



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING BY ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION &
IN-PERSON AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE –
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A G E N D A

DATE: September 14, 2026

MEETING: 1:00 P.M.

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1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Reflection
4. Confirmation of the Agenda ≠
5. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
6. Delegations
7. Consent Agenda ≠
 - 7.1. May 4, 2026 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 7.2. Community Heritage Ontario Summer 2026 Newsletter



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- 7.3. Township of Puslinch Council Resolution 2026-138 and 2026-139 Designation of 2026 Priority Properties
- 7.4. Township of Puslinch Council Resolution 2026-141 and 2026-143 Designation Objections of 2026 Priority Properties
- 7.5. Township of Puslinch Council Resolution 2026-174 Puslinch Historical Society Thank you Letter
- 7.6. Township of Puslinch Council Resolution 2026-259 Cultural Heritage Landscape (Calfass Road Council delegation)

Recommendation:

That the Consent Agenda items listed for the September 14, 2026 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting be received for information.

8. Reports ≠

- 8.1. Report – HER-2026-008 – 2022-2026 Goals and Objectives Update ≠

Recommendation:

That report HER-2026-008 entitled 2022-2026 Goals and Objectives Update be received for information.

- 8.2. Report – HER-2026-009 – Heritage Designation and Associated Programs ≠

Recommendation:

That report HER-2026-009 entitled Heritage Designation and Associated Programs be received for information.

- 8.3. Report – HER-2026-010 – Heritage Advisory Committee 2022-2026 Term in Review ≠

Recommendation:

That report HER-2026-010 entitled Heritage Advisory Committee 2022-2026 Term in Review be received; and,

That this report be forwarded to the next term of the Council for consideration in establishing the Heritage Advisory Committee's initial Goals and Objectives for the 2026-2030 term.



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8.4. Committee Memo - MEMO-2026-001 - 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference (Lily) ≠

Recommendation:

That Committee Memo MEMO-2026-001 entitled 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference - Lily be received for information.

8.5. Committee Memo - MEMO-2026-002 - 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference (Cheryl) ≠

Recommendation:

That Committee Memo MEMO-2026-002 entitled 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference - Cheryl be received for information.

9. Correspondence

10. Announcements

11. Notice of Motion

12. New Business

13. Adjournment ≠



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MINUTES

DATE: May 4, 2026

MEETING: 1:00 P.M.

The May 4, 2026, Heritage Advisory Committee meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 1:08 p.m. via in person participation at the Municipal Office at 7404 Wellington Road 34 and via electronic participation.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance:

Russel Hurst - Chair

Lily Klammer-Tsuji

Cheryl Mclean

Andy Day

Ray Smith

Kristine O'Brien – arrived at 1:26 p.m.

Absent:

Staff in Attendance:

Laura Emery, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2026-023:

Moved by Andy Day and

Seconded by Lily Klammer-Tsuji

That the Heritage Advisory Committee approves the May 4, 2026 Agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None



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6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1. March 2, 2026 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- 7.2. April 1, 2026 Heritage Advisory Committee Special Meeting Minutes
- 7.3. 2025 Council and Committee Year in Review

Resolution No. 2026-024:

Moved by Cheryl Mclean and
Seconded by Ray Smith

That the Consent Agenda items listed for the May 4, 2026 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting be received for information.

CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

- 8.1 Report – HER-2026-007 – 2022-2026 Goals and Objectives Update

Resolution No. 2025-025:

Moved by Lily Klammer-Tsuji and
Seconded by Cheryl Mclean

That report HER-2026-007 entitled 2022-2026 Goals and Objectives Update be received for information.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

None



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13. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2026-026:

Moved by Kristine O'Brien
Seconded by Andy Day

That the Heritage Advisory Committee hereby adjourns at 2:04 p.m.

CARRIED



Allandale Station is located at 285 Bradford Street in Barrie. (Barrie Historical Archive)

Barrie's designated buildings continue to thrive commercially

Allandale, now in Barrie, welcomed its first train in 1853. In 1888, the Allandale station became the Grand Trunk Railway's (GTR) national line flagship. The station is currently a federally-designated heritage railway station protected by the Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act.

80 Bradford St., near the city's Lakeshore, has been a hub of activity for more than 70 years. The former Canadian General Electric (CGE) plant has morphed over the years, from producing electrical appliances in the mid-1940s and '50s and beyond, to currently housing upwards of 150 small-businesses and community-oriented tenants in the 17-acre property. Read about these conversions on page 5.



The 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference in Hamilton offered access to exhibitors in historic Liuna Station, left; professional advice at sessions, right; and tradespeople at The Cotton Factory, bottom. (Photos by Nellie Evans, Nancy Matthews and James Forrester, respectively)

Positive perspectives from the conference in Hamilton

Delegates visiting Hamilton for the 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference June 18 to 20 were eager to network and learn. See who was there to discuss the rising cost of insuring properties with structures aged 70+ years. Discover the perspectives of

a student delegate who was sponsored by Community Heritage Ontario. Pierce Bannigan valued engagement with real-world examples of adaptive reuse. We hope you enjoy moments captured by James Forrester of Selwyn Township.



Ontario Heritage Conference

Rising insurance costs examined from many sides

By James Forrester

Community Heritage Ontario and GBCA sponsored discussion of the myths versus the realities of insuring properties aged 70+ years at the conference in Hamilton. The event was held at the historic Playhouse Cinema and played to a full house. The panel examined the current situation regarding availability and affordability of insurance for designated heritage properties. **Alissa Golden**, Moderator, is a heritage planner with Hamilton.

Lack of experience with heritage properties is a factor

Dr. Patricia Kell is the Executive Director of the National Trust of Canada (NTC). She indicated that NTC had premiums raised by 10% on the heritage properties in their inventory. Each heritage house is unique which makes establishing a "replacement value" difficult to establish. Risk is what insurance is all about. Dr. Kell recommended contracting with a heritage insurance broker, rather than a standard insurance agent. NTC has undertaken a pilot project for NTC members involving Marsh Insurance.

Regan Hutcheson is the Manager of Heritage Planning for Markham, and a Board member of Community Heritage Ontario. He started with the question, "Why is heritage insurance so difficult to obtain?" Regan provided an overview of the CHO survey, undertaken by ARA/University of Waterloo. There were 120 responses by property owners, and the survey of planners produced 42 responses, and seven municipalities also participated. The complete CHO report was posted on the CHO website following the conference www.communityheritageontario.ca

Climate change is a big factor

Anne Marie Thomas is the Director of Consumer and Industrial Relations for the Insurance Bureau of Canada. She detailed the insurance industry's perspective on the issue. New realities including Climate Change have affected the risk, with flooding replacing fire as the major hazard to account for, as water damage can generate claims of \$40,000 or more. This now requires specialized underwriting. Anne Marie recommended that designated property owners shop around for a heritage specialist broker who understands the market and the risks involved. She recommended Marsh Insurance.

Andrew Jeanes is the Culture Services Advisor for the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. He provides advisory services to municipalities, community organizations and the public about cultural planning and conserving Ontario's cultural heritage. Andrew provided an historical perspective on the Ontario Heritage Act which signed by Lt. Governor Pauline McGibben on March 5th, 1975, at Kingston City Hall. He pointed out the limitations of the act when it comes to rural properties and Heritage Conservation Districts.

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Ontario Heritage Conference

Urban planning student soaked up a lot of advice

Hello all, my name is Pierce Bannigan! I am a recent graduate from Western University and incoming graduate student at Queen's University for the master's in urban planning program. On Friday June 19 and Saturday June 20, 2026, I had the pleasure of attending the Ontario Heritage Conference under the student subsidy sponsored by the conference organizers, Community Heritage Ontario. This year, the City of Hamilton hosted the conference and focused on the central theme of adaptive reuse. It was fitting to visit the incredible examples of adaptive reuse at the conference's venues at LIUNA Station, Playhouse Cinema, and the Cotton Factory.

Conference Events & Networking

I had the opportunity to attend several sessions that focused on a range of subjects that involved examples of adaptive reuse, its benefits to communities, and the barriers adaptive reuse projects face in collaboration with other disciplines. My personal program included walking tours and sessions titled "Central Neighborhood: Adaptive Reuse of Industrial Properties," "Success Stories in Industrial Adaptive Reuse," "Conservation of

Heritage Resources through Circularity: Policy and Process," and the Industrial Heritage Bus Tour." I also had an excellent opportunity to network with heritage planners, architects, engineers, and the many other professionals who attended the conference. As a student, it was very thought-provoking and formative to discuss with other attendees their opinions on topics covered in sessions and hearing about their careers.

Highlights

The "Success Stories in Industrial Adaptive Reuse" was an excellent session that included a panel of Ontario architects that discussed past adaptive reuse projects. This session highlighted several case studies where collaboration between developers, municipalities, and heritage professionals led to successful outcomes. The Guelph Metalworks adaptive reuse project was particularly impactful, as it demonstrated the immense hurdles faced by developers and workers in retaining the original form of a building while making it as presentable as possible. It also demonstrated that, at the core of adaptive reuse, being prepared to adjust plans is key. (continued on page 4)



The 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference offered access to professionals and concepts. Tours of Hamilton's heritage sites were popular. (photo by Pierce Bannigan)

Ontario Heritage Conference



Architects helped sponsor the heritage conference which provided real-world examples of adaptive reuse. (Photo by P. Bannigan)

New connections forged by student in city of steel

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The "Conservation of Heritage resources through Circularity: Policy and Process" was a highlight. While the approach I have taken to understanding adaptive reuse has been theoretical and a strict focus on historical importance, it broadened my understanding of the practical collaboration challenges presented by adaptive reuse. It helped me understand the perspective of engineers, architects, and developers while pointing out funding opportunities such as the FCM Green Municipal Fund. This session helped expand my understanding of adaptive reuse from a theoretical perspective to a policy-focused, collaborative approach.

The venues were a highlight of the conference. LIUNA Station was an incredibly grand example of adaptive reuse and architecture. It highlights the beauty of older forms of architecture which are seldom seen anymore. Additionally, hearing from Rob Zeidler, the owner of the Cotton Factory, was very insightful about adaptive reuse from an owner's perspective. Rob was the keynote speaker for kicking off the event. He really set the tone for the following day, where the conference was held at the Cotton Factory. It made me appreciate the intricacies of the Cotton Factory to a high degree and, doubly so, the preservation of the building's key heritage features.

One of my favorite aspects of the conference was the opportunity to engage with real-world examples of adaptive reuse in practice. The Industrial Heritage Bus Tour was particularly memorable, as it allowed me to see how former industrial sites in Hamilton have been preserved to retain their heritage and cultural value

while becoming bustling spaces for new purposes. Seeing these projects in person reinforced many of the themes discussed in the sessions and demonstrated the tangible impact that heritage planning can have on urban environments.

