylaw is registered on the title of the property.

Designation ensures that heritage properties are managed for future generations and protects the Town's cultural and heritage landscapes. It provides the Town a role in helping guide owners through alterations that help to conserve heritage elements. Designation enhances quality of life and sense of community. It employs local crafts and tradespeople and can add neighbourhood character. Designation helps sustainability by reducing waste and lessening the demand for energy.



Heritage in Ontario & Oakville

Every Ontario community has its own unique culture and heritage. The Ontario government recognizes and conserves cultural heritage as a matter of public interest through the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA). Through this, municipalities can designate properties of cultural value or interest. Properties can be designated and protected individually or as part of a Heritage Conservation District.

Protected heritage can be buildings, cemeteries, trails, landscapes, roads, and more. If a property or district is designated, it gains public recognition as well as protection from demolition or unsympathetic alteration so that its heritage attributes can be conserved.

In Oakville, there are currently over 170 individually designated properties and over 700 properties are a part of Oakville's four Heritage Conservation Districts. All this conserves Oakville's centuries-long heritage.

What does designation not do?

- Heritage designation does not prevent change
- Designation very rarely includes interior spaces
- Heritage designation does not place additional requirements on the insurer and should not affect premiums
- Does not obligate the property owner to replicate buildings in the case of total loss
- Does not prevent introduction of modern utilities and appliances
- Does not prevent development of property, but does give Town an opportunity to guide change
- Does not require approval for regular maintenance

Heritage permit process

- Required when proposing change to protected heritage elements on the property; contact Town staff to determine what needs a permit
- No fees for heritage permits
- Most alterations only require a minor heritage permit, which is processed within several business days
- Friendly and helpful staff will guide you through the process, share resources, and give tips on heritage conservation practices
- Staff have a list of contractors and specialists who regularly work on heritage properties to share with property owners

Heritage grant program

- A matching grant program for work not yet started (with some exceptions), covering up to half the cost of eligible conservation work
- Owners can apply for up to \$15,000 per year
- Applies to conservation work on the property that appropriately restores, and/or enhances heritage attributes
- Goal of the program is to help cover the costs of extra maintenance that many heritage properties require

Contact us for more information

heritage@oakville.ca or scan the QR code below for our website



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Kim Arnott
Aug 1, 2023 9:00 AM




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Ontario Home Builders' Association


THE HEAVEN & HELL OF HERITAGE HOMES



By Ted McIntyre

As historic restorations become more commonplace, are you focusing on the nuisance or the opportunity?

So you've acquired a chunk of land with a heritage property on it. Barring an earthquake, meteorite or some other random occurrence wiping the thing from the face of the earth, there are legal constraints to the situation.



What's been a challenge

Hand-holding

- 1) Send letter and Designation Info Sheet to owner
 - Describe heritage designation project
 - Inform that their property has been prioritized for assessment/potential designation
 - Ask to come to the property and discuss
- 2) If a response from the owner, arrange site visit
 - Take photos
 - Discuss designation
- 3) If no response from the owner, drop by property
 - If possible, chat with owners, take photos
- 4) Complete CHER
- 5) Send CHER to owners
 - By email if we've had contact with owners, or by mail if no contact with owners
 - Provide MHC/Council date details



What's been a challenge

Hand-holding cont'd

- Council desire for staff to work with owners and provide communications beyond OHA requirements
- Requires increased time, energy, effort
- Letters, going door-to-door, site visits, phone calls, emails
- Re-writing CHERs, NOIDs, by-laws

Quantity vs. quality

- Balance between hitting our target numbers and 'getting it right'
 - Extra communications = fewer OLT hearings, better press
 - Extra research = better prepared for Council, OLT hearings
 - Consistent CHERs/NOIDs/by-laws = better prepared, fewer surprises
- **Bigger picture** – can we maintain our positive heritage image *after* Bill 23 – are all designations worth pursuing if they lead to negative image of heritage in a municipality?



Key Points

- Quantity and Quality
 - Moving quickly/efficiently but doing it right the first time
- All Hands on Deck
 - Communications, historical societies, local residents, councillors, MHC members
- Bigger Picture
 - Finding a balance between pushing for designations but maintaining a positive image of heritage
- Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not get bent out of shape
 - Change course, let go, breathe

Thank you!

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Priority Designation Project

Ontario Heritage Conference

Gravenhurst

June 14, 2024



Evan Manning, Planner, City of Markham



Heritage Context

- 1125 properties designated under **Part V** of the Ontario Heritage Act
 - **Thornhill, Buttonville, Unionville and Markham Village**
- 237 properties designated under **Part IV** of the Ontario Heritage Act
- 316 properties **listed** on the Markham Heritage Register
- Three full-time planning staff and one part-time contract staff member

Evaluation Process

- Staff developed a matrix consisting of four criteria against which all eligible listed properties were evaluated to determine their degree of cultural heritage significance
- All cemeteries, barns, and government-owned (municipal/provincial/federal) properties were excluded from evaluation
- Properties rated according to **four** criteria: Design Value, Integrity, Risk of De-listing and Contextual Value
- The higher the score, the greater the anticipated cultural heritage value. High-scoring properties are prioritized for Council consideration

DESIGN VALUE

HIGH [3]: WELL-EXECUTED EXAMPLE OF ITS ARCHITECTURAL TYPE. GOOD USE OF MATERIALS AND SOPHISTICATED CRAFTSMANSHIP. RARITY OF THE ARCHITECTURAL STYLE WITHIN MARKHAM TO BE CONSIDERED

MEDIUM [2]: MODEST EXAMPLE OF ITS ARCHITECTURAL STYLE. RESTRAINED DETAILING AND SELECT USE OF GOOD MATERIALS

LOW [1]: UTILITARIAN IN DESIGN AND EXECUTION. UNREMARKABLE CRAFTSMANSHIP AND/OR USE OF MATERIALS

DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

HIGH [2]: THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE URBAN BOUNDARY WITH AN UNKNOWN DEVELOPMENT WINDOW OR IT IS CONTAINED WITHIN THE EXISTING URBAN AREA AND THERE IS A RISK OF DEMOLITION

LOW [1]: THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED NEARBY TO THE URBAN BOUNDARY WITH DEVELOPMENT ANTICIPATED IN THIS MEDIUM TERM (2-5 YEARS) OR THE PROPERTY IS ADJACENT TO THE URBAN BOUNDARY AND DEVELOPMENT IS ANTICIPATED IN THE SHORT TERM (WITHIN THE NEXT 2 YEARS) OR THE PROPERTY HAS ALREADY BEEN REDEVELOPED AND THE HERITAGE RESOURCE HAS BEEN CONSERVED OR THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN ACTIVE PLANNING APPLICATION

