

Committee Work Plan Report	
Committee Name:	Municipal Heritage Committee
Work Report Plan for Year:	2023

Goal	Completed in 2023
1. Process applications for designation and make recommendations to Council	26 properties were brought forward for designation. Of these, 14 designations had been finalized as of the end of 2023, while 10 were in various stages of the notice process and 2 were withdrawn due to objections from the owners.
2. Recommend properties for listing to Council	2 properties were brought forward for listing in 2023. This is a substantial decrease from previous years, but is in response to changes to the Ontario Heritage Act through Bill 23.
3. Review heritage permit applications for individually designated properties and relevant development applications.	The Committee reviewed five applications for alterations to individually designated properties.
4. Review Heritage Policy and provide recommendation to Council	The Committee reviewed amendments to the Heritage Applications Policy and heritage delegated authority by-law in response to Bill 23 and provided comments to staff. The Committee also reviewed the finalized versions of the heritage conservation district and cultural heritage landscape strategies and recommended their adoption by Council. The Committee also reviewed proposed changes to the Ontario Heritage Act by the provincial government and provided comments to staff.
5. Coordinate Doors Open	The Committee chose not to participate in Doors Open 2023 due to budget limitations in the Heritage Planning budget for 2023. The decision was made to alternate Doors Open with the Osprey Heritage Awards on a bi-annual basis.
6. Plan and coordinate the 2021 Osprey Heritage Awards.	The Osprey Heritage Awards were held in December 2023 with four award recipients presented with awards.
7. Participate in the Old Mill Heritage Conservation District development	The Old Mill HCD subcommittee assisted with the initial stages of the Old Mill HCD plan. This project was suspended by Council.
8. Comment on relevant planning and development applications.	The Committee reviewed and provided comment on three Planning Act applications.
9. Investigate the potential of designating the Scugog River as a cultural heritage landscape.	The Scugog River subcommittee has begun developing a strategy for researching and providing public education on the Scugog River.

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10. Participate in the Heritage Inventory.	Committee members participated in public meetings and field inventories in Fenelon Falls and Omemee.
11. Undertake condition assessments of individually designated properties.	The Designated Properties Subcommittee undertook site visits to and took baseline photographs of individually designated properties in Lindsay.
12. Assist with the implementation of Bill 23.	The Committee reviewed changes to the Ontario Heritage Act through Bill 23 and provided comments on policies and designations and made recommendations to Council. A subcommittee was formed to assist with addressing listed properties.