Conference benefits from student's perspective

The sessions I attended provided several valuable benefits, both academically and professionally. First, they deepened my understanding of adaptive reuse as a planning and conservation strategy, particularly in relation to industrial heritage. It highlights the importance that adaptive reuse has for the placemaking of cities and being pivotal for identity. I gained insight into the policy frameworks, contemporary constraints with adaptive reuse, and regulatory challenges, all of which are highly relevant to my upcoming graduate studies. Second, this conference expanded my understanding of adaptive reuse from a theoretical and academic perspective to a more practical perspective. It was insightful to hear about adaptive reuse where it highlighted the unique hurdles Ontario faces. Moreover, this conference's true benefit was meeting the amazing community of professionals across heritage planning, architecture, engineering, and other fields of expertise. Engaging in conversations and sharing insights during the networking opportunities provided by the conference were nothing short of spectacular and inspiring. The conference was an incredible experience that has provided a vast amount of knowledge to apply to my studies, and long-term connections that I hope to keep as I pursue heritage planning.

Barrie's designated industrial stock viable as ever

By Deb Exel, Barrie Historical Archive and Heritage Barrie; Ian McInroy, formerly from Barrie Today news and Robie Clarke, Heritage Barrie committee member

In 1853, Allandale welcomed its first train. In 1888, the Allandale station became the Grand Trunk Railway's (GTR) national line flagship. The GTR built the current station in 1905, incorporating the pre-existing administrative building into the design. Following the curve of the shoreline, the Italianate/Prairie School style station had many grand features: stately columns, distinctive windows, wide eaves, breezeways, and a striking coronet-ringed waiting room. Inside the station was a luxurious mahogany-paneled dining room. The station would briefly be used as a GO passenger facility from 1990 to 1993 before the Canadian National Railway lifted the rails between Allandale and Longford in 1996. The current archaeological investigation at the historic Allandale Train Station site is ongoing. The archaeologists are focusing their efforts on the northwestern portion of the property, near the planned entrance to the new [Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal](#). The station is currently a federally-designated heritage railway station protected by the Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act.-----

On the South Shore of Kempenfelt Bay stood other structures supporting the railroad system. The **Grand Trunk Railway's master Mechanic office and stores** was constructed in 1903 to house administrative personnel and the parts departments. Next to the building was a massive roundhouse with a 70-foot turntable. To the West stood the coal chute to fill the tenders or coal-cars. Only the railway office and stores building remains, enlarged and re-purposed as the General Hayter Southshore Community Centre. The final remains of the old roundhouse foundation were recently cleared to create the Military Heritage Park. The building (Southshore Centre) was added to the Municipal Heritage Register in 1991 as a designated heritage property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

80 Bradford St., near the city's lakeshore, has been a hub of activity for more than 70 years. The **former Canadian General Electric (CGE) plant** has morphed over the years, from producing electrical appliances in the mid-1940s and '50s and beyond, to housing upwards of 150 small-businesses and community-oriented tenants in the 17-acre property. General Electric, and eventually Black and Decker, took their leave of the facility in the mid-1980s, but there is much life left in the building and a growing community unto itself. The building was constructed in several stages, beginning back in 1947, with the last piece being added on in 1962 at the rear of the building. Today, the 300,000-square foot building — half of which is 'transient' or month-to-month storage space for industry — is home to those community-based businesses which appreciate a chance to help the residents of Barrie. Stephen Sperling, president of the Aerarium Group of Companies, has owned the property since the mid-1980s. The company owns and manages nearly 50 properties in Barrie and took over the building that was "virtually empty" in 1985, he says. "Ultimately, we spent more money redoing the building than we paid for it."

Long before the current tenants arrived, the site hosted Canadian General Electric (GCE) - one of the big industry players in Barrie.



Allandale Station in 1905 at 285 Bradford Street.



Master Mechanics Building, 205 Lakeshore Drive. Below, General Electric, 80 Bradford St, getting ready to open in 1946.

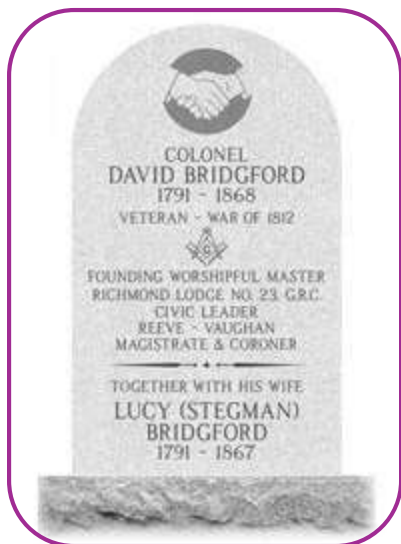
(All photos courtesy Barrie Historical Archive)



"Employees were involved with all kinds of charity events, supporting local theatre and the college and other things," Sperling says. "If you look back historically, as I understand it, it was also a focal point for the community. Plays were put on there. Local bands would play; the Central Collegiate Institute band would play there. It was kind of a social hub for the community as well as a manufacturing hub for many years. I think that it's important for the community to maintain some of that historical component."

Mystery remains in Richmond Hill

Why was a tombstone never made for Colonel Bridgford?



Tombstone proposed to recognize Colonel D. Bridgford.



Lucy's tombstone: illegible in 1992.

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Colonel David Bridgford, born in New York City in 1791 to Robert and Sarah Bridgford (née Smith), was a prominent and important member of the 19th century Richmond Hill community. He helped to shape the blossoming village and founded some of the institutions that are still around today, such as the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society and Richmond Masonic Lodge No. 23, GRC. He was a member of Council, was Deputy-Reeve as well as Reeve of Vaughan, and served as both a Magistrate and the Coroner until his death on October 15, 1868. His house still stands at 210 Richmond Street in Richmond Hill.

Colonel Bridgford was also a veteran of the War of 1812. Having served with the 3rd Regiment of the York Militia, he participated in the Battle of Detroit, for which he was awarded the General Service Medal, and which he proudly wore for the remainder of his life. He was also engaged in the Battle of Queenston Heights and the Battles of Chippewa, Lundy's Lane, Fort York and Fort Erie.

Upon his death in 1868, Colonel Bridgford was laid to rest in the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Cemetery in the same grave as his wife, Lucy (née Stegman). Lucy was the daughter of Marie Ursule Choisy and Deputy Surveyor John Frederick Stegman, a retired Hessian soldier who fought alongside the British forces during the American Revolution and who surveyed much of the area then known as Upper Canada (Ontario) under Lord John Graves Simcoe. Lucy was born in Lower Canada (Quebec) and married Colonel Bridgford on May 5, 1814. They had six children together. Lucy died on June 27, 1867.

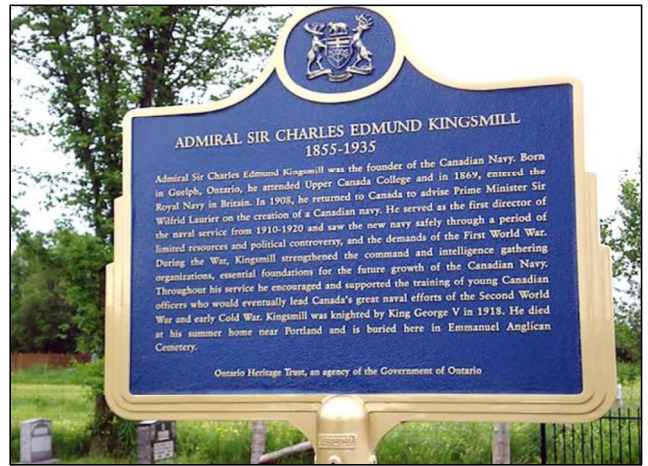
Despite all of Colonel Bridgford's achievements and contributions to the village of Richmond Hill, the headstone on his grave is not his. The Bridgford grave is currently identified by a large white marble headstone lying flat on the ground at the head of the grave, its engravings completely illegible. It is not known when the headstone fell, but by 1992 it lay flat on the ground in multiple pieces. It was visible up until at least 2013 but, as often happens with fallen headstones, the stone became hidden by the ever-creeping lawn. It was only recently rediscovered in 2024 by David and Jane Mock, who were "probing" the area for an earlier unmarked burial and came upon the stone under 8 inches of soil. A 1992 photo from the City of Richmond Hill's files shows how the headstone originally looked. Near the top of the stone were two hands embraced in a handshake, with a small ribbon floating above them. This was not an uncommon symbol from the mid-19th century and often represented the reunion of loved ones in the afterlife. In specifically the Richmond Hill Presbyterian Cemetery context, this symbol appears mostly on the headstones of married women. While the script was mostly illegible even back in 1992, the cemetery transcripts written by the Ontario Genealogical Society reveal the details of the inscription:

LUCY STAGMAN [sic]
Beloved Wife of
COL. D. BRIDGFORD
DIED
June 27, 1867
Æ 76 yrs.

This headstone was Lucy's headstone and Lucy's alone. Further investigations did not find an additional headstone, and upon inspection of the other side of Lucy's headstone, no additional inscription was found. There was no headstone that identified Colonel Bridgford's final resting place. Why didn't Colonel Bridgford have a headstone? Or if he did have one, what happened to it? Perhaps future research may reveal an answer to this, but for now the question became: how do we properly commemorate the Colonel's grave? Ideally, it would have been preferable to repair Lucy's fallen headstone and add Colonel Bridgford's information to it. (continued on page 7)



(top) Vintage Dowsett Boats at the original Dowsett Boat Building Shop, now The Galley Restaurant, Portland.
(right) Admiral Sir Charles Edmund Kingsmill 1855-1935 Heritage Plaque.
(Photos courtesy of Marie White, Rideau Lakes)



Nautical heritage festival kicks off 200th anniversary of canal opening

Over 75 partners along the Rideau Canal joined to celebrate 200 years since the beginning of its construction from 1826 to 1832. Rideau Lakes collaborated with Portland on the Rideau Historical Society's Nautical Heritage Group and others to mark the upcoming anniversary, starting with a festival this summer.

"A Rideau Canal Nautical Heritage Festival 1826-2026" was scheduled to take place in the waterfront village of Portland on Saturday, July 18 and Sunday July 19, 2026. Volunteers were gearing up to host a goal of 5,000 visitors over two days.

It was a free, multi-day public celebration marking the 200 years since the beginning of construction of the Rideau Canal. The national significance and UNESCO World Heritage designation of the Rideau Canal offered the perfect setting for this uniquely immersive

experience that blends heritage interpretation, live demonstrations, water-based activities and community storytelling that highlight the Canal's role in shaping Canada's early development. Learn more at rideaulakes.ca/festival2026

At the municipal harbor, adjacent park, beach and community hall, there were activities from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. including displays of over 50 antique and heritage boats on water and on land, boat building demonstrations, guided Voyageur Canoe Tours on Big Rideau Lake, plus guided pontoon Boat Tours by Brown's Marina in celebration of their 50th anniversary! There was an information showcase and interpretive talks by authors and storytellers. Also, on Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. until noon, the Three Sisters Market was held at beautiful Hanna Park.

