



## Municipal Heritage Committee Report

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**Report Number:** KLMHC2023-076  
**Meeting Date:** November 9, 2023  
**Title:** Heritage Planning Update  
**Description:** General update on the heritage planning program  
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### Recommendation:

**That** Report KLMHC2023-076, **Heritage Planning Update**, be received for information.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

**October 24 Council:** At its meeting of October 24, Council received the objections to the four historic Lindsay schools (Alexandra Public School, Central Senior Public School, Queen Victoria Public School and King Albert Public School). Council decided to proceed with the designations but has directed staff to reach out to the Board to engage with them on the issues raised prior to the passage of the by-laws. The by-laws will be presented to Council on November 21.

**November 7 Committee of the Whole:** There are eight heritage-related matters coming before Committee of the Whole at its meeting of November 7. These matters are: five proposed designations of 1473 Highway 7A, 1475 Highway 7A, 1 King Street East, 35 Bolton Street, and 130-132 William Street North; the Heritage Conservation District and Cultural Heritage Landscape Strategies; amendments to the Heritage Delegated Authority By-law; and the proposed Ontario Heritage Act Notices Policy.

**Reconciliation Training:** At the November 9 Committee of the Whole meeting, staff are also bringing forward a report related to reconciliation with Indigenous communities. This report addresses a wide range of topics related to reconciliation, including the provision of training about Indigenous history, culture and reconciliation for certain committees of Council. This includes the Municipal Heritage Committee. Should Council adopt the recommendations of the report, members of the Committee will be required to undertake this training which will be provided by the City. It is anticipated that this training will be scheduled for early 2024, likely either immediately before or after the Committee's regular meeting time. Staff will provide additional information to the Committee in the new year.

**Property History Research Workshop:** Economic Development staff will be hosting two workshops for property owners on how to research the history of their property November 28 and December 5 at Coronation Hall in Omemee. This workshop is being run as a collaborative project between the Agriculture, Curatorial Services, and Heritage Planning programs. The November 28 workshop is intended to assist and support farmers applying for the Farm Milestone Recognition Program and researching their farming history. The December 5 workshop is intended to provide resources and assistance to property owners interested in researching the history of their historic home. These workshops will be provided free of charge. Advertising for these workshops will take place throughout November.

**Public Notices:** Staff are bringing forward a new policy to address the provision of notice under the Ontario Heritage Act in response to the closure of Kawartha Lakes This Week in September. The draft policy was circulated to the Committee in October via email. If Council adopts this policy, statutory public notices for heritage matters will be posted on the City website. Additional notices directing the public to the website will be published as supplementary notices in a variety of sources, such as on social media, print publications or in online newspapers. Staff are also intending on posting paper notices, similar to Planning Act notices, on bulletin boards in City buildings, including the service centres and libraries. Direct notices to property owners and the Ontario Heritage Trust will continue to be served by mail and email, depending on the type of notice. Staff will report back to the Committee at a later date on the roll out of the new notice provisions.

**Rationale:**

This report is intended to provide information to the Municipal Heritage Committee on the general activities of the Heritage Planning program.

**Other Alternatives Considered:**

There are no recommended alternatives.

**Financial/Operation Impacts:**

There are no financial or operational impacts as a result of the recommendations of this report.

**Consultations:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A

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