

### **Heritage Register Listing - Process and Implications**

Listing a property on the Town's Heritage Register as a non-designated "Property of Interest" is a formal acknowledgement by the Town that the property possesses cultural heritage value or interest.

The procedure to add properties to the Town's Heritage Register was approved by Council September 14, 2020, based upon the August 5, 2020 recommendation by the Heritage Committee.

Properties are determined to be of cultural heritage value or interest by evaluating them using the Province's criteria for determining heritage value prescribed in Ontario Regulation 9/06. As per Regulation 9/06, the property must possess one or a combination of the following:

1. *The property has design value or physical value because it,*
  - i. *is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method,*
  - ii. *displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit, or*
  - iii. *demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.*
2. *The property has historical value or associative value because it,*
  - i. *has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community,*
  - ii. *yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture, or*
  - iii. *demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.*
3. *The property has contextual value because it,*
  - i. *is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area,*
  - ii. *is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, or*
  - iii. *is a landmark.*

Listing a property on the Heritage Register as a Property of Interest provides interim demolition protection. The only restriction for such a listed property is that the owner is legally required to give the Town 60 days written notice of intention to demolish. This 60-day time period allows Council to consider whether the property should be designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, or for the demolition to be approved.

Additionally, listing a property on the Heritage Register is also a valuable awareness and information tool and:

- Promotes and enhances an understanding of the Town's cultural heritage;
- Serves as valuable information for land use planning, property owners, developers, the tourism sector, educators, and the general public;

Listing on the Heritage Register as a Property of Interest does not require additional approvals by the Town for alterations (beyond those normally required), nor does the

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listing impose additional obligations for maintenance of the property. Listing on the on the Register as a Property of Interest is not registered on the land title.

The Town's process for listing a non-designated Property of Interest on the Heritage Register exceeds the notification requirements of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The process not only requiring that notification be provided to a property owner after a site is approved for listing on the Register, as per the *Act*, but also requires the Town to notify property owners of the Council meeting to which the Register listing will be considered.