New tombstone unveiled Oct. 3

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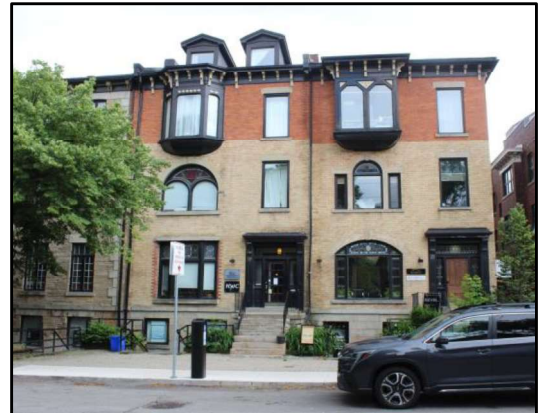
Unfortunately, Lucy's headstone was too far damaged to be restored. A new stone, then, would be needed; one that would represent both Lucy and Colonel Bridgford.

In consultation with the Bridgford's great-great-great granddaughter and with a representative from Richmond Masonic Lodge, a headstone was designed that took inspiration from the 19th century headstones in the cemetery. The color of the new headstone will closely match the existing marble stone, and it will be engraved with the image of two clasped hands, paying homage to the original stone. It will not only be inscribed with Lucy's name and her dates of birth and death, it will also be inscribed with Colonel Bridgford's information, including a list of some of his most notable achievements.

The new stone is proposed to be completed by and installed for an unveiling ceremony to be held on October 3, with the design balancing the needs of the family, the wishes of the community, recognition of Colonel Bridgford, and commemoration of Lucy's original headstone.

Ontario Heritage Conference

Hamilton displays its finest to eager provincial delegates



Story and photos by James Forrester, Selwyn Township

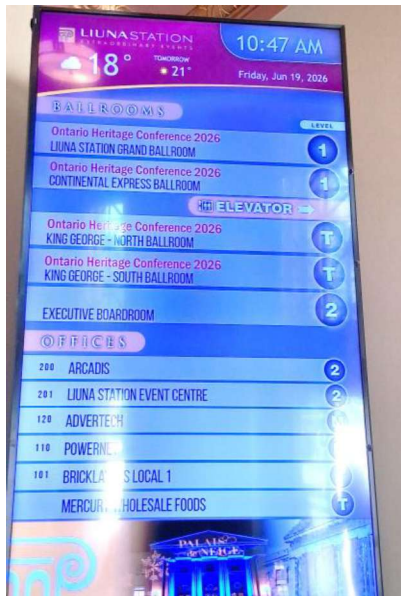
For those Ontario Heritage Conference delegates who arrived early on Thursday June 18th, there was an informal architectural tour of the Durand neighbourhood near the Magnolia Hall which included a small heritage district. (photos at the top left, right and centre right)

There were several tours organized for Saturday, around the Hamilton City area, to examine examples of "adaptive reuse". Following the studio tours, demonstrations and exhibits, lunch was provided in the courtyard behind The Cotton Factory via food trucks (photo at bottom left)

I attended the "Historic Paint Finishes Demonstration" by Lori Le Mare, a Master Artisan and restoration specialist who has worked on the Waterloo Museum, Museum of the Mississaugas, Elgin Theatre Winter Garden, Dundurn Castle, Colonial Building and Government House St. John's Nfld.

The Willowbank student representatives at the Traditional Trades Fair were very helpful and I decided to conduct a self-guided tour of Willowbank School on the Niagara Boulevard near Queenston Heights. (photo at bottom right) It is the only private heritage restoration school in the province, which has an excellent reputation for training heritage professionals.

Ontario Heritage Conference



Electronic images convey a lot of information instantly: Conference Agenda and Venue Spaces (left) were displayed on large screens at the main conference venue, Liuna Station (photo by Nellie Evans, Bluewater). During the banquet, a power point slide presentation prepared by Nancy Matthews was shown. Entitled "Adaptive Reuse of Industrial Heritage" it was compiled from photographs submitted by Municipal Heritage Committee members from across the province. (Photo by James Forrester, Selwyn Township)

Community Heritage Ontario reports to members at AGM

By James Forrester, Selwyn Township

The Community Heritage Ontario Annual General Meeting was held Friday June 19th, 2026, during the Ontario Heritage Conference. The meeting was held in the King George Room at Liuna Station, Hamilton. A report by Chair Matthew Gregor was followed by the Corporate Secretary Rick Schofield's report. Also reports of the various committees; Finance (Hale Mahon), Membership (Rick Schofield), Communications and Conference (Nancy Matthews) as well as the Policy and Liaison Committee (Regan Hutcheson). In new business, directors whose terms had expired were replaced. There is one vacancy.

One new director, James Forrester, was appointed. Executive meetings are held via Zoom quarterly in March, June, September and November, or at the call of the Chair for a special meeting. In April, the CHO Board sent a request to the Province for an extension of the January 1st, 2027, deadline to issue Notices of Intention to Designate Properties under the Ontario Heritage Act. Following a survey sponsored by CHO and ACO it appears that over 21,000 properties will be removed from Heritage Registers if the Ontario government does not modify the Ontario Heritage Act.

Train your volunteer members with Community Heritage Ontario

Send them to the Ontario Heritage Conference: The conference is a one-stop opportunity for municipal committee members to speak with industry professionals. Plan to send one or two members to Sarnia in 2027. In 2026, Community Heritage Ontario used Cvent to manage conference ticket purchases. Estimate your budget based on Hamilton's conference ticket price of \$300 plus tax.

Keep CHO membership current: The new year may be busy getting everyone up to speed. Consider renewing your CHO membership now (remember to send your members list). CHO's membership fee remains at \$75 where it has stayed for several years. In addition to the informative quarterly newsletters, CHO is happy to provide an educational, in-person or virtual training session with a CHO board member.

Municipal election is an opportunity to promote heritage agenda

Candidates of the 2026 Municipal Election looking for your vote offer a great opportunity to promote heritage preservation as a general policy and solicit support for your local objectives and initiatives. Council will stop doing new business in early fall, so be sure to get new designations and other business approved before then.

Ontario Heritage Conference

Thank you, Hamilton, we had a great time; learned lots!



Heritage professionals and municipal volunteers from across the province connected at the Ontario Heritage Conference in Hamilton in June. They networked at training sessions and a gala dinner at the historic Liuna Station, a former train station converted into an event space. (Photo by James Forrester, Selwyn Twp)



An excellent Gala dinner was served on Friday evening in the Grand Ball Room, Liuna Station. Provincial organizations, including Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) (represented at left by directors Hale Mahon, Matthew Gregor and Nancy Matthews), the Ontario Association of Heritage Professionals (OAHP) and the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) plus the Local Organizing Committee, at right, were acknowledged and celebrated for the success of this year's conference. (Photos by James Forrester, Selwyn Township)

CHO fields inquiries about hosting future conferences

Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) is fielding inquiries from communities interested in hosting a future Ontario Heritage Conference. Municipalities find that hosting is beneficial to local tourism and increases visibility. CHO and its partners provide support. If your municipality would like an opportunity to host, contact CHO.

One vacancy remains on CHO board of directors

Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) is looking for municipal heritage committee (MHC) members and other individuals who would like to provide their knowledge and experience by serving on our Board of Directors.

We need to have representation from all parts of the province by those who have served on MHC, past or present, and a willingness to offer their assistance to the Board. CHO encourages members who have other skills such as financial, administration, networking, IT, that would assist the board with tasks. Knowledge of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA) is not necessarily required. There is a small budget for approved expenses. The Board holds meetings on Zoom on a Sunday, starting around noon. Meetings are held four times in the year – March, June, September and

November, plus the Annual General Meeting held at the Ontario Heritage Conference. In 2027, the AGM will be held in Sarnia.

Send a brief letter of interest to:

Nominating Committee, Community Heritage Ontario,
6282 Kingston Road, Scarborough ON M1C 1K9

info@communityheritageontario.ca

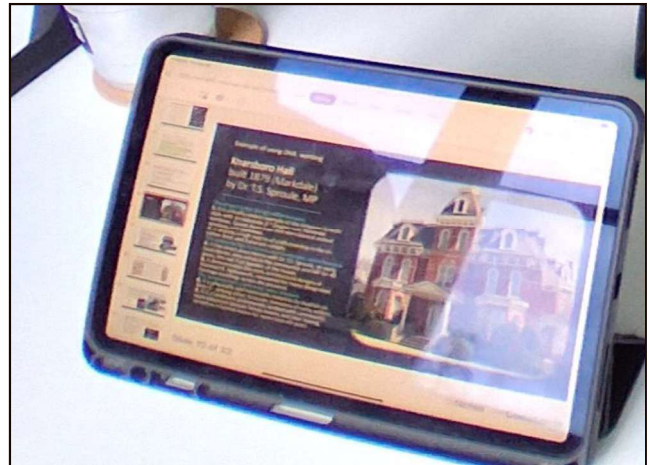


Image of a tablet. (Photo credit: Nellie Evans)

Job Opening - Become CHO's treasurer - CHO is looking for someone with accounting background to become our treasurer. Commitment: part-time to pay invoices, write financial reports, grant applications, and attend four meetings a year. Most meetings are held electronically. Submit resume to: info@communityheritageontario.ca

Renew your Community Heritage Ontario membership

1. Check your membership status

Has your municipal treasurer submitted your membership dues?

Municipal and individual members enjoy access to advice from experts and volunteers who contribute to this newsletter and to our premiere event – the Ontario Heritage Conference.

2. Send your committee contact information and dues

Have you updated your list to ensure every committee member receives an electronic copy of *CHOnews*?

Municipal memberships are \$75. Individual memberships are \$35.

Identify your municipality / yourself in the payment. Payment options are cheque or e-transfer, which are accepted by info@communityheritageontario.ca

Provincial conference heads to Sarnia in June 2027

The Ontario Heritage Conference will be hosted in Sarnia from June 17 to 19, 2027.

The host community is enthusiastic about bringing the event to a community of many historical firsts.

First, to have the first bridge over the river to the USA.

First, to have the first tunnel under the river.

First, to be the first port at the south end of Lake Huron.

First, to be the place where an enslaved person could find refuge and felt free.

First, to be the place where an industrialist was kidnapped for ransom.

Join us at the conference to find out more!

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is chaired by Ati Powell. They are already planning to connect with Indigenous, Black and French communities to determine interest in participating.

The LOC will receive assistance with planning and presentations from Community Heritage Ontario, Architectural Conservancy Ontario and the Ontario Association of Heritage Professionals.