INTEGRITY

HIGH [3]: THE BUILDING IS IN A GOOD STATE OF REPAIR WITH CHARACTER-DEFINING ELEMENTS INTACT

MEDIUM [2]: THE BUILDING SHOWS SIGNS OF DETIORATION WITH SOME CHARACTER-DEFINING ELEMENTS INTACT

LOW [1]: THE BUILDING IS IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DISREPAIR WITH MOST OR ALL CHARACTER-DEFINING ELEMENTS MISSING

CONTEXT VALUE

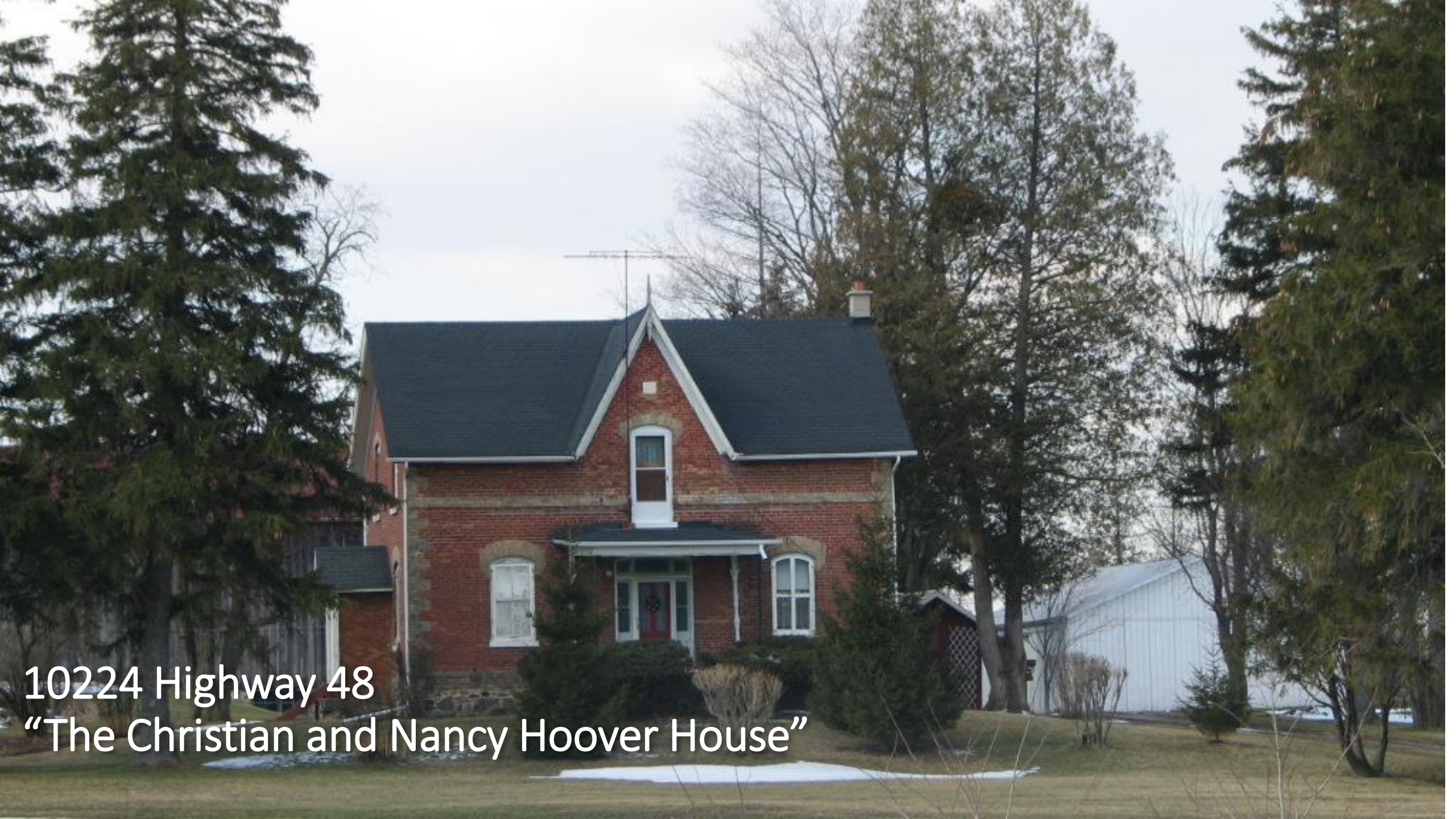
HIGH [3]: THE PROPERTY IS CONTAINED WITHIN AN INTACT HAMLET WITH A MINIMUM OF INFILTRATING SUBURBAN GROWTH

MEDIUM [2]: THE PROPERTY IS CONTAINED WITHIN A HAMLET WITH A MODEST CONCENTRATION OF EXISTING OR POTENTIAL HERITAGE RESOURCES AND/OR THE BUILDING IS OF MODEST DESIGN VALUE AND IS NOT A SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE WITHIN THE HAMLET

LOW [1]: THE PROPERTY IS NOT LOCATED WITHIN A HAMLET OR IS LOCATED WITHIN A HAMLET BUT IS NOT VISIBLE FROM THE STREET

Research Process

- 168 listed properties to research – 118 completed (4 to 10 pages depending on complexity of property)
- Part-time architectural Historian researches and writes reports
- Research Reports take from 1.5 to 3 days to research and write. Some are updates of previously researched properties



10224 Highway 48
“The Christian and Nancy Hoover House”



10737 Victoria Square Blvd
"The Christian and Nancy Hoover House"



3450 Elgin Mills Road East
“The Hilts-Ford House”



Cultural History Theme Structure

Markham's Prehistory (Archaeology)

Immigration

Industry, Innovation and Economic Development

Transportation & Communication

Government Services

Initial Religious & Ethnic Mosaic

Politics

Urban Development

The Militia

Recreation & Social Life

<u>THEMES:</u>	<u>SUBTHEMES:</u>	<u>SUBTHEME ELEMENTS:</u>
2. IMMIGRATION	a) <u>Significant Waves</u>	(i) Berczy Settlers (1794) (ii) French Emigrés (1797) (iii) Pennsylvania Germans (1803-1812) (iv) American/United Empire Loyalists (v) British, Irish, Scottish (1830 and on)
	b) <u>Motivation</u>	(i) Loyalty to British Crown (ii) Free land grants and/or opportunity to own land (iii) Quality and availability of agricultural land (iv) Religious/political persecution (v) Famine, overpopulation, oppression
	c) <u>Initial Settlement Patterns</u> (Phases of Township Survey) (Crown/Clergy Reserves)	(i) German Mills/Thornhill/Unionville (ii) Northern and eastern periphery of township (iii) Markham Village/Mount Joy/Vinegar Dip (iv) Other hamlets/villages (v) Initial concentration along even-numbered concession roads, opening up of "back 40" leading to settlement along other concession roads

Statements of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

- Draft Statements of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest are prepared by the Architectural Historian as part of the research process.
- Draft SCHVIs are based on results of research scoped down to essential facts that meet the O. Reg 9/06 criteria for **Design or Physical Value**, **Historical or Associative Value**, and **Contextual Value**.
- Draft SCHVIs are reviewed and revised by Senior Heritage Planner and Manager of Heritage Planning prior to proceeding with a NOID recommendation to Council.

