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Subject: **Changes to Ontario Heritage Act resulting from the implementation of the More Homes Built Faster Act (Bill 23)**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report and presentation from Charlton Carscallen, Principal Planner/Supervisor, Planning, Building and Growth Management, dated, December 6, 2022, to the Brampton Heritage Board Meeting of December 13, 2022, re: **Changes to Ontario Heritage Act resulting from the implementation of the More Homes Built Faster Act (Bill 23)**, be received; and
2. That staff will seek direction from Council regarding City action to implement the changes to the Heritage Act and provide a report on the outcome to the Brampton Heritage Board at a later date.

Overview:

- **Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, proposes changes to the Ontario Heritage Act that will have an impact on the way in which the City of Brampton manages and maintains the Heritage Register. It will have an impact on the way in which heritage issues are addressed in the development application process.**
- **Heritage Staff have been engaged in reviewing the proposed changes and analyzing the implications for the City going forward.**
- **Following consultation with Council, Heritage staff will provide further updates to the Brampton Heritage Board.**

Background:

The City of Brampton maintains a list of culturally significant properties comprised of both designated resources under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as well as non-designated or 'listed' properties. This list is referred to as the Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Resources (the Register). The Register holds over 600 properties identified as having Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. Of the 600 properties, 384 are Listed (*i.e.* non-designated).

Changes in the Ontario Heritage Act will require the City to complete an in-depth review of the Register to address the status of the non-designated properties. This will lead to the need for other decisions regarding how to address the identification and conservation of heritage properties going forward.

Current Situation:

In the summer of 2022 the City of Brampton contracted Archaeological Research Associates (ARA) to complete a review and update of the Register. Fortuitously, much of the work ARA is completing will help the City in completing the in-depth review of the Register. This work is continuing but will need to review/refine a portion of the scope of work as a result of the implementation of Bill 23.

The formal implementation date for the changes to the Heritage Act have not yet been identified but it is anticipated that it will be early in 2023. Once the date of formal adoption occurs the two-year clock will start. At the end of the two years, all listed properties for which a Notice of Intention to Designate have not been issued are to be removed with immediate effect.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

Uncertain at this time. Additional staff or consultant resources will likely be required to address all of the Register updates within the required two-year period.

Other Implications:

None at this time.

Term of Council Priorities:

This report has been prepared in full consideration of the Term of Council Priorities (2019-2022). This report aligns with a 'Mosaic City' by continuing the preservation of heritage properties and cultural heritage resources to support cultural diversity and expression. A Mosaic City reflects the commitment of the City to preserve and protect its cultural heritage. This report also aligns with a 'City of Opportunities', supporting the creation of complete communities by supporting the diversity and distinctiveness of the City through

the preservation and conservation of its cultural heritage resources. Living the Mosaic – 2040 Vision: The report aligns with the following vision:

- Vision 5: in 2040, Brampton will be a rich mosaic of cultures and lifestyle, coexisting in social responsibility, respect, enjoyment and justice.

Conclusion:

Heritage Staff will be working to develop and implement a strategy for heritage identification, evaluation and conservation that is in keeping with council priorities and that is developed with council direction.

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Attachments:

1. Power Point Presentation - Bill 23 and the Ontario Heritage Act