Encouraged by the positive interest in Hamilton, Sarnia will also welcome providers of goods and services in heritage fields as sponsors and/or exhibitors.



The Sarnia Heritage Committee set up a booth (centre, background) at the Hamilton conference to let delegates know they will host the conference in 2027. Sarnia is located on Lake Huron in southwestern Ontario. (photo by Nellie Evans, Municipality of Bluewater)



CHO/PCO MISSION STATEMENT

To encourage the development of municipally appointed heritage advisory committees; and, to further the identification, preservation, interpretation and wise use of community heritage locally, provincially and nationally. CHO/PCO board of directors' meetings are open to any municipal heritage committee member. Meetings will be held virtually until further notice. If you wish to attend, please send a request to info@communityheritageontario.ca

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Director – one vacancy

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May 27, 2026

RE: 9.4.3 Report COR-2026-018 Designation of 2026 Priority Properties

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 6th, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-138: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COR-2026-018 entitled Designation of 2026 Priority Properties be received for information; and,

That Council affirm its decision to designate the following properties pursuant to Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act:

1. 6633 Roszell Road;
2. 7111 Concession 1;
3. 7697 Wellington Road 36;
4. 4661 Sideroad 10 North;
5. 5 Victoria Street;
6. 4435 Watson Road South;
7. 7737 Stone Road East;
8. 4715 Watson Road South;

That Council give three readings to the following By-laws attached as schedules to this report:



1. Schedule 'A' - BL2026-021 Designation By-law for the property municipally known as 6633 Roszell Road;
2. Schedule 'B' - BL2026-022 Designation By-Law for the property municipally known as 7111 Concession 1 Road;
3. Schedule 'C' - BL2026-023 Designation By-law for the property municipally known as 7697 Wellington Road 36;
4. Schedule 'D' - BL2026-024 Designation By-law for the property municipally known as 4661 Sideroad 10 North;
5. Schedule 'F' - BL2026-026 Designation By-law for the property municipally known as 5 Victoria Street;
6. Schedule 'G' - BL2026-027 Designation By-law for the property municipally known as 4435 Watson Road South;
7. Schedule 'H' - BL2026-028 Designation By-law for the property municipally known as 7737 Stone Road East;
8. Schedule 'I' - BL2026-029 Designation By-law for the property municipally known as 4715 Watson Road South; and,

That staff be authorized to proceed with notice requirements as outlined in Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990 and in accordance with the Township's Ontario Heritage Act Alternative Notice Policy.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk



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May 27, 2026

RE: 9.4.3 Report COR-2026-018 Designation of 2026 Priority Properties

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 6th, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-139:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council affirm its decision to designate the following property pursuant to Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act:

1. 4495 Sideroad 20 North;

That Council give three readings to the following By-law attached as a schedule to this report:

1. Schedule 'E' - BL2026-025 Designation By-law for the property municipally known as 4495 Sideroad 20 North;

That staff be authorized to proceed with notice requirements as outlined in Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990 and in accordance with the Township's Ontario Heritage Act Alternative Notice Policy.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,
Justine Brotherston, Municipal Clerk



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May 27, 2026

RE: 9.4.3 Report COR-2026-019 2026 Heritage Designation Objections

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 6th, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-141:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Report COR-2026-019 entitled 2026 Heritage Designation Objections be received for information; and,

Whereas Township of Puslinch Council stated its intention to designate the property municipally known as 12 Badenoch Street; and,

Whereas the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 (the Act) requires that the Council of a municipality shall consider an objection and make a decision whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to designate within 90 days after the end of the 30-day notice period;

Therefore be it resolved,

That Council withdraws its decision to designate 12 Badenoch St pursuant to Section 29, Part IV of the Act.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,
Justine Brotherston, Municipal Clerk



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May 27, 2026

RE: 9.4.3 Report COR-2026-019 2026 Heritage Designation Objections

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 6th, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-143:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

Whereas Township of Puslinch Council stated its intention to designate the property municipally known as 6920 Concession 1; and,

Whereas the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 (the Act) requires that the Council of a municipality shall consider an objection and make a decision whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to designate within 90 days after the end of the 30-day notice period;

Therefore be it resolved,

That Council withdraws its decision to designate 6920 Concession 1 pursuant to Section 29, Part IV of the Act; and

That Council direct staff bring the potential designation back to the Heritage Advisory Committee once the development project has been completed or in the event of significant delays.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,
Justine Brotherston, Municipal Clerk



Puslinch Heritage Advisory
Committee
C/O Laura Emery,
Committee Secretary
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July 6, 2026

RE: 6.10 Puslinch Historical Society Archives, Puslinch Library, Aberfoyle Letter to Mayor and Council

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 27, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-174:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.10 be received; and

Whereas Council supports the ongoing work of the Puslinch Historical Society that Council direct staff to send a letter of appreciation for their dedicated work; and,

That Council direct staff to forward the Letter from Puslinch Historical Society and the letter of appreciation from Council to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

Puslinch Historical Society
c/o Puslinch Library
29 Brock Road South
Puslinch, Ontario N0B 2J0
(519) 658-9923 / (519) 822-8559
Website: puslinchhistorical.ca
Archives: Puslinch Library, Aberfoyle

April 14, 2026



To Mayor Seeley and Puslinch Council

The members of the Puslinch Historical Society (PHS) planning committee continue to expand the archival collection and 2025 was an unusually busy year. The dedication of the bell cairn in October 2025 was a combined effort of PHS and the Municipal Heritage Committee members.

Researching the school sections turned into a major project, as the material recorded in local history books and on early maps sometimes offered conflicting dates for many. There were varying physical buildings – log, frame, stone and brick, with the Killeen bell representing the belfries that were present on all of the later ones.

A project that coincided with the research for the October cairn dedication is a poster to preserve the history of the twelve school sections. It is to be plaqued and hung in the Community Centre beside the 2017 poster recording the buildings on the municipal grounds in Aberfoyle. Researched and created by PHS member Joanne Green, it is a work in progress as we sort out the various dates.

Marjorie Clark has stepped back from the PHS planning committee, but continues to be a valuable advisor to our group. While John Clark retired as archivist, he continues as treasurer. Cheryl Huether McLean and Joanne Green have stepped into his shoes.

I am continuing as photo archivist and have been joined by Lois Howlett, as we undertake digitizing all of the photos in the PHS collection. This is another monumental task and I am thankful for Lois's assistance.

The research section of the PHS website has been updated with the story of the William Alexander Gilchrist who was raised in Puslinch. The parents' work on the Nut Lake reserve in Saskatchewan is recorded along with the careers of their two sons. Both sons became significant figures in Canadian history. The originals of this material have been donated to the Wellington County Museum and Archives.

PHS responds to requests by email from contacts through the website. Chris Bowman, Gail Provot Kerr and I answer the queries. Having digital records to respond with is important when answering people at a distance.

Critical to the continuing work of PHS is the financial support of the Township of Puslinch. We are all volunteers, but our work would not be possible without the physical space to house the collection.

With thanks,


Marilynn Crow



July 6, 2026

Puslinch Historical Society
c/o Marjorie Clark
29 Brock Rd. S.
Puslinch, Ontario N0B 2J0

Dear Members of the Puslinch Historical Society,

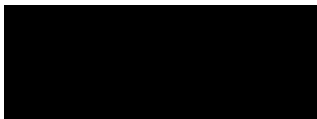
On behalf of myself and Township of Puslinch Council, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the ongoing dedication and commitment of the Puslinch Historical Society in preserving and promoting the rich history and heritage of our community.

Council recognizes the important role the Society plays in documenting, protecting, and sharing Puslinch's historical legacy for the benefit of current and future generations. Your continued efforts, volunteerism, and passion for local history contribute significantly to fostering community pride and preserving the Township's unique identity.

At its meeting, May 27, 2026, Council expressed its support for the ongoing work of the Puslinch Historical Society and directed staff to convey its appreciation through this letter. Council values the Society's contributions and looks forward to your continued partnership in celebrating and preserving Puslinch's heritage.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your dedication and the invaluable work you do on behalf of our community.

With sincere gratitude,



James Seeley,
Mayor,
Township of Puslinch



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September 3, 2026

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on August 26, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-259:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the delegation by Karen Slade and Bill Knetsch regarding safety of Calfass Road be received for information; and

That Council direct staff to report back on traffic calming, emergency detour, signage, speed mitigation measures, and other requests outlined in the presentation materials, for Calfass Road as part of the 2027 budget process; and

That Council direct staff to continue to advocate for traffic mitigation measures at Highway 6 and Concession Rd 1 intersection with the MTO; and

That Council direct staff to investigate further signage near Concession Rd 2 and Concession Rd 7 better directing traffic to the established detour route on Wellington Rd 34; and

That Council direct staff to pass the Cultural Heritage Designation request to the Heritage Advisory Committee for review and recommendation to Council.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk



REPORT HER-2026-008

TO: Heritage Advisory Committee Chair and Members of Committee

PREPARED BY: Laura Emery, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk

PRESENTED BY: Laura Emery, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2026

SUBJECT: 2022 – 2026 Goals and Objectives Update

RECOMMENDATION

That report HER-2026-008 entitled 2022-2026 Goals and Objectives Update be received for information.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Heritage Advisory Committee with an update on the Committee's 2022-2026 Goals and Objectives.

Background

In accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference, the Committee may have a maximum of two active goals or objectives at any given time. Goals and objectives referred by Council will be prioritized. There are two ways goals and objectives can be added to the Committee's workplan:

- A committee member or sub-committee preparing a detailed proposal which is endorsed by the Committee and subsequently approved by Council
- Council referring a goal/objective to the Committee

Comments

The Heritage Advisory Committee workplan is attached as Schedule A to this report. This workplan includes active, inactive, draft proposals and completed projects.

Active Goals/Objectives

1. Killeen Bell - School Section Monument Unveiling (Permanent Framed Display)

The sub-committee hosted a booth at the Puslinch Community Showcase to share the historical information on the 12 school sections of Puslinch. The sub-committee is now coordinating with the Puslinch Historical Society and to work with a vendor to create a permanent framed display to be hung in the foyer of the Puslinch Community Centre. The Committee has a \$300 budget for this initiative funded from the Committee's professional development and office supplies budget.

Draft Goal/Objective Proposals

Heritage Advisory Sub-Committees are working on Committee Memos and Goal/Objective Proposals for the following draft goals/objectives:

1. Heritage Conservation District

Once a Committee Memo and Goal/Objective Proposal has been drafted they are to be provided to staff for review and staff will assist with review of the memo/proposal and drafting of a recommendation. Once the Committee has endorsed the goal/objective staff will prepare a report for Council's consideration for approval. Staff are not able to provide further assistance until such a time that goal/objective is approved by Council and an active goal/objective.

