

Town of Amherstburg

# Amherstburg HCD Study

Project Feedback Form—Community Consultation Meeting #1



We want to hear from you...

What do you consider to be the important cultural heritage features of Amherstburg?

Our heritage buildings. Not only the architecture, but also the history that each building tells. Also our heritage neighbourhoods with trees, houses that don't have all garage frontage, etc. We are also lucky to have Fort Malden and Bellevue in our town.

Do you think there is merit in establishing a heritage conservation district in parts of Amherstburg?

Definitely. I think it is very important to save our Heritage buildings and protect the integrity of the neighbourhoods. It is exciting to see the revitalization and restoration/repurposing of some of the buildings in town.

Do you agree with the preliminary character areas identified by the project team? Why or why not?

It is a start. I agree with the areas identified however I would also like to see Laird Avenue possibly added in the future. It is so important to have guidelines to keep the historical look of existing buildings and ensure new builds fit the look as well.

Is there anything we have missed?

It would be worthwhile to investigate bringing back the Heritage rebate program. I understand that every homeowner has maintenance costs, however a heritage home is often more expensive to maintain due to the custom nature of some repairs & restorations.

Do you have any additional information, questions or concerns to share with the team?

This is a long time coming. Sadly we have already lost some beautiful buildings, had some horribly remuddled and had new builds pop up in Heritage neighbourhoods that look totally out of place. I fully support the HCD.

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April 15/2024

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In Downtown area, removing minimum parking requirements for commercial development in the Central Core Character

Possibly extend ~~the~~ removing minimum parking requirements in the entire district to maintain character



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Walkable condensed community, similar to old streetscape styles that were not separated by cement parking lots. Architecture that maintains characteristics + feature of historic Amherstburg, Height requirements, etc.

Do you think there is merit in establishing a heritage conservation district in parts of Amherstburg?

It will help us maintain connection to the past by preserving, rehabilitating and ongoing use of heritage buildings. Revitalize neighborhoods and encourage land infill to complement the charm of Amherstburg and maintain the visual streetscape appeal.

Do you agree with the preliminary character areas identified by the project team? Why or why not?

I agree with most, however I disagree with the boundary for the Central Core Character Area, ending at my West property line and would like to be included in the Central Core Character instead of the sandwich Core. My streetscape is on Murray + My Property is simply

Is there anything we have missed?

Identifying the policies, restrictions + zoning requirements of each character area. Sandwich District   
 I am height to 14 Murray. I do not go with the   
 It is difficult to decide what might have been missed when we don't have all the information.

Do you have any additional information, questions or concerns to share with the team?

The report was very informative, but it would have been nice to have an idea of what restrictions, policies and benefits occur as a result of having heritage designation.

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What do you consider to be the important cultural heritage features of Amherstburg?

- Fort
- Historic properties
- Navy yard
- Downtown

Do you think there is merit in establishing a heritage conservation district in parts of Amherstburg?

Yes

Do you agree with the preliminary character areas identified by the project team? Why or why not?

443 Dalhousie may not be a Georgian.. Seems Early Victorian?

Is there anything we have missed?

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*The older architecture features add a distinctive "Charm" to the Downtown Core making it appealing to tourists & visitors.*

Do you think there is merit in establishing a heritage conservation district in parts of Amherstburg?

*YES. WE LIKE THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE DOWNTOWN CORE. If the older architectural features were removed or replaced, the town would not have ~~distinct~~ distinct features.*

Do you agree with the preliminary character areas identified by the project team? Why or why not?

*YES. There are obvious physical characteristics within these areas that are similar,*

Is there anything we have missed?

*The social, cultural, & economic benefits to the town to maintaining such a district are widespread.*

Do you have any additional information, questions or concerns to share with the team?

*It would be beneficial to offer some form of financial incentive to those residential & commercial property owners to maintain the structure within certain guide-*

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*I got a lot to say but space is limited*

What do you consider to be the important cultural heritage features of Amherstburg?

*I would have thought as history goes, the Fort should have been considered. As far as the rest of the town famous homes. Most have already been either torn down or removed for development. (Convent) (Duffy's) Town Hall (at opening to Navy Yard Park.*

Do you think there is merit in establishing a heritage conservation district in parts of Amherstburg?

*No clear reason as far as I can see!*

*No it's all another feasibility study as far as I'm concerned and we had three of those for the HM S District. It didn't happen too much spent on studies.*

Do you agree with the preliminary character areas identified by the project team? Why or why not?

*There is a substantial difference between Heritage and historical. What is it you are trying to convey?*

*History happened here! Every town in Southern Ontario has old homes.*

Is there anything we have missed?

*You missed by about 30 years maybe more. Amherstburg had a lot of beautiful architect at one time but without the qualified people to make good decisions it went amok!*

Do you have any additional information, questions or concerns to share with the team?

*I would ask you to look at getting a place to play in the town. Not having to send people to Windsor who want to visit Amherstburg.*

*We have NO parking for the public and terrible Roads!*

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# COMMENT SHEET

Heritage Conservation District Study

[talktheburg.ca/heritage](http://talktheburg.ca/heritage)



Public Open House #1:

Monday, April 15, 2024 | 5 pm-7 pm

Libro Community Centre, 3295 Meloche Road, Amherstburg, ON, N9V 2Y8

Your views are important to us. Please take a moment to complete this comment sheet. You can hand it in or complete it later and submit it by mail or e-mail.

Please provide your contact information below (PLEASE PRINT):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to be added to the project mailing list?  Yes [ ] No

Comments:

This was such an important event, and many questions I had were fully discussed and answered.

I sincerely hope that Amherstburg will finally make <sup>the</sup> Heritage Conservation District, for which urgent action is required, a reality for the benefit of all of us.

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MAIL: Town Hall – attention Development Services

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