

Brampton Heritage Board Introduction

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Building the Future on the Foundation of the Past

Changes to the Heritage Act through Bill 23 have resulted in challenges and opportunities for the City to address its substantial inventory of heritage properties.



Changes to the Ontario Heritage Act

New conditions for Designation under OHA

- Listing required before designation
- Listing not allowed once prescribed event occurs (Site Plan Approval, Zoning By-law Amendments and Official Plan Amendments)
- 90 days from prescribed event to issue Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID)

Requirement to address “Listed” properties on the Heritage Register within two years

- For properties on the heritage register that are currently listed, a NOID must be issued within two years or the property is automatically removed from the Register.
- It cannot be re-listed for 5 years.



WHY IS HERITAGE IMPORTANT?

1. **In preserving our heritage, we preserve our city's identity** (landmarks, history, etc.)
2. **A wealth of heritage attracts a wealth of external wealth** (attracts tourism, stimulates economic growth, jobs, etc.)
3. **Heritage sites support and stimulate the local economy** (new jobs for contractors, architects, and artisans and positive and stable real estate prices).
4. **Heritage preservation meets the Official Plan and guideline objectives.**
5. **Local heritage preservation allows you to be a part of something bigger** (community planning, and engagement with residents)





Seven Ways heritage preservation contributes to sustainable development:

- 1) Resisting Cultural Homogenization
- 2) Preserves Climate Responsive Buildings
- 3) Incubating Local Traditions & Values
- 4) Strengthens Community Inclusion & Intergenerational Equity
- 5) Conserving Resources & Reducing Waste
- 6) Developing Tourism & Diversifying Jobs
- 7) Improving Spatial Attractiveness & Property Values

PROPERTY VALUES & HERITAGE



- Studies have shown that heritage properties increase in value at the same rate as non-designated properties.
- **Shiple**y explains the rate of sale among designated properties is as good or better than the ambient market trends and the values of heritage properties tend to be resistant to downturns in the general market.
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- Heritage districts are *“unfailingly higher [in property values] than in comparable, non-designated parts of the city.”*¹
- It has been shown that preservation is critical to making urban places greener, more livable, and healthier².
- *“Old buildings to a great extent contribute to the significance and identity of the urban fabric, and maintaining these buildings enhances the values of history, continuity, identity and smart growth, all elements that are essential for a sustainable economic development, not only for the core but also for the whole community and region as such.”*⁴

¹Tung, 2022, ²National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2021, City of Hamilton Council Minutes, 2021, ⁴Stas 2007



The Path Forward

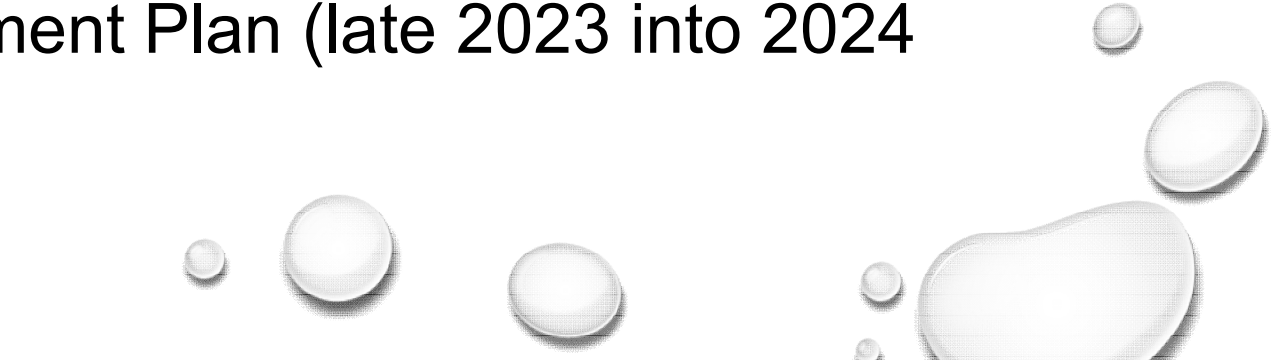
Council vision and direction on heritage conservation and implementation in the context of development intensification and the two-year horizon

The Heritage Board is critical in its advisory role for Council as a Citizen Committee.





Current Initiatives

1. Heritage Delegation by-law
 2. Municipal Tax Incentive
 3. Improve Heritage Incentive Grant
 4. Heritage Register Update
 5. Archaeological Management Plan
 6. Cultural heritage Management Plan (late 2023 into 2024)
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Thank you!

