

Listing Properties on the Heritage Register

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- The Ontario Heritage Act allows municipalities to include “listed properties” on its Heritage Register
- Listed properties are properties which are not designated but have been identified as having heritage value to the community
- There are no restrictions on listed properties except that an owner is required to provide 60 days notice if they wish to demolish or relocate the listed building or structure

Why list properties?

- Listing properties is part of a proactive heritage management strategy and is a recommended municipal best practice in Ontario
- It forms part of a wider strategy for managing heritage assets in our community and is an important planning tool



Proactive Heritage Management

- Proactive heritage management actively identifies properties that may have significance and providing clarity to owners, staff and Council through defined policies and procedures.
- It benefits the community by providing a clear and transparent decision-making process and clarity on what properties in the municipality have heritage value.
- It benefits Council by creating a framework to review and make decisions on heritage properties as part of the future growth and development of the municipality.

Where we are now



- Kawartha Lakes currently has 81 individually designated properties
- Most of these are in Lindsay
- There are two Heritage Conservation Districts established in 2017
- Downtown Lindsay HCD and Oak Street Fenelon Falls HCD
- Kawartha Lakes has many more heritage resources that have not been formally identified or protected, especially in our rural areas

Benefits of Listing

- Provides a tool for formally identifying heritage resources in the community
- Creates a clear process for assessing a property for heritage value if a development application which includes demolition of existing buildings is received
- Allows staff and the Heritage Committee time to assess properties and make a recommendation to Council
- Creates a balanced approach between not imposing restrictions but still assisting with municipal heritage management
- Provides clarity and transparency to property owners regarding the potential heritage value of their property

Process: Addition to the Register

The steps for listing are established by the Act.

1. Properties are identified as having potential heritage value
2. The Municipal Heritage Committee makes a recommendation
3. Council reviews and approves the properties for listing

Process: Addition to the Register

There are no criteria for determining if a property should be listed.

Best practice is to use Regulation 9/06 of the Act which is used for determining if a property should be designated.

Properties are evaluated using criteria which examine:

- Architectural significance
- Historical significance
- Contextual significance

Process: Addition to the Register

- There is no requirement under the Act to notify owners when their property is listed on the Heritage Register
- In 2017, Council passed a resolution that property owners should be notified when their property is listed
- This is a municipal best practice in Ontario and helps provide transparency regarding the process and allows owners to be involved in protecting and celebrating heritage assets in their community

Process: Removal from the Register

Properties can be removed from the register if an owner applies for a demolition permit. If an owner applies for a demolition permit:

1. The owner provides information regarding why they are demolishing and the future use
2. The Heritage Committee reviews the application and makes a recommendation to Council
3. Council reviews the application and recommendation of the Committee and either designates the property or approves the issuance of a demolition permit

Process: Removal from the Register

When an owner applies to demolish a property, there is also the option to work with the owner to develop a solution that both preserves the property and allows their project to go ahead. This could include:

- Integrating the historic property into the future development
- Removal of the property to a different site

Properties Proposed for Listing

- There are 7 properties proposed for listing included in Report ED2019-022
- These properties have all been identified as having heritage value based on Regulation 9/06 of the Act
- They are important and cherished heritage properties in our communities

Christ Church Anglican Church, Bobcaygeon (43 Sherwood Street)



- Designed by Peterborough architect John Belcher and built between 1870 and 1871
- An excellent examples of timber Gothic Revival architecture and, architecturally, one of the most important churches in the municipality
- Association with Bobcaygeon lumber baron Mossom Boyd who reserved the land for the building and donated the windows

Central Senior Public School, Lindsay (242 Kent Street West)



- Constructed in 1910
- An excellent example of early twentieth century Beaux Arts-style school architecture with a high degree of craftsmanship in its Classically-inspired architectural details
- A landmark building in Lindsay and an important local education facility

Cherry Tree Lodge, Sturgeon Point (19 3rd Street)



- Constructed in 1887 for Lindsay artist and writer W.A. Goodwin
- One of the first purpose-built cottages in the Kawarthas
- Significant for its historical associations with Goodwin who extensively documented life in the region through his painting and drawings in the late nineteenth century
- Key property in the historic Sturgeon Point cottage community

Bank of Toronto, Omemee (1 King Street East)



- Excellent example of an early twentieth-century small-town bank building
- High degree of craftsmanship in its Classical features including the ornate entrance
- Likely designed by prominent architect W.R.L. Blackwell who designed many buildings for the Bank of Toronto
- Anchor corner building in downtown Omemee

Mackenzie Inn, Kirkfield (1011 Portage Road)



- Constructed in 1888 as the country estate of Sir William Mackenzie
- Mackenzie is a significant figure in the local community due to his rise from local contractor and businessman to one of Canada's most prominent businessmen for his role in railway development
- Important example of a Victorian country estate
- Landmark building in the village of Kirkfield and now an inn and wedding venue

Old Bethany Post Office, Bethany (1480 Highway 7A)



- Constructed around 1875, one of the last freestanding nineteenth century post offices in Ontario
- Significant for its retained Eastlake-style spindlework and brackets and its false façade
- One of the oldest buildings in Bethany and a survivor of the 1911 fire which destroyed a significant part of Bethany's main street
- A landmark building now housing the Manvers Historical Society

S.S. #12 Oakwood, Oakwood (932 Highway 7)



- Constructed in 1913 as the local school for Oakwood
- Unique and intact example of a turn of the century rural schoolhouse
- High degree of craftsmanship, particularly in the open belfry
- Important landmark property in Oakwood with historical significance to the development of the community around the turn of the century
- Currently serves as the Oakwood Library and is owned by the municipality

Next Steps

- With the new Heritage Planning position in Economic Development, the City's Heritage portfolio is being expanded and streamlined to encourage strong management of our heritage assets and excellent service to the public
- Several policies are coming forward in early 2020 designed to guide proactive heritage management in the municipality
- Delegated authority by-law to formalize approvals process and bring the City in line with provincial legislation
- Significant and growing interest from the community in building on our heritage assets
- Kawartha Lakes can be a leader in rural heritage preservation by expanding its program and developing exciting new opportunities

Thank you