Engagement Process

- Property owners are provided notice 2-3 weeks prior to Council consideration of the Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID), exceeding statutory notice requirements in the Ontario Heritage Act
- Notifying property owners in advance of consideration of the NOID has helped reduce deferrals
- Notification packages include information on financial assistance programs and address common misconceptions about the impact of designation

General Lessons Learned

- Properties that have been researched and evaluated as weak candidates for designation are set aside – significantly altered buildings in particular are often poor candidates for designation.
- Engagement with property owners early in the designation process is valuable
- SCHVIs can be revised to address owner concerns if key elements supporting cultural heritage value remain included.

Developer Focused Lessons

- A significant number of listed properties are contained in rural portions of Markham and are developer-owned
- Financial concerns are paramount
- Developers have the resources and knowledge to more effectively challenge designation than single-family property owners. Three OLT appeals – all developer initiated
- Negotiation can be used to prevent OLT appeals, although objections have been more challenging to avoid. Refinements to Statements of Significance and Reference Plans have been useful.



Successful Designations

Prioritize Carefully

Consistent Research

Avoiding Problems

Owner Involved

Flexibility re Criteria

Developer Interactions

Early Engagement

Reference Plans



Designation of Heritage Property ***HELPING OWNERS UNDERSTAND How and Why and What's in it for me ??***

Nancy Matthews, CHO VP

Chair Heritage Grey Highlands

Why Designation?



81 Main E. Markdale: Designation at owner request helped prevent closure of the school next door

What's in it for me?

Small municipalities often require owner permission. Restrictions may seem a problem, SO ensure owners are also aware of benefits

- * **Tax relief & grants** for façade restoration may be available to designated properties
- * Qualify for **alternatives or exemptions** to building code requirements (except health/safety)
- * **Control nearby construction or development** – NOT allowed to adversely affect heritage attributes
- * Preserve worth of time, effort, money spent on heritage restoration. Maintain for future generations
- * Tourist interest in Heritage Properties brings upscale clients to restaurants/shops/hotel/B&B
- * Designated heritage properties proven to retain higher value & faster re-sale (Shipley)

Practical Help for Heritage Owners

Access to Regulatory Info:

- Phone/email for planning, zoning staff is easy to find in heritage section of website
- Heritage policies, regulations and application forms etc. readily available
- Positive, prompt staff response to requests for information & guidance
- Consultations available w. staff & MHC prior to making permit applications
- Heritage permits expedited if no issues RE heritage attributes

Access to Useful Resources:

- Maintain list of local providers of appropriate materials & products for heritage repairs & restorations
- Maintain list of craftspeople with heritage restoration capabilities
- Research possible sources of local heritage materials like brick, woodwork, stone
- Consultations available with MHC possibly including an architect or builder to consult on structural problems & best possible repairs/restorations

Municipal Heritage Website

Keeping Owners Informed

- Designation process, Conservation Districts, OHA & other legislation
- Regulations & guidelines for permits
- Staff that can act on or help with issues

Engaging the Public

- Register of heritage properties
- Pictures and videos if possible
- Links to walks, tours, events, maps, museums, historical information ...

Successful Web Design

- *Heritage* search gives general overview
- Publicly understood terminology for list
- List of heritage topics has link to that info

Things to (possibly) Avoid

- Generic staff contact not working heritage
- Terminology or references using “lingo” specific to planning or municipal staff
- Separating info to different website areas each needing different search terminology

Rideau Lakes Website promotes heritage sites:

Rideau Lakes

LIVE GROW EXPERIENCE TOWN HALL

Screen Reader

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Things To Do >

Things To Do (continued) v

Rideau Canal

Museums & Heritage Sites v

Museums and Historic Plaques

Cemeteries

Historic Settlements

Documentary Films

Cultural Heritage Map

Books

The MHAC is a standing committee of the Council of the Township of Rideau Lakes. Made up of volunteers from the community and representatives from Council, MHAC is mandated to provide research and advice to Council on the recognition, designation and conservation of the heritage of our Township.

The MHAC has undertaken a number of projects to promote the awareness and understanding of the rich cultural and natural heritage of our diverse community. Our very popular Heritage Map, first published as a millennium project has been revised and reproduced 7 times for a total of over 200 000 copies, proving to be a very welcome resource to visitors, citizens and students. "Our Best Kept Secret" provides a visual overview of our history and heritage.

QUICK LINKS

Downloadable [Map of the Township of Rideau Lakes](#)

[Map of Historic Plaques & Museums](#)

[Map of Cemeteries](#)

[Heritage Walking and Driving Tours](#)

[Map of Heritage Properties](#)

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Go for a Swim

Stay Awhile

Discover the Rideau Canal

- ✓ Consolidated info
- ✓ Links to many heritage tourist attractions
- ✓ Entire page history & heritage related
- ✓ “Click & Find” for info on the topics and access to films
- **MISSING:** No link to info for property owners re OHA, designations, heritage permits etc. (This is not anywhere on site that I could find)

Heritage Planning

Archaeological Master Plan

Conservation Districts

Frequently Asked Questions

Grants/Tax Relief Programs

Heritage Property Request

Heritage Resource Centre

Properties Register

A to Z Service

Accessibility

Airport

Animals & Pets

Better Homes Kingston

Building & Renovating

Bylaw Enforcement

Cannabis

City Calendar & Events

Climate Change & Energy

Community Services

COVID-19

Emergency Services

Environment & Sustainability

Fluoride

Garbage & Recycling

Get Involved Kingston

Getting Around

Homelessness Services


Kingston Fire & Rescue

Heritage Planning

Home

Resident

Heritage Planning



May 14: The City of Kingston intends to pass by-laws under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act to designate 11 properties to be of cultural heritage value and interest. [View the public notice](#) for more information.

The City of Kingston is one of the earliest sites of European settlement in Ontario and has a longer history as a meeting place of Indigenous peoples. The City is well known for its cultural heritage resources and its role in Confederation. This plays a key role in the City's identity, quality of life, and contributes to its economic prosperity.