Financial Implications

The Committee has a \$300 budget for this initiative funded from the Committee's professional development and office supplies budget.

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

None

Attachments

Schedule A – Heritage Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives Workplan



REPORT HER-2026-009

TO: Heritage Advisory Committee Chair and Members of Committee

PREPARED BY: Laura Emery, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk

PRESENTED BY: Laura Emery, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Puslinch Heritage Designation and Associated Programs

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Report HER-2026-009 regarding Puslinch Heritage Designation and Associated Programs be received for information.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Heritage Advisory Committee with an update regarding the status of properties included on the Township's Heritage Register (Register), the number of properties withdrawn from the Register during the designation process, as well as status updates on Heritage Permits and the Heritage Plaque Program.

Background

At the September 9, 2024 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting the Committee requested an annual fulsome report on what the Committee and staff have accomplished since the beginning of the Heritage Advisory Committee's term in January 2023. This report includes data from January 2023 to August 2026.

Comments

Heritage Register Update

The Register was adopted by Council in December 2021. At that time there were 109 properties listed on the Register with none having designated status.

Throughout this term of the Committee, 50 properties have been designated and there are currently 103 properties listed on the Register. All properties listed on the Register have been

considered by the Committee for recommendation to Council. The Register is attached as Schedule A to this report.

As staff, the Heritage Committee and Council have progressed through the designation process for priority properties on the Heritage Register, a number of properties have been withdrawn from consideration for designation at the request of the property owner. Historically, property owners have had the opportunity to formally object to a Notice of Intention to Designate during the legislated objection period.

Beginning in March 2025, staff enhanced the property owner engagement process by providing owners with an opportunity to share their views regarding potential designation before the issuance of a Notice of Intention to Designate. This informal consultation process was introduced in response to public feedback received since the Township began its designation program in 2023 and allowed property owners to express support, concerns, or opposition at an earlier stage. Feedback received through this process was considered by staff and the Committee prior to advancing a property for designation, providing an additional opportunity for input beyond the formal objection process prescribed under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Staff and the Committee received and reviewed nine (9) informal objections through this process. These properties remain on the Register, but will be removed as of January 1, 2027 in accordance with the timelines to make a determination regarding designation. Staff will continue to engage with property owners periodically regarding potential designation. Should a property owner become interested in pursuing designation, and sufficient accurate information is available to support the designation, staff will bring a report forward recommending that the Committee consider recommending the property for designation.

To date six (6) properties have been removed from the Register and will not be eligible to be relisted for five (5) years. These properties were identified as priority properties through the Committee, and subsequently Council issued a Notice of Intention to Designate. Pursuant to subsection 29(7) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Council may withdraw a Notice of Intention to Designate and where a notice is withdrawn, the property is removed from the Register and cannot be relisted on the Register for a period of 5 years. Should a property owner become interested in pursuing designation, and sufficient accurate information is available to support the designation, staff will bring a report forward recommending that the Committee consider recommending the property for designation.

Heritage Permit Update

The Township issued 1 Heritage Permit Waiver for 80 Brock Rd S in 2026. The Permit Waiver is attached as Schedule B to this report.

Heritage Plaque Program Update

In July, staff sent letters to designated property owners advising them of the Heritage Plaque Program. To date, staff have received 13 applications from property owners interested in receiving a plaque. Applications are administered on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of 10 plaques issued per calendar year. As the number of applications received exceeds the annual limit, the remaining applications will be carried forward and administered in 2027.

Staff are now confirming the information to be included on each plaque to ensure accuracy and are working with the vendor to coordinate the ordering and production of the plaques.

Financial Implications

None

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

Ontario Heritage Act

Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

Attachments

Schedule A – Township's Heritage Register

Schedule B – Heritage Permit Waiver (80 Brock Rd S)

 TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH EST. 1818 			The Township of Puslinch Municipal Heritage Register The lands we know today as the Township of Puslinch have been home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Hatiwendaronk, as well as the treaty lands and traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee. With increasing encroachment by non-Indigenous settlers in the Township of Puslinch, the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee could not continue their traditional lifestyle and settled in their villages along the Credit River and in the Grand River Valley. These Indigenous nations uphold their Treaty Rights within our jurisdiction. Today, the Township of Puslinch remains home to Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to have the opportunity to share and respect Mother Earth and are committed to building constructive and cooperative relationships with Indigenous nations.		
Designated Heritage Properties					
Roll Number	Legal Description of the Property	Name of Owner	Address of Property	Cultural Heritage Value or Description of Heritage Attributes	Plaque Date
5-12500	CON 7 REAR PT LOT 32	BISO SHAWN	82 Queen ST Morriston Puslinch	David Morlock House, 1910. Manse for Duff's Church 1919-2000. Yellow brick two and a half storey Edwardian residence, fine construction by Peter Morlock. Historically and contextually associated with German settlement, the founding of Morriston, and founding Winer, Morlock and Calfas families and religion in Puslinch.	2013
2-00400	CON 2 FRONT PT LOT 9	ELLIS COMMUNITY PIONEER	6705 Ellis RD Puslinch	Ellis Chapel and cemetery, 1861. Significant stone Gothic church, Methodist, interior intact. Historically and contextually associated with Edward and Thomas Ellis and Peter Lamont, carpenters, the Puslinch Lake community and religion in Puslinch. Restored in 1962. Only site in Puslinch plaqued by the Archaeological and Historical Sites Board in 1963.	2000
2-10801	CON 3 FRONT PT LOT 19	RICHARDSON BRENDA	6990 Wellington RD 34	School House, 1868 S.S.#5. Stone one-room schoolhouse, known as "The Third." Historically and contextually associated with education in Puslinch, and the farming community known as "The Third." Built on land donated by Alexander McKay.	2012
2-17300	CON 3 REAR PT LOT 5 DESC;INCL RP 61R8414 PART 1	CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF THE	4614 Wellington RD 32 Puslinch	Puslinch Mennonite/United Brethren Church, and cemetery, 1874. Red brick front-gabled schoolhouse-style architecture. Historically and contextually associated with Mennonite settlement and religious practice in Puslinch and with Penn-German dialect.	2000
4-08100	CON 1 FRONT PT LOT 26 RP;61R6943 PART 1	KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	7156 Concession 1 Puslinch	Knox Presbyterian Church and cemetery, 1882. Yellow brick single storey, front gable, school house-style architecture. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration to Killen and Crieff, Presbyterianism in Puslinch, Gaelic language services, contractor Duncan McPherson and mason William McDonald and Col. J.B. McLean. Cemetery attached.	2000
5-11400	PLAN 135 SURVEY JOHN COLFA'S;PT LOT 1 S/S QUEEN ST TOG	ENVERS HOLDINGS INC	42 Queen ST Morriston Puslinch	R.B. Morrison commercial block, 1860. Highly significant, early, unique and elaborate yellow brick Italianate three story commercial block, high degree of craftsmanship by Puslinch masons Beese and son. Rare and original ogee storefront windows. Historically and contextually associated with the community of Morriston, Morriston brickyard and commerce in Morriston and Puslinch.	2000
5-11500	PLAN 135 LOT 2 PT LOT 3 &;UNNUMBERED LOT	LIN JIBIAO	46 Queen ST Morriston Puslinch	Morriston Hotel, 1860. Rare stone two storey Georgian/Neoclassic building. High degree of craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with the community of Morriston and hostelry in Puslinch.	2012
5-12300	CON 7 REAR PT LOT 32	CLARK LAVERNE MCKENZIE	78 Queen Street, Morriston	John Morlock House, c.1854. Rare, early stone cottage built by William and Karl Beese. Historically and contextually associated with German immigration to, and settlement of Morriston, with Winer and Calfas families.	2000
5-12400	CON 7 REAR PT LOT 32	VANDENHEUVEL CAROLYN ANN	80 Queen Street, Morriston	John Christian Morlock House, 1909. Red brick Queen Anne two and one half storey residence built for J.C. Morlock's retirement. Historically and contextually associated with Morlock immigration and settlement of Morriston. Construction by Peter Morlock.	2013
5-14000	PLAN 135 LOT 47	MORRISTON UNITED CHURCH OF	22 Victoria ST Morriston Puslinch	German Evangelical Church, 1856. Early, unique and significant bichrome brick building with gothic windows. Historically and contextually associated with German settlement and culture in Morriston, Morriston brickyard. 1880s additions by Karl Beese mason.	2000
5-15900	CON 7 REAR PT LOT 32	MCKAY DONALD CHARLES	84 Queen ST Puslinch	Christian Morlock House, 1882, called "Stoneleigh". Stone Victorian villa. Significant, high degree of craftsmanship, stone mason Otto Rappolt. Original ornamentation. Historically and contextually associated with Morriston founding families: Winer, Morlock and Calfas whose properties are adjacent and neighbouring Morlock residences built on the same lot.	2000

