

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee Report

Report Number KLMHC2020-02

Meeting Date: January 9, 2020

Title: Adoption of the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada

Description: Adoption of the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada as the municipal standard for heritage preservation

Ward Number: All

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Recommendation(s):

That Report KLMHC2020-02, **Adoption of the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada**, be received; and

That that the Municipal Heritage Committee endorse the Standards and Guidelines as the municipal standards for heritage preservation; and

That this recommendation be forwarded to Council for adoption.

Background:

The *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* is a pan-Canadian document on conservation best practices and principles developed by Parks Canada.

The document was first developed in 2003 and later updated in 2010 to add new categories, topics and best practices. Specific updates include additional guidance on archaeological sites, cultural landscapes, recent heritage, and engineering works that were not explored in depth in the first edition. Since coming into effect, the document has been adopted by many municipalities as their standard for heritage preservation and evaluation on a local level. It is a comprehensive document that provides extensive information on heritage conservation best practices in a variety of scenarios and can assist local municipalities with their decision making processes.

The Standards and Guidelines was brought to the Municipal Heritage Committee for review in November 2019. Discussion and adoption of the guidelines was deferred to allow committee members additional time to read the document.

Rationale:

The *Standards and Guidelines* is a nationally-recognized document which has been adopted at federal, provincial, and municipal levels to help guide the conservation of historic places across the country. It provides agencies with a benchmark for assessing heritage treatments and can form the basis for assessment and review of proposed projects on heritage properties.

The adoption of the *Standards and Guidelines* provides staff and the Municipal Heritage Committee with a clear, transparent and nationally-accepted framework for: evaluating applications for alterations to heritage properties; reviewing development applications and applications to municipal financial incentive programs to ensure best practices in the treatment of heritage properties; and for providing advice to property owners regarding conservation and management of heritage properties. It also provides an accepted, professional advice to property owners on preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of heritage properties to assist in their stewardship of the municipality's heritage resources as well as outlining the decision making process and standards that the municipality expects with regard to heritage properties. Adoption of the *Standards and Guidelines* as the municipal standard for heritage conservation will bring the City in line with other municipalities across Ontario with regards to best practice in this area.

Other Alternatives Considered:

No other alternatives are considered.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

Consultations:

N/A

Attachments:

Appendix A – Link to the Standards and Guidelines:

<https://www.historicplaces.ca/media/18072/81468-parks-s+g-eng-web2.pdf>

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