These cultural heritage resources include protected heritage buildings, built heritage resources (such as monuments, structures and installations); cultural heritage landscapes (such as scenic vistas, views, streetscapes, battlefields and cemeteries), and archaeological resources. Most cultural heritage resources are non-renewable, and once lost cannot be regained.

Heritage Planning staff are available to provide information on the City's processes, respond to questions and concerns, and help guide you through a heritage conservation or research project.

Applying for a heritage permit

Meet our Heritage Planners to discuss your application and conservation project during the Heritage Roundtable. Meetings take place weekly on Wednesdays from 1 - 2 p.m. at the Heritage Resource Centre in City Hall.

The City's [Official Plan](#) directs that these resources are to be conserved, managed and marketed for their contribution to the City's unique character, history and sense of place in such a way as to balance heritage with environmental and accessibility concerns. Cultural heritage resources are non-renewable, and once lost cannot be regained.

Heritage Conservation Districts

Find out more about the City's Heritage Conservation Districts:

Barriefield

Market Square

Sydenham

The [Ontario Heritage Act](#) provides the City with a number of tools to help conserve its cultural heritage resources including the formation of a Heritage Properties Committee.

Heritage Links

Heritage FAQ's

Heritage Conservation Districts

Heritage Permits

Heritage Properties Committee

Grants & Tax Relief Programs

Ontario Heritage Act

Planning & Development

Related Documents

Heritage Property - Owners Guide

Heritage Register

Heritage Window Policy and Guidelines

Heritage Masonry Restoration Policy

Heritage Bylaw

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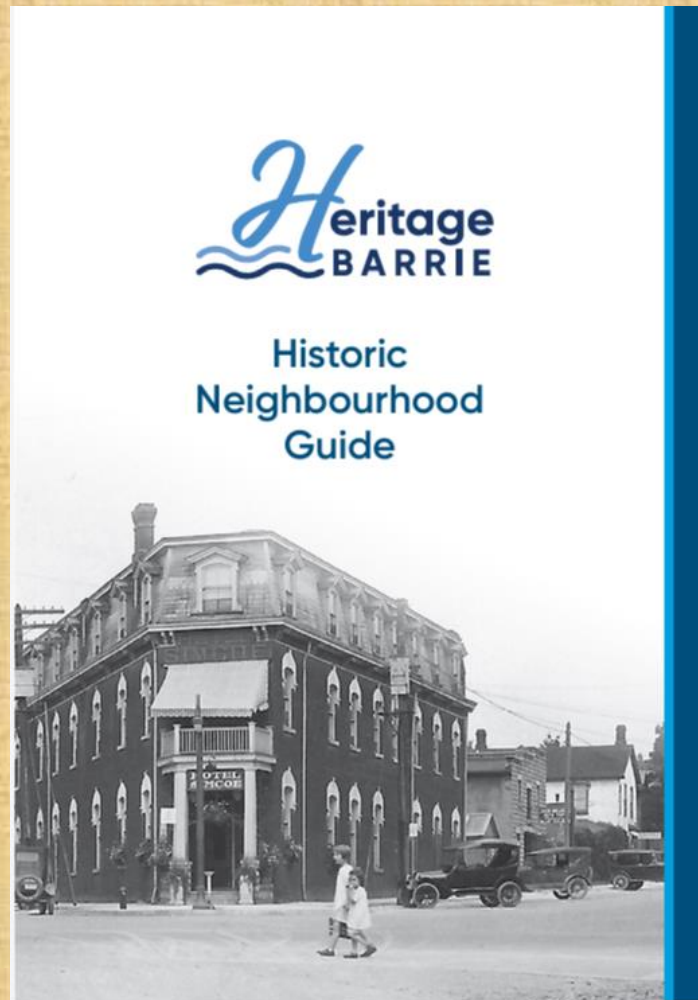
Kingston Website

one-stop-shopping

for property owners

- ✓ Click to access more info on any topics listed to left or right
- ✓ Access provincial & municipal heritage policies and regulations.
- ✓ Register and Conservation Districts
- ✓ Topics relevant to owner inquiries
- ✓ Contact info for planning staff and MHC easily available

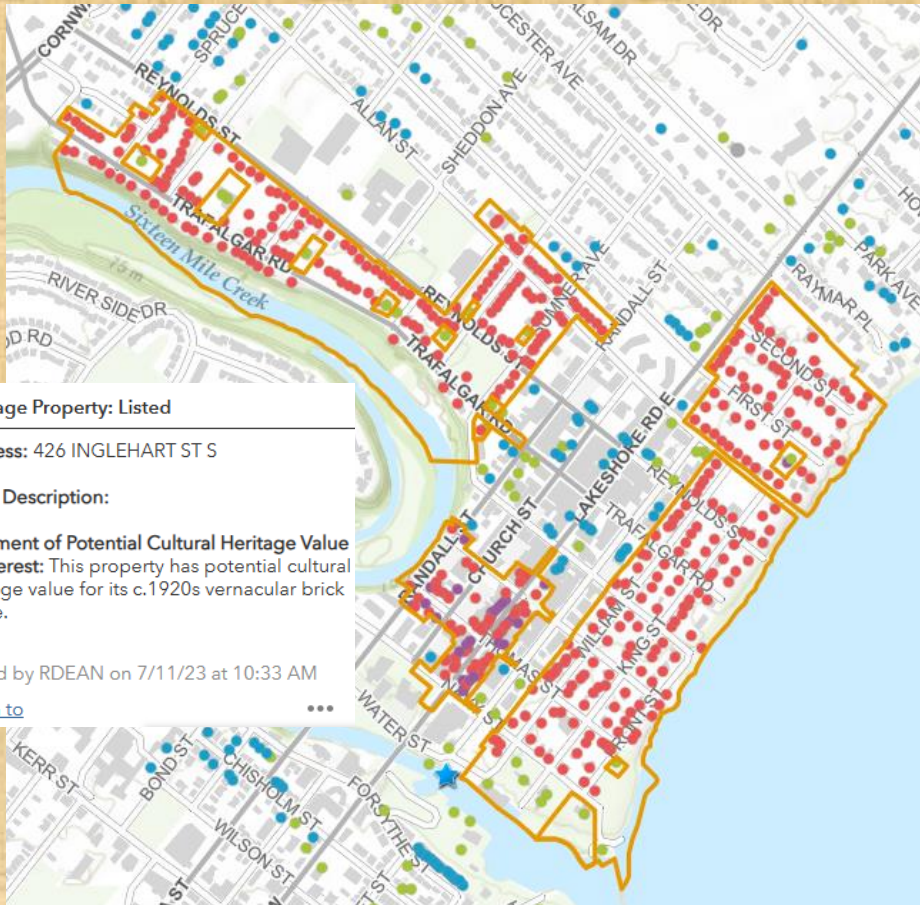
Municipal Register as a 63-page brochure