6-09000	CON 7 PT LOTS 22 & 23 CON 8;PT LOT 22 PLAN 119 PT TAVERN;LOT PT MILL PT RD RP 61R3894;& 61R4700	VIDEKI REALTY INVESTMENTS	80 Brock RD S Aberfoyle Puslinch	George McLean/Aberfoyle Mill, c.1862, rebuilt 1866. Unique two and one-half storey yellow brick grist mill. Significant Puslinch Landmark. Historically and contextually associated with agriculture and industry in Puslinch, Aberfoyle Village and Highland Scots immigration.	2000
6-10800	CON 7 REAR PT LOT 28 DES INC;RP 61R3968 PART 3	DUFFS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	319 Brock RD S Puslinch	Duff's Presbyterian Church/East Presbyterian Church, 1854. Early stone edifice, fine craftsmanship. Lancet windows with Norman tower. Historically and contextually associated Presbyterianism in Puslinch, Highland Scots immigration to Puslinch, Gaelic language and Scottish culture, and Crown Cemetery.	2000
8-08800	CON 9 REAR PT LOT 7	RAMPERSAD NEIL	843 Watson RD S Arkell Puslinch	Arkell School, S.S.#1, 1862. Stone one room schoolhouse. Belfry and original bell attached. Historically and contextually associated with education in Puslinch, Arkell community and adjacent teacherage.	2000
8-11700	PLAN 131 EOBL PT LOT 3	ARKELL UNITED CHURCH BOARD	600 Arkell RD Arkell Puslinch	Arkell Methodist Church, 1877. Yellow brick one storey, gothic windows, transitioned to United Church of Canada, 1925. Historically and contextually associated with Methodism in Puslinch, Arkell Cemetery, 1851 (attached) and Arkell community.	2000
3-16800	PUSLINCH CON 1 PT LOT 4 PLAN;373 LOTS 1 2 26 TO 36 PT BLK;A PT LAKE AVE PT RDS PT BLVD;RP 61R166 PARTS 2 TO 6 8 TO;14 PT PARTS 1 AND 7	PUSLINCH BEACH & MARINE	43 McClinktock DR Puslinch	Puslinch Lake Hotel, 1880. Frame two story, hipped roof 19thc.resort architecture. Historically and contextually associated with Puslinch Lake hostelry and recreation, George Sleeman and John Davidson. Only surviving of many 19thc. hotels on Puslinch Lake.	2000
6-15400	CON 7 REAR PT LOT 19 RP;61R3522 PART 2	PFFLYER ONTARIO LIMTED	32 Brock RD N Aberfoyle Puslinch	Aberfoyle School, S.S.#4, 1872. Stone schoolhouse structure, unique arched fenestration, original cupola. High degree of craftsmanship, stonemasonry by Robert Little. Historically and contextually associated with education in Puslinch, and community of Aberfoyle.	2000
1-05400	PUSLINCH CON 5 PT LOT 13 RP;61R20571 PART 1	DEMMERS ADRIAAN HENDRIK	4855 Pioneer TR Puslinch	James Anderson House, c. 1862. Significant, early Neoclassic two storey residence, Italianate influence with yellow brick. Known as "Springfield Farm." High degree of craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with James Anderson "Laird of Puslinch," livestock breeding in Puslinch, and organization of Puslinch Farmers Club.	2000
1-06500	PUSLINCH CON 5 PT LOTS 9 AND;10 PT RD ALLOW RP 61R6065 PT;PARTS 2 AND 4	MAZZETTI PAUL ANTHONY	4856 Sideroad 10 N Puslinch	Thomas Saunders House/Vimy Ridge, 1846. Very significant, early, and rare three storey stone Georgian stucco over limestone residence with brick stables and unique barn. High degree of craftsmanship. Known as "Woodlands". Historically and contextually associated with stock-breeding in Puslinch, W.W.1 veteran rehabilitation, and orphan retreat. Painted by William Henry Edward Napier, 1855.	2000
2-19600	PUSLINCH CON 3 PT LOT 19 RP;61R11574 PART 2	THE DONKEY SANCTUARY OF	6981 Concession 4 Puslinch	Peter Stewart House, c.1865. Early stone 'Ontario House'. High degree of craftsmanship. Mason possibly Angus McDonald. Similar in construction to Alexander McKay House on Lot 19, Front Con.3. and John McCormick property on Lot 15, Front Concession 3. Historically and contextually associated with Scottish masonry in Puslinch, Highland Scots immigration from Perthshire and the settlement of Puslinch in "The Third".	2000
2-19700	PUSLINCH CON 3 PT LOT 20 RP;61R3352 PARTS 2 AND 3 PT;PART 1	FORESTELL DANIEL JAMES	4556 Sideroad 20 N Puslinch	Margaret McLennan House, c. 1850. Early, rare log house. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Uist to Puslinch.	2000
3-03700	PUSLINCH CON 1 PT LOT 5 RP;61R20848 PART 1	ANDERSEN MARGARET ELIZABETH	6592 Concession 1 Puslinch	Fred/August Begerow House, c. 1860s. Distinctive German vernacular architecture in stone. Begerow was an innkeeper; the property is historically and contextually associated with Begerow 1860s 'Highland Chief Inn' on this same property at Puslinch Lake, Puslinch Lake community and early hostelry and entertainment in Puslinch.	2006
4-08900	CON 1 FRONT PT LOT 25 LOT 24;LOT 23	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN	7098 Concession 1 Puslinch	John Thompson House, 1845. Rare 1.5 storey log house, with original stone fireplace. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Argyleshire and the settlement of Killlean.	2000
5-10100	PLAN 135 LOT 5	1598540 ONTARIO LTD	69 Queen ST Morrison Puslinch	Duncan McEdwards Blacksmith Shop, c. 1856. Stone single storey industrial building. Historically and contextually associated with blacksmithing and industry in Puslinch and community of Morrison.	2009
5-12000	PLAN 135 PT LOT 6	DAVE LUBRICK	56 Queen ST Morrison Puslinch	John Caffas log house, 1842. Significant, rare, hewed log house. High degree of craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with German settlement of Morrison, adjacent founding Winer, Morlock families, Stein family and cooperage industry in Puslinch.	2012

5-13200	PLAN 135 LOT 38 LOT 39 W/S;VICTORIA ST	WATZIN SANDRA MARIE	6 Victoria ST Morrison Puslinch	Herbert Leitch/August Wurtz house, c.1885. Renovated to present form by August Wurtz in 1890. Unique triple gabled stone Gothic residence. High degree of craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with German settlement in Puslinch and model for Puslinch Heritage Plaque design.	2000
5-16200	PUSLINCH CON 7 PT LOTS 33;AND 34 PT RD ALLOW	JEFFERSON MARY THERESA	4162 Highway 6 Puslinch	Paul Winer homestead. Early and unique log house, 1829, and yellow brick 'Ontario House', 1875. Both historically and contextually associated with founding of Morrison, German settlement in Morrison and founding Winer, Morlock and Calfas families whose properties are adjacent.	2000
5-18900	PUSLINCH CON 8 REAR PT LOT;35	BAND SARAH ALEXANDRA	7618 Leslie RD W Puslinch	William Nicoll house, 1860-1880. Significant Stone two storey Italianate house, outstanding craftsmanship. Earlier log cabin housed inside. Historically and contextually associated with Puslinch political and military history; Nicoll was Reeve of Puslinch and Warden of Wellington County, and a Lt. Col. in the militia formed during the Fenian raids.	2000
7-01300	CON 11 PT LOTS 25 & 26 PT RD;ALLOW	BOLTON, LORNA LYNNE	4347 Concession 11 Puslinch	Peter McLaren House, c. 1865. Rare stone Neoclassic/Georgian two storey residence. High degree of craftsmanship and ornamentation. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration and settlement in Badenoch, Puslinch.	2000
7-02700	CON 10 REAR PT LOT 21 RP;61R5198 PART 1	CARRUTHERS JAMES DAVID	7839 Wellington RD 34 Puslinch	Duncan Campbell House, 1850s. Rare, stone two storey Georgian residence, fine craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Perthshire to Corwhin, and community of Corwhin.	2007
7-04600	CON 10 FRONT PT LOT 31	WELLINGTON COUNTY	4217-4223 Watson RD S Puslinch	Badenoch School, 1889, S.S #9. Stone one-room schoolhouse, with Italianate ornamentation. High degree of craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with education in Puslinch and the Badenoch community.	2000
7-06900	PUSLINCH CON 10 PT LOT 16 RP;61R2020 PT PART 2	LEE BARRY	7751 Maltby RD E Puslinch	Duncan McFarlane House, 1870. Stone two storey Georgian/Neoclassic residence. High degree of craftsmanship, constructed by Peter Hume. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Perthshire to Corwhin, political and commercial history of Puslinch, and history of Aberfoyle (named after McFarlane's Scottish village.)	2000
8-06200	PUSLINCH CON 10 PT LOT 13 RP;61R502 PART 1 PT PART 2	MCREE ALLAN REID	4677 Watson RD S Puslinch	John Murray House, 1896. Rare stone Queen Anne residence, fine craftsmanship by Jack Carruthers, Robert Lamb and William Stratton. Historically and contextually associated with the community of Arkell.	2000
8-07800	CON 9 REAR LOT 11	SLOOT JOHN	4726 Watson RD S Puslinch	William Rae House and barn, c.1870. Stone 'Ontario' house and threshing barn, built by Rae. Historically and contextually associated with livestock breeding and agriculture in Puslinch and with the community of Arkell.	2000
8-18000	CON 9 PT LOTS 7 8 9 AND 10	AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH	483 Arkell RD Puslinch	Thomas Arkell House, 1852. Significant, Rare, early stone English-Georgian manor house. High degree of craftsmanship, called "Stonehaven". Regarded as the "Finest example of English architecture in Canada." Mason George Batterson. Historically and contextually associated with initiating English immigration to, and settlement of, Farnham and Arkell, livestock-breeding and woolen mill.	2000
2-05510	CON 2 REAR PT LOT 5	BULMER BARBARA MARY	4422 Wellington RD 32	Charles Barrett House, c.1875. Stucco covered stone 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with Irish Catholic immigration to Puslinch and the settlement of the Puslinch Lake Community.	2006
2-18200	CON 3 REAR LOT 9	WELLINGTON COUNTY	6710-6714 Wellington RD 34 Puslinch	Robert Little House, c.1862. Early stone cottage. Historically and contextually associated with Northern Irish immigration to Puslinch, cheese-making industry and donation of property to County by Little family descendants for reforestation.	2008
5-20700	CON 10 PT LOT 36 RP 61R10644;PART 1	RYAN JOHN ANTHONY	7735 Leslie RD W Puslinch	Malcolm Kennedy House, 1883. Red brick 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Badenoch Inverness Shire and settlement of Badenoch, Puslinch.	2009
6-15000	CON 7 REAR PT LOT 20	DOLMAN HOLDINGS INC	8 Brock RD N Aberfoyle Puslinch	Aberfoyle Blacksmith and Wagon Shop, 1860. Significant stone two storey industrial building, probably built by John Black or Allan McIntyre. Historically associated with wagon and carriage making, blacksmithing industry in Puslinch and community of Aberfoyle.	2000
6-15500	PUSLINCH CON 7 PT LOT 19 RP;61R11763 PART 2	DORLING RICHARD HOLMES	68 Brock RD N Puslinch	John Hammersley House, c. 1859 Stone 'Ontario House', fine craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with Puslinch municipal development and military activities.	2000
8-08700	CON 9 REAR PT LOT 7	NIMMO ARCHIBALD MCLEAS	845 Watson RD S Arkell Puslinch	Arkell Teacherage, 1875. Stone 'Ontario House' built by Robert Lamb. Historically and contextually associated with S.S.#1, education in Puslinch and Arkell community.	2000
8-11500	PLAN 131 PT LOT 3 RP 61R9995;PART 1	SAVOIE JAMES HUGH ANTHONY	596 Arkell RD Arkell Puslinch	George Nichol Blacksmith shop, c.1850. Early, stone single storey structure. Historically and contextually associated with the early settlement and industry in Arkell.	2000

