



Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Presentation to Town Council
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Property Inventory

- Identifying properties of cultural heritage is an essential part of municipal heritage conservation.
- The Town's Heritage Committee has established a *Property Inventory* and has adopted a *Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties (Municipal Register)*.
- The *Municipal Register* is the official list or record of cultural heritage properties that have been identified as being important to the community and includes properties that have been designated under Part IV (individual property designation) and Part V (within a designated heritage conservation district) of the Act.



Property Inventory

- A Property Inventory is not a requirement under the Act. It strictly acts as a tool for the Heritage Committee to list properties that have been identified as potentially having cultural heritage value or interest.
- The Heritage Committee has identified properties within the municipality which may potentially be of cultural heritage value or interest on the Property Inventory of Potential Heritage Sites [\[Attached to Report CS-2018-18\]](#)



Listing

- The Act also allows a property that has *not been designated* but is believed to be of cultural heritage value or interest to be placed on the *Municipal Register*. This is commonly referred to as a *Listing*.
- A description sufficient to identify the property is all that is necessary to include a property on the *Listing*.
- Listing, a mechanism instituted under subsection 27(1.2) of the Act, is the first step a municipality may take to formally identify and evaluate a property that may warrant some form of heritage conservation, recognition and/or long term protection such as designation.



Listing Benefits

- A comprehensive *Municipal Register*, including both designated and listed properties, has the following benefits:
 - Recognizes properties of cultural heritage value in a community.
 - Fosters civic identity and pride by drawing attention to the heritage and development of a community.
 - Promotes knowledge and enhances an understanding of a community's cultural heritage.
 - Provides easily accessible information about cultural heritage value for land use planners, property owners, developers, the tourism industry, educators and the general public.
 - Provides interim protection for listed properties.



Listing Benefits Cont'd

- By providing a measure of interim protection from demolition, listing also serves as an important tool in planning for the conservation of non-designated properties as the Act requires owners of a listed property must provide the municipality with at least 60 days of notice of their intention to demolish or remove a building or structure on the property.
- This allows time for the municipality to determine whether to begin the designation process to give long-term protection to the property.
- No other restrictions are placed on the property as a result of being listed on the *Municipal Register*. Property owners are still permitted to undertake site alterations, such as repairs, renovations and restorations, unless it results in demolition.



Listing Recommendations

- In an ongoing effort to preserve the Town's heritage, the Heritage Committee recommends that Council approve the addition of the following properties to the *Municipal Register Listing* of non-designated properties:

Lacasse Park, 590 Lacasse Blvd

- In 1923, the Town acquired 23 acres of farm land from Percy Clapp.
- This park was later christened Memorial Park in 1947, with the grandstands built in 1949.
- In 1979, two years after Bert Lacasse's passing, the park was renamed Lacasse Park in honour of his commitment to baseball and the Town. The park has served as the original home of Tecumseh Baseball, with in its day, a unique feature of a grass infield.



Listing Recommendations Cont'd

St. Anne's Cemetery, 1521 Lesperance Road

- A Roman Catholic cemetery established by St. Anne's Parish.
- The oldest gravestone is dated April 15, 1861.
- The official benediction took place on July 24, 1927.



Tecumseh Area Historical Society [including Log Cabin and Sheds], 12350 Tecumseh Road

- Site of the original railroad yard of Great West Railway and current location of the Lesperance Log Cabin (circa 1799).
- The original railroad shed was relocated from the West side of Lesperance Road to its current location today.
- Currently serves as the site for the Tecumseh Area Historical Society which houses historical records of Tecumseh, St. Clair Beach, Maidstone and Sandwich South.



Preservation

- The continued, ongoing efforts of the Heritage Committee to identify, evaluate and conserve cultural heritage properties that have lasting cultural heritage value or interest to the community allows for the preservation of a community that is so deep and rich in heritage.

Thank you for your consideration in preserving the
Town's Heritage!



QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS?