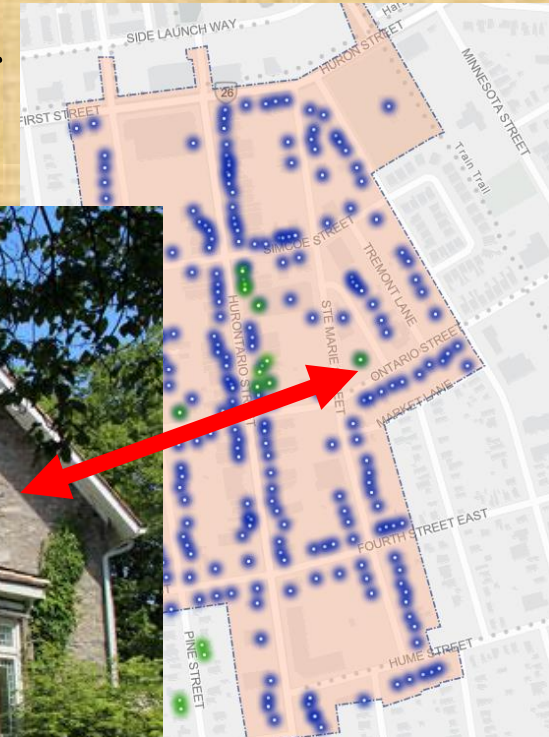
Interactive Maps w Photos/info

Oakville: click dot for address, bit of info & link to designation bylaw

Accessibility issues should NOT prevent heritage photos



Collingwood: click for similar info plus access to 2-3 photos



Designated Heritage Property

Name: Whaley (Issacc) House

Address: 1605 County Road 42

Roll: 083183105131000



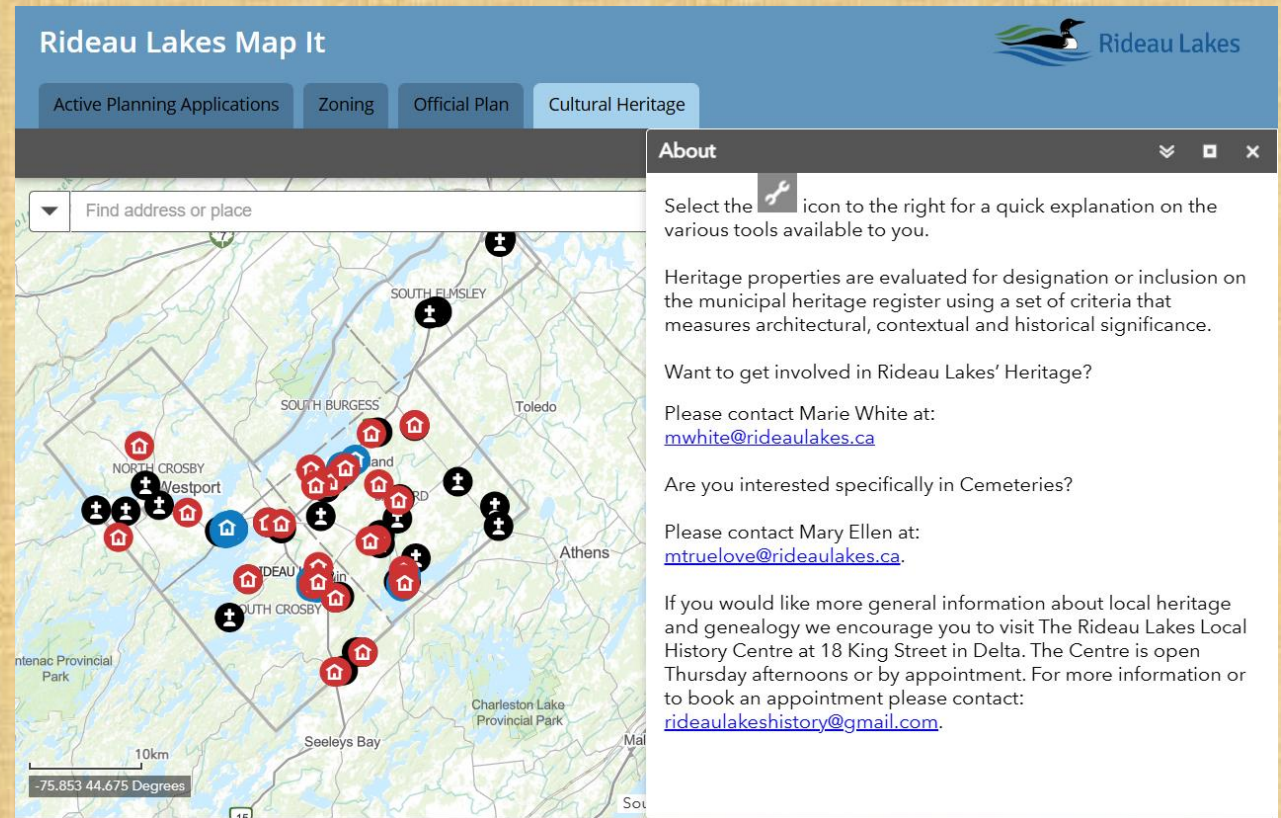
Attachments:

By-Law_Heritage_605.pdf

Heritage Information County Rd 42
1605.pdf

Interactive Map

click icon, info pops up
good contact info RE heritage



Heritage Property Change of Ownership: Avoiding Costly Errors due to Owner Misunderstandings

Municipal Tools

- **RED FLAG** on designated property alerts permit application & new owner
- **Contact Owner:** ensure regulations, permits, issues are understood. Provide contact info for related staff, MHC & links to related electronic info & brochures
- **Conservation District warning:** owners of properties NOT designated under section IV may not understand that heritage permit restrictions exist or apply to them