8-15200	PLAN 131 WOBL PT LOTS 1 TO 4;INC RP 61R2727 PART 1	GUELPH CITY	880 Victoria RD S Puslinch	John Caulfield House, 1840, 1855. Significant, rare, early (1840) stone cottage with later (1855) two storey stone Georgian/Neoclassic addition. Historically and contextually associated with settlement and community in Arkell, and Caulfield Mills: first grist and saw mills in Puslinch.	
1-00801	CON 4 FRONT PT LOT 3	BOYD WILLIAM KYLE	6633 Roszell RD, Puslinch	Samuel Pannabecker House, c. 1870. Stone 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with Pennsylvania-German Mennonite settlement and community in Puslinch, blacksmithing and carriage building and Puslinch Mennonite/United Brethren Church.	2004
4-06300	PUSLINCH CON GORE PT LOT 24;RP 61R11650 PT PART 1 AND RP;61R20192 PART 1	BELL SUSAN LOUISE	7111 Concession 1 Puslinch	Duncan McDonald House, 1863. Early stone 'Ontario House', excellent craftsmanship, McDonald was a Scottish stone mason (Clachair). Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots settlement in Crieff and Scottish stone architecture in Puslinch Township.	2000
7-09100	CON 9 REAR PT LOT 31	BOUSFIELD CARL COLEMAN	7697 Wellington RD 36 Puslinch	Donald A. McLean House, 1920. Stone Edwardian two storey residence. Historically and contextually associated with McLean family immigration from Perthshire to Badenoch in the 1830s and Badenoch community.	2006
1-01625	CON 4 FRONT PT LOT 11 RP;61R10690 PART 1	INDEWEY JACQUELINE	4661 Sideroad 10 N Puslinch	William Thompson House, 1875. Stone 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with 1830s English immigration to Puslinch, John Howitt and Downey School, S.S.#3.	2012
5-12900	PLAN 135 LOT 31	MCCOY DUANE EARL	5 Victoria ST Morriston Puslinch	Lorenz Schlegel house, 1853. Rare log house. Historically and contextually associated with German settlement in Morriston, and cottage weaving industry in Puslinch.	2012
7-06001	CON 10 FRONT PT LOT 22 TGTHR;WITH ROW	GRAHAM LORELEI GRETA	4435 Watson RD S Puslinch	John J. McRobbie House, c. 1862 Rare stone cottage. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Perthshire to Badenoch and Badenoch community.	2000
8-05700	CON 10 FRONT PT LOT 11	MCHATTIE STEPHEN	4715 Watson RD S Puslinch	William Hume House, 1861. Rare stone Georgian two storey residence similar to James Orme House. Known as "Greystone." Peter Hume stone mason. Associated stone barn recently demolished. Historically and contextually associated with agriculture in Puslinch Township, stone barn construction and community of Arkell.	2006
2-10600	PUSLINCH CON 3 PT LOT 21 RP;61R1440 PT PART 2	2344949 ONTARIO INC	4495 Sideroad 20 N Puslinch	Donald Cameron House, c. 1862. Early stone 'Ontario House'. High degree of craftsmanship, possibly Angus McDonald mason. Similar in construction to John McCormick property on Lot 15, Front Concession 3. Historically and contextually associated with Scottish masonry in Puslinch, Highland Scots immigration from Cromartyshire and the community of "The Third" in Puslinch.	2000
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2-07700	CON 2 REAR LOT 17	LAGO CATHERINE MARY	6927 Wellington RD 34 Puslinch	Hector McCaig House, 1875. Stone Victorian Villa. Fine craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Highland Scots immigration from Argyllshire and the community of "The Third" in Puslinch.	2000
2-09200	PUSLINCH CON 2 PT LOT 21 AND;RP 61R3309 PART 4 RP 61R8375;PART 2	FARKAS CSILLA	4453 Sideroad 20 N Puslinch	Angus McPherson House, 1903. Rare, stone Edwardian two storey residence. Historically and contextually associated with Clan McPherson immigration from Inverness Shire Scotland to "The Third" in Puslinch. Otto Rappolt mason.	2000
2-10900	CON 3 FRONT PT LOT 18 PT LOT;19	BUCHANAN-SMITH JOCK GORDON	6958 Wellington RD 34, Puslinch	Alexander McKay House, c.1860. Early stone 'Ontario House'. High degree of craftsmanship, possibly Angus McDonald mason. Similar in construction to Peter Stewart House on Rear Lot 19, Con.3. and John McCormick property on Lot 15, Front Concession 3. Historically and contextually associated with Scottish masonry in Puslinch, Highland Scots immigration from Ross Shire and the community of "The Third", and S.S.#5.	2000
2-11300	CON 3 FRONT PT LOT 17	MCCAIG NEIL DONALD	6926 Wellington RD 34 Puslinch	Alexander McCaig House, 1844. Early, rare log house with later additions and covered with siding. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Argyllshire to Puslinch and the community of "The Third".	2010
2-11530	CON 3 FRONT PT LOT 15 RP;61R5091 PART 2 PT	SOBOL JEFFREY EDMUND	6872 Wellington RD 34 Puslinch	John McCormick House, c. 1862. Early stone 'Ontario House'. High degree of craftsmanship. Possibly Angus McDonald mason. Similar in construction to Peter Stewart House on Lot 19, Rear Con.3. and Alexander McKay property on Lot 15, Front Concession 3. Historically and contextually associated with Scottish masonry in Puslinch, Highland Scots immigration from Argyllshire and the settlement of Puslinch in "The Third".	2000
2-14300	CON 3 FRONT PT LOT 1 PT LOT;2	KOPINAK ELIZABETH KAREN	6530 Wellington RD 34 Puslinch	Nicholas P. Cober House, c. 1900. Yellow brick Queen Anne architecture. Historically and contextually associated with Pennsylvania German Mennonite settlement in west Puslinch, and Puslinch Union Church.	2000

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3-00300	PUSLINCH CON GORE FRONT PT; LOT 2 RP 61R21671 PART 2	REEVE JOAN MARY ESTATE	6526 Gore RD Puslinch	Duncan McKellar House, 1850s. Rare, early stone cottage. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Argyleshire and the settlement of Killean.	2000
3-01303	PUSLINCH CON GORE PT LOT 3; RP 61R20788 PART 1	MACDONALD BRANDON	6529 Concession 1 Puslinch	David Milroy House, c.1890. A representative late Victorian two storey stone residence. Architecturally, historically and contextually associated with the McQuillan family of stone masons, early Irish settlers to Puslinch who constructed it, and to the Milroy family, Lowland Scots who settled the property.	2006
3-01700	CON 1 FRONT PT LOT 8	MURAWSKI ROGER F	6684 Concession 1 Puslinch	John McMaster House, 1871. Early stone Victorian villa. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from the Isle of Arran and the settlement of Killean.	2010
3-01890	CON 1 FRONT PT LOT 7 RP; 61R1118 PART 1	SKRT MARTIN JOSEPH	6652 Concession 1 Puslinch	Archie McKellar House, c.1880. Dichromatic brick 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Argyllshire and settlement in Killean and the Morriston brick works.	2000
4-01100	CON GORE FRONT PT LOT 24 RP; 61R7443 PART 1 PT PART 2	BROWNRIDGE JOSEPH MURRAY	7112 Gore RD Puslinch	Angus McPherson House, 1859. Rare, early stone cottage. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots Clan McPherson immigration from Inverness Shire Scotland and the settlement of Crieff.	2000
4-01900	GORE FRONT PT LOT 18	AMENDOLA BRUNO	6954 Gore RD Puslinch	Malcolm McCormick House, c. 1880. Stone 'Ontario House' historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Killean, Argyleshire and the settlement of Killean, Puslinch Township.	2000
4-02500	CON GORE FRONT PT LOTS 13 & 14	YZERMAN WILLIAM	6830 Gore RD Puslinch	John Scott House, 1900. Stone two storey Edwardian house, architecturally rare since Edwardian properties were usually brick.	2010
4-04100	CON GORE REAR PT LOT 6 RP; 61R6797 PART 1	SILK TANYA RUTH	6639 Concession 1 Puslinch	Killean Teacherage. 1874 stucco over wood frame 'Ontario House', historically and contextually associated with the history of education in Puslinch Township, the Killean community and S.S.#7.	2005
4-05000	PUSLINCH GORE N PT LOT 13	MYRONYK MARK BLACK	6815 Concession 1 Puslinch	Laughlin McMillan House, c. 1870. Stone 'Ontario House', historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Argyllshire and the settlement of Killean.	2000
4-05100	PUSLINCH CON GORE PT LOT 14	HUGHES GRANT	6835 Concession 1 Puslinch	Scott House, c.1877 Stone Victorian villa. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Perthshire and the settlement of Killean.	2000
4-06200	GORE REAR PT LOT 23	RICH PETER JOHN	7087 Concession 1 Puslinch	James McPherson house, 1877. Stone 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots Clan McPherson immigration from Inverness Shire and the settlement of Crieff.	2000
4-06500	PUSLINCH CON GORE PT LOT 26	DAY ANDREW JOHN	4071 Sideroad 25 S Puslinch	Murdoch/Kenneth Munro House, c.1860. Early stone cottage altered recently to 'Ontario House' form. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Ross-shire, the settlement of Crieff and blacksmithing in Puslinch Township.	2009
4-06700	CON GORE N PT LOT 27 RP; 61R5464 PART 1	LALIBERTE MICHELE MARY	7201 Concession 1 Puslinch	Duncan McPherson House, c.1880 Stone Victorian Villa. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots Clan McPherson immigration from Inverness Shire Scotland and the settlement of Crieff.	2000
4-06900	PUSLINCH CON GORE PT LOT 29	RODENBURG KENT DOUGLAS	7243 Concession 1 Puslinch	Walter Cowan House, c. 1865. Stone 'Ontario House', fine craftsmanship built by Scottish stonemason John Kennedy. Historically and contextually associated with Scottish immigration, settlement of Crieff and Scottish and stone architecture in Puslinch Township.	2000
4-08000	CON 1 FRONT PT LOT 26 RP; 61R9461 PART 1	GILL JUDITH ANN	7160 Concession 1 Puslinch	Henry Becker Store and House, c. 1874. Unique stone 'Ontario House' architecture with commercial façade, slightly altered during 20th century renovations. Historically and contextually associated with commerce in Crieff and Puslinch, and Prussian immigration to Puslinch Township. Constructed by Angus McPherson.	2007
4-08200	CON 1 FRONT PT LOT 26	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN	4095 Sideroad 25 S Puslinch	William McDonald House, also known as "Gartland House", c. 1880. Unusual stone one and one-half storey, constructed as residence, shoemaker's shop and roadhouse. Large entrance and windows for commercial purposes. Historically and contextually associated with commerce and industry in Crieff, Puslinch and with Col. J.B. McLean.	2009
4-09200	CON 1 FRONT PT LOT 21 RP; 61R11990 PART 1	DOUGHERTY BONNIE LEE	7030 Concession 1 Puslinch	Archibald Thomson House, 1853. Rare, early stone two storey Georgian/Neoclassic manor. High degree of craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with Angus McDonald, stonemason, and Peter Lamont, carpenter, notable Puslinch craftsmen, and with Highland Scots immigration from Argyllshire to Killean.	2000