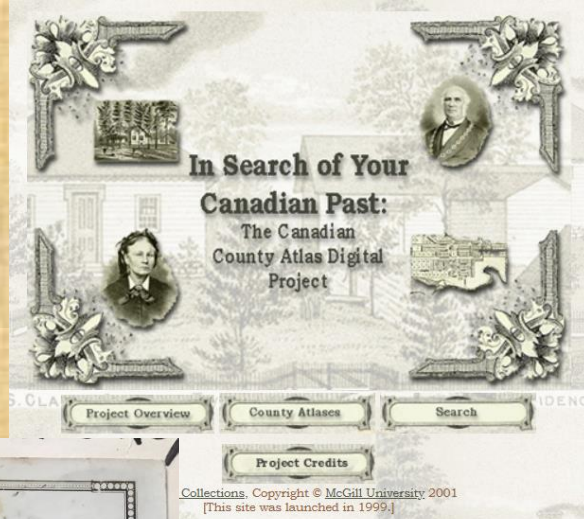
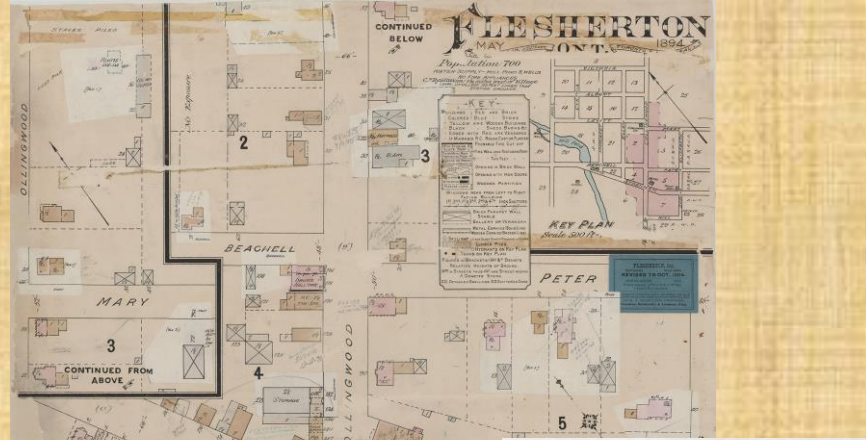
MHC: eyes on For Sale signs

- Help develop **informative brochure** for local realtors & lawyers to give clients
- Designated heritage property is for sale: ensure **real estate agent** knows details to tell buyers, perhaps with a pamphlet?
- Property is sold: contact **new owners** with appropriate info and/or assistance.
- Visit property to discuss preservation of heritage attributes & other features, along with or as approved by municipal staff

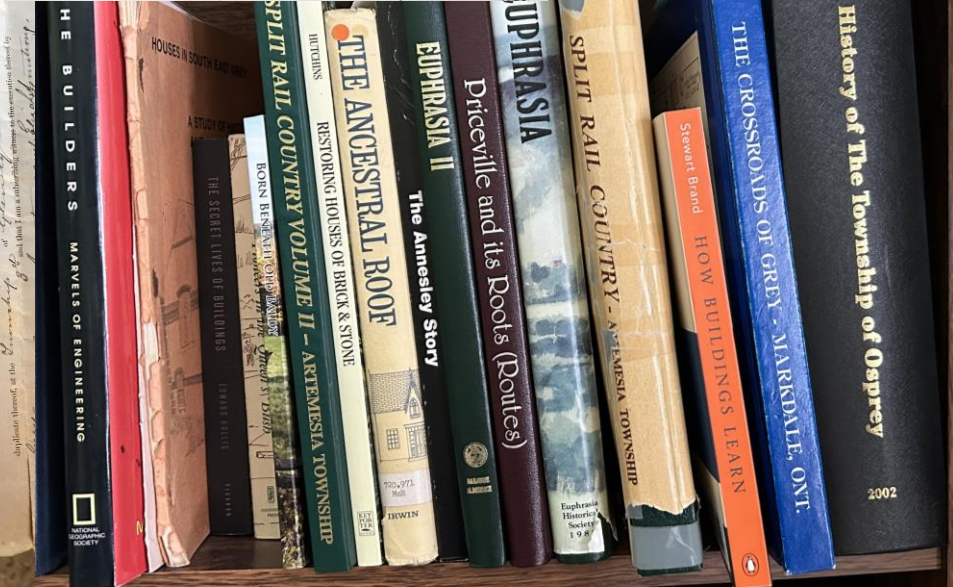
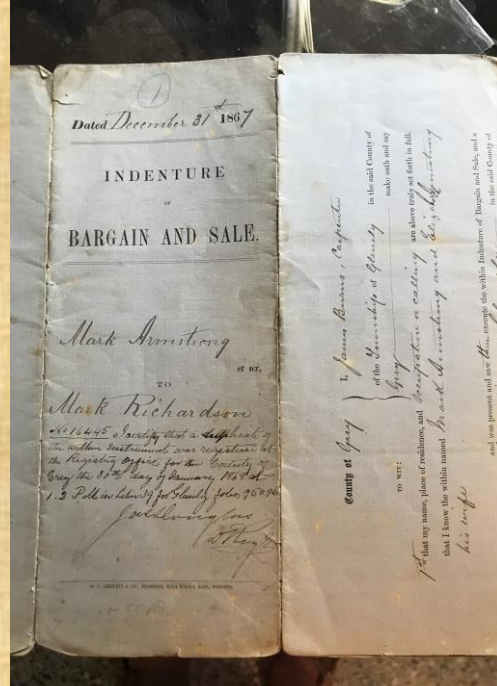
Links for Sources of Research – Online or Museums – Libraries Historic Societies

Research Workshops for owners
and the public to learn about:

- Books on local history
- Newspaper archives
- Historic maps or atlas
- Letters/artefacts of historic people
- Access to census/land registry



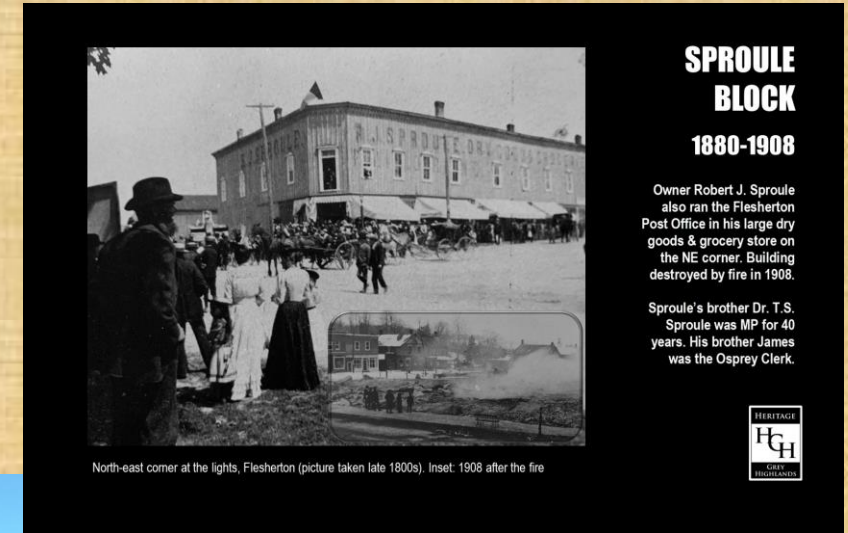
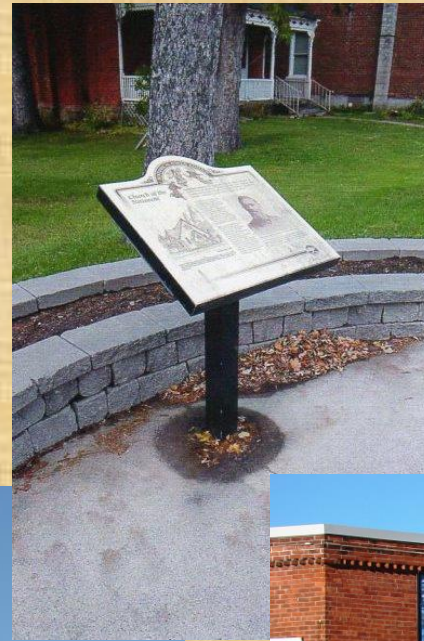
School Fair Faversham 1930 or 1



Common misconceptions re designation: what to tell owners

- ❖ ***OMG I lose control of my property: fear of being unable to change appearance or usage, replace old windows with vinyl or “add on” rooms or a garage & etc.:*** Changes are not forbidden, but permit applications will be reviewed. Maintaining appearance of Heritage facades adds to property value, but adaptive re-use of interiors often of benefit. Modern products replacing original heritage features will preferably be a color and appearance that compliments the building.
- ❖ ***My insurance will skyrocket:*** Insurance on ALL old buildings is higher due to concerns re wiring, plumbing etc. Designation should not make any difference- if it does, shop around! Rates may be lower if “full replacement” options are reduced.
- ❖ ***My building is too young or too ugly or too altered from original:*** None of these issues would prevent designation. “Modern” buildings with high design value or public recognition are eligible (e.g. church, city hall). “Ugly” utilitarian buildings (e.g. factory, mill) served a useful past purpose or have a great potential for adaptive re-use. “Altered” buildings could be designated for historical importance even if many original features are missing or covered over.
- ❖ ***I don’t want my house open to tourists:*** private property remains private.

Informative Community Signage & Murals



Weatherproof
printed murals
preferable to
paint on brick.
More durable,
can be moved

Plaques to Identify Designations

Custom plaques more heritage info but more expensive and need time for special order to be filled

Generic plaques less expensive can keep supply on hand



- 12" bronze, standard outer ring, mid-section customized approx. \$600



- Fusion cast bronze 12" oval approx. \$350

Local Newspaper Articles

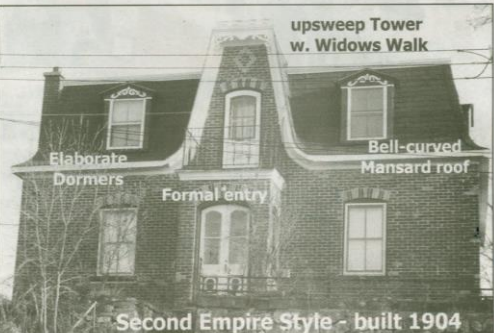
and/or post stories on Facebook, Instagram etc.

Architecture/history of heritage buildings

Pix/articles about heritage incentives and other events

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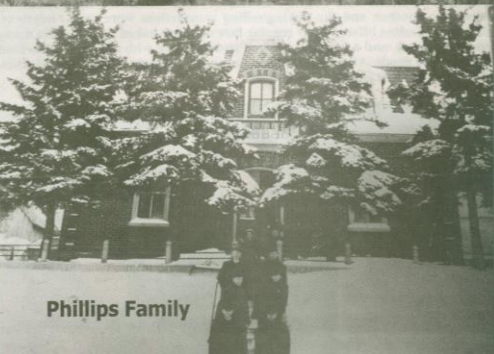
upsweep Tower w. Widows Walk

Elaborate Dormers

Formal entry

Bell-curved Mansard roof

Second Empire Style - built 1904




Phillips Family

SECOND EMPIRE ARCHITECTURE IN FLESHERTON - Oscar Phillips, born 1881 in Artemesia, came to Flesherton in 1900 to learn the harness-making trade. In 1909 he set up a harness-making/shoe repair business directly opposite his hilltop home at 13 Collingwood St., and for the next 50 years, he simply descended the long set of stairs and crossed over to his place of business. Oscar's skill at making show harness for racing was greatly prized by enthusiasts of that sport. After 1933, son Bob helped in the business and family descendants still reside in the area. Second Empire homes were considered to reflect wealth & discerning taste. Though small for a normally ostentatious architectural style, this elegant house has all the key features including a tower belvedere (open roof-top balcony) popularly known as a Widow's Walk because in coastal towns, sailor's wives standing there to watch the fleet come in would first suspect they had been widowed that day. For more details, see Heritage Properties on the Municipal Website. - by Nancy Matthews HGH chair. (Historic photo courtesy of South Grey Museum)

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MARKDALE circa 1900: If nothing in this photo looks familiar to anything in modern Markdale, it's because this is the west side of Toronto St. north looking towards Main St., present day site of the pharmacy and the grocery store. At the far left (on the corner) is F.T. Hill Store, which for many years was a prominent landmark and whose owner was of huge economic and social importance to the town. Different in appearance, but largely unchanged in purpose from then till now, is the line-up of "buggies" - in town to collect mail, stock up on supplies and catch the latest gossip. The Municipal Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest serves to identify historic buildings that should be preserved for posterity. Please see the municipal website for heritage properties listed or designated at the owner's request. Sadly, so far no privately-owned Markdale properties are included. - Nancy Matthews, Heritage Grey Highlands Chair. (Photo: from "Markdale, The Crossroads of Grey")

in the local area, but across the country. Grey County has been passing funding on to local municipalities, which add to that to their own budget allocations to provide some incentive.

These programs are relatively new, and those who administer them have been learning from experience. For example, application forms that were once dauntingly long have been shortened.

The group that met on Friday afternoon included Grey County Warden Brian Milne and Grey Highlands Deputy-Mayor Dane Nielsen; Nancy Matthews of Heritage Grey Highlands; and Sandy Gott of Ice River Sustainable Solutions, along with Carolyn Parker and Terri Murphy.

There has been a vision at work to preserve the building for some time. A major re-build overseen by Paul Dawson, area architect about 30 years ago restored the former inn.

It has been occupied and well-used for different purposes over the years.

Right now, there are apartments above, and three ground-floor retail spaces: Remax; the salon ReVamp and a restaurant space, to open again under a new operator in about a year's time.

Warden Brian Milne commended the dedication and commitment to the ongoing improvements to the site at the northeast corner of Hwy. 10 and o. Road 4 in Flesherton.

"The Munshaw House is not just a building, it's a community landmark," he said.

Deputy-Mayor Dane Nielsen ded his congratulations, noting

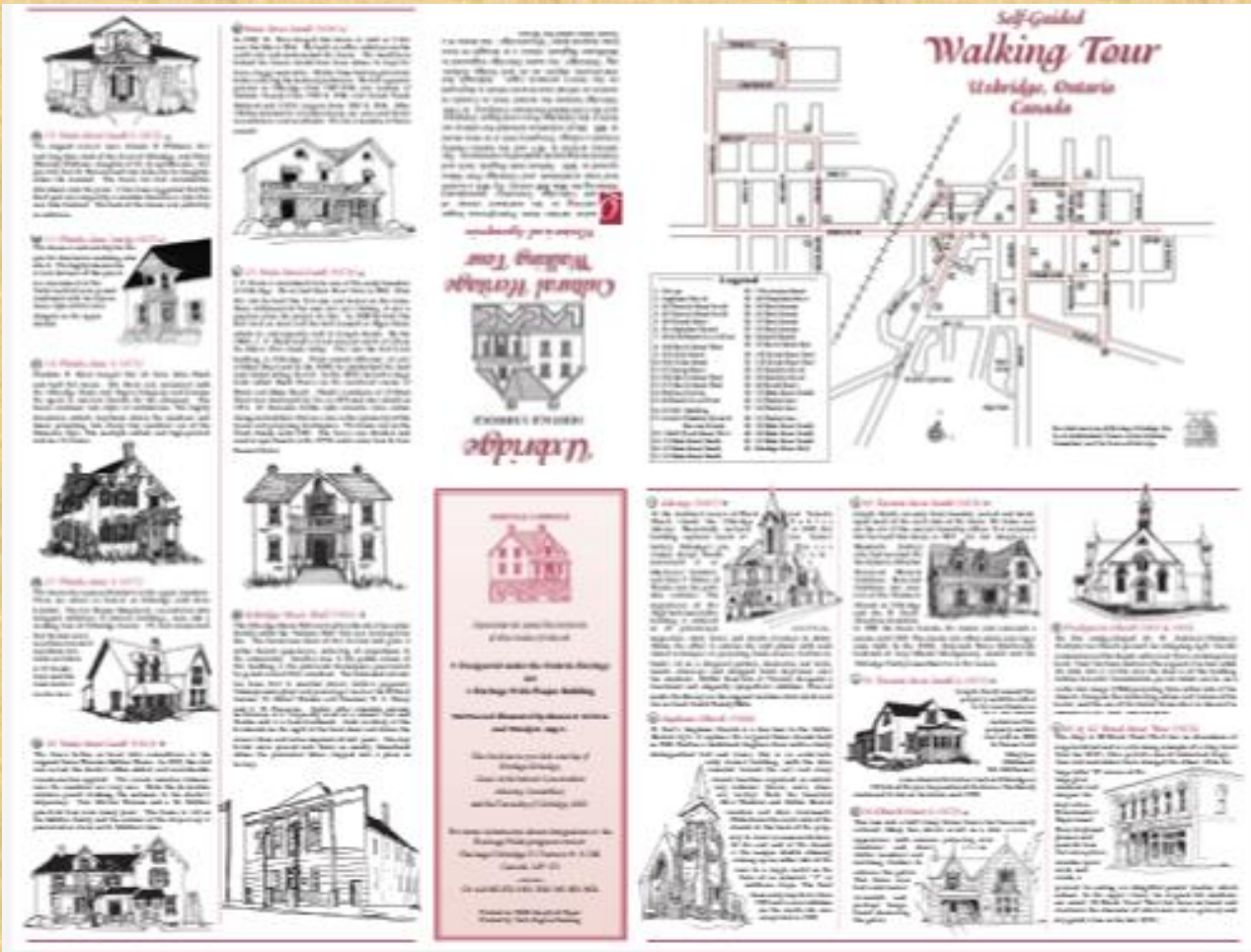
settled first further south in the village but then moved to the former stables were, although with a smaller footprint, due to modern

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RENEWING EARLY FLESHERTON HISTORY - The Munshaw House was designated at the time of earlier restoration work about 1990 for its visual and historical importance. Part of the recent work by present owners, Jamie and Sandy Gott, has been supported by Community Improvement Grant, and a new heritage sign will be attached. Heritage Grey Highlands says that the building is an excellent example of the well-balanced proportions of the Georgian style. It's rare locally because it was passing out of fashion when early settlers were putting up more permanent buildings. In 1989, architect Paul Dawson replicated the original full porch from an early photo. The inn, built in the mid-1800s, hosted travellers, who would show their wares to local customers as well as meetings and even early church services. From left: Grey Highlands Deputy-Mayor Dane Nielsen, Sandy Gott of Ice River, Nancy Matthews of Heritage Grey Highlands, Carolyn Parker of Ice River and Grey County Warden Brian Milne.

Uxbridge: Walking Tour Brochure



Interactive Walking Tours Markham

Click a number, get a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7y-S5Yn6FY>



Markham Village Heritage Site Tour



I'm James Speight, first reeve of Markham Village, and I'd like to invite you to explore my village. There are many places to visit and learn about the stories that have been told about this historic community since it began as Reesorville in the 1820s.

Markham Village is the City of Markham's largest heritage conservation district, designated in 1991. The district is made up of three distinct neighbourhoods: Vinegar Hill, the original village core that emerged around the post office and mills; Markham Village, the industrial heart of the community where the success of the Speight Wagon Company and other enterprises earned the village the name "the Birmingham of Ontario"; and Mount Joy, the home of Pennsylvania German Mennonite families.

The rich history of Markham Village is reflected in the many heritage buildings that are found throughout the heritage conservation district. Although the industries are gone, Main Street's business community, churches and residences remain. The village still has that "small town" feel even though the modern city has grown around it.

Please refer to the map to find the locations of each interpretive plaque on this self-guided tour through almost two centuries of history.



Sites to Visit

1. Indigenous Communities in the Rouge Valley
2. Rouge Valley Mills & Vinegar Hill
3. Markham Agricultural Fair
4. Highway 7
5. Stonehouse Robbery
6. Markham Village Churches
7. Speight Wagon Company
8. Main Street
9. Markham Village & Old Town Hall
10. Morgan Park
11. Robinson Farm
12. Markham Village Public School
13. Henry R. Wales Dwelling & Carriage Works
14. The Railway in Markham
15. The History of Mount Joy
16. Health Care in Mount Joy



Mount Joy, originally a police village, was

taken 0:08 / 1:03 by the Village of Markham 1015.

15. The History of Mount Joy - Markham Village Heritage Tour



City of Markham

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Heritage Website Information

Understandable

Easily Accessible

Visually Interesting

Accurate & Complete

Heritage Promotion Tools

for Owners & Public

Digital & Non-digital

Interactive on-line or in person

Municipal Staff/MHC

Readily Available

Approachable & Flexible

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