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4-09700	CON 1 FRONT PT LOT 17	FRIENDS OF SUNRISE LIMITED	6920 Concession 1 Puslinch	Richard Bond House, 1850s. Rare, early stone cottage, high degree of craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with English immigration and settlement in Crieff.	2000
4-10600	CON 1 REAR PT LOT 11 RP;61R3936 PART 2	LANG STUART WILLIAM	4253 Sideroad 10 S Puslinch	Malcolm Gilchrist Sr. House, c.1862. Rare, early stone cottage. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Argyll shire and settlement of Kilean.	2007
4-12200	CON 1 N PT LOT 16	PADDOCK MARGARET JEAN	4227 Wellington RD 35 Puslinch	Richard Paddock House, 1882. Stone Victorian villa,. Historically and contextually associated with English immigration to 'Paddock Corners' and Puslinch stonemason Dan McQuillan.	2000
4-12600	PUSLINCH CON 2 S PT LOTS 25;TO 27 CON 7 PT LOT 25 PT RD;ALLOW RP 61R6137 PARTS 1 AND;9 PT PARTS 2 3 6 TO 8 RP;61R7009 PARTS 2 AND 4	ST MARYS CEMENT INC (CANADA)	4350 Concession 7 Puslinch	John McFarlane House, c. 1864. Early stone 'Ontario House' . Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Perthshire and settlement in Puslinch.	2005
5-01000	PUSLINCH CON GORE PT LOT 32	CARALI EDWARD	7329 Concession 1 Puslinch	Jacob Schultz House. 1882 'Ontario House'. Notable German stone masonry and ornamentation. Historically and contextually associated with German immigration to Morriston, and German stonemasonry in Puslinch.	2000
5-01200	PUSLINCH CON GORE PT LOT 33	WESTERBY ELKE ALICE	7345 Concession 1 Puslinch	Malcolm McNaughton House. C. 1865. Stone 'Ontario House' fine craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Perthshire to Crieff.	2005
5-01700	PUSLINCH CON GORE PT LOTS 35;AND 36 PT RD ALLOW RP;61R4431 PARTS 2 AND 3 PT;PART 1 RP 61R4866 PT PART 1;RP 61R21390 PART 1	LILLYCROP BRYAN MALCOLM	4062 Highway 6 Puslinch	A. John McCallum House, c.1855. Rare, early stone cottage. Historically and contextually associated with Scots immigration and the settlement of Crieff.	2005
5-06600	PLAN 135 LOT 24 TO 25 PT LOT;26	STIGTER GRACE	28 Badenoch ST E Morriston Puslinch	Robert Galbraith House. c. 1880. Rare example of a wood frame 'Ontario House' with siding. Historically and contextually associated with the community of Morriston. Galbraith owned a profitable tailor shop and was the Chairman of the Sons of Temperance.	2013
5-07300	PLAN 135 OCHS PORTION LOT 13;PT LOT 14 RP 61R3060 PART 1	WHEELER MALYNDA	12 Badenoch ST E Morriston Puslinch	Alexander Watson House, 1850s. Early one storey stucco over wood frame cottage. Historically and contextually associated with the community of Morriston. Watson was a plasterer.	2013
5-12222	PLAN 61M230 LOT 10	DRS DEVELOPMENTS LTD	47 Whitcombe WY Morriston Puslinch	John Calfas house, 1851. Stone cottage, renovated to 'Ontario House' style in 1870s. Significantly historically and contextually associated with the founding of Morriston, German settlement and culture in Morriston, and founding Winer, Morlock and Calfas families.	2000
5-13100	PLAN 135 LOT 36 LOT 37 W/S	TERRIAULT JODY LYNN	4 Victoria ST Morriston Puslinch	Frank Kistenmacher House, 1874. Yellow brick 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with German settlement in Morriston brickyard, cabinet-making in Morriston and the undertaking industry. Original workshop and hearse drive shed on property.	2000
5-16300	PUSLINCH CON 7 PT LOTS 34;AND 35	SUTTON GLENN FRANKLIN	4096 Highway 6 Puslinch	John Marshall House, 1869. Stone 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Stirlingshire and settlement of Puslinch.	2000
5-19200	CON 8 REAR PT LOTS 37 AND 38	DURAND THOMAS	7594 Flamborough-Puslinch Townline Puslinch	Archibald Watson house, c. 1850. Very early, rare stone cottage. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots settlement in Badenoch area from Perthshire, and establishment of Duff's Presbyterian Church.	2006
5-19400	CON 9 FRONT PT LOT 36	FISHER ALLESSA	4085 Victoria RD S Puslinch	William Simpson House, c.1850. Early stone cottage altered into 'Ontario House' form. Historically and contextually associated with Scots immigration and settlement in Badenoch area of Puslinch.	2000
5-20000	CON 9 REAR PT LOT 32 PT LOT;33	LAW RUSSELL JAMES	4148 Watson RD S Puslinch	Robert Clark House, c.1880. Stone 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Badenoch Inverness Shire and settlement of Badenoch, Puslinch.	2000
5-20600	CON 10 PT LOTS 37 AND 38	951981 ONTARIO LTD	4073 Watson RD S (4079 Watson Rd S) Puslinch	Duncan MacEdward House, 1862. Stone 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Badenoch Inverness Shire and settlement of Badenoch, Puslinch.	2000
6-00100	CON 8 REAR PT LOT 29 PT LOT;30 SUBJ TO HYDRO ROW	CLARK JOHN ALLAN	4240 Victoria RD S Puslinch	John Clark House, 1835. Significantly early and rare stone cottage with "loyalist-style" arched doorway. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Badenoch, Inverness Shire and settlement of Badenoch, Puslinch.	2000
6-00501	CON 8 REAR PT LOT 27	JOHNSON NANCY FLORENCE	4304 Victoria RD S Puslinch	John McPhee House, 1905. Stone Edwardian two and a half storey residence. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Uist to Badenoch, Puslinch.	2005

Roll Number	Legal Description of the Property	Name of Owner	Address of Property	Cultural Heritage Value or Description of Heritage Attributes	Plaque Date
6-02250	PLAN 61M153 BLK 49	AUDREY MEADOWS LTD	4512 Victoria RD S Puslinch	Hugh Cockburn House, c.1868. Stone 'Ontario House' fine craftsmanship, known as "Green House Farm." Historically and contextually associated with Duff's Church, and stock-breeding in Puslinch.	2005
6-03300	PUSLINCH CON 8 PT LOT 16 RP;61R20252 PART 1	THOMASFIELD HOMES LIMITED	381 Maltby RD E Puslinch	Hugh Cockburn Sr. House, c.1855. Early stone cottage, fine craftsmanship, known as "Gowan Hill Farm." Historically and contextually associated with Scots immigration and settlement in Puslinch.	2006
6-05500	PUSLINCH CON 8 FRONT PT LOTS;18 AND 19 RP 61R20480 PARTS;1 TO 3	1329334 ONTARIO LTD	77 Brock RD N Puslinch	Robert Johnston House, c. 1838. Very early stone cottage, possibly earliest stone residence extant in Puslinch. Historically and contextually associated with English immigration and settlement along Brock Road in the 1830s.	2000
6-05610	PUSLINCH CON 8 PT LOT 19 RP;61R8176 PT PARTS 2 TO 4	GEORGE LESLIE	63 Brock RD N Puslinch	Richard Ellis House, c. 1862. Stone cottage, historically and contextually associated with English immigration and settlement of Brock Road community.	2006
6-09100	CON 7 REAR PT LOT 23 PT RD;ALLOW DES INC RP 61R4700;PART 3	VIDEKI REALTY INVESTMENTS	84 Brock RD S Aberfoyle Puslinch	George McLean House, c.1857. Early wood frame cottage with siding, known as the "Miller's House." Historically and contextually associated with the Aberfoyle Mill, agriculture and commerce in Puslinch, Aberfoyle community and Highland Scots immigration.	2000
6-12100	PUSLINCH CON 7 REAR PT LOT;23	NESTLE CANADA INC	95 Brock RD S Aberfoyle Puslinch	Malcolm McBeath House, c.1870. Stone 'Ontario House', fine craftsmanship. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration and settlement in Puslinch and the history of Aberfoyle.	2000
7-02000	PUSLINCH CON 10 PT LOT 17 RP;61R531 PT PART 1	MCCARRON RAYMOND VINCENT	4556 Concession 11 Puslinch	Kenneth/Archibald/Catherine McKenzie House, 1879. Named (in Gaelic) "Àird an Dreaghainn." Stone Victorian Villa, fine craftsmanship by Archibald McKenzie. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Ross Shire and community of Corwhin.	2000
7-02800	CON 10 REAR PT LOT 23 PT LOT;24	NAP GERRIT	4402 Concession 11 Puslinch	Andrew McRobbie House, 1851. Early stone cottage renovated into an "Ontario House" in 1914. Historically and contextually associated with Highland Scots immigration from Perthshire to Corwhin, and community of Corwhin.	2000
7-08800	CON 9 REAR PT LOT 29	1845029 ONTARIO INC	4272-4276 Watson RD S Puslinch	John McLean House, 1872. Stone, 'Ontario House', called "Viewfield" Fine craftsmanship by masons Schultz, and Stratton. Historically and contextually associated with McLean family immigration from Perthshire to Badenoch in the 1830s and Badenoch community.	2000
7-08900	CON 9 REAR PT LOT 30	MCLEAN MARY FRANCES	7704 Wellington RD 36 Puslinch	Alexander McLean House, c.1885. Yellow Morriston brick 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with McLean family immigration from Perthshire to Badenoch in the 1830s and Badenoch community.	2000
7-09300	CON 9 FRONT PT LOT 31	MACLEAN JAMES HAMILTON	7661 Wellington RD 36 Puslinch	Peter McLean House, 1869. Yellow Morriston Brick 'Ontario House'. Historically and contextually associated with McLean family immigration from Perthshire to Badenoch in the 1830s and Badenoch community.	2000
8-01500	PUSLINCH CON 10 PT LOT 1 RP;61R7006 PART 1 PT PART 4	BERRY INGLIS	7737 Stone RD E Puslinch	John Gordon House, 1872. Stone 'Ontario House'. Fine masonry similar to Duncan McFarlane House. Historically and contextually associated with Irish immigration to N.E. section of Puslinch, and community of Arkell.	2000
8-03200	CON 10 REAR PT LOTS 7 TO 9	SLATER ABIGAIL	711 Arkell RD Puslinch	James Orme House and Barns, 1854. Rare, highly significant, early Georgian two storey residence with very rare 1868 stone English threshing barn and 1871 stone stable buildings. Historically and contextually associated with agriculture in Puslinch Township, stone barn construction and courtyards, and community of Arkell. Cited in Canadian literature on barns.	2000



Waiver Letter for Proposed Construction on Heritage-Designated Property

RE: PT LOTS 22 & 23, CONCESSION 7, TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH AS IN RO703524; PT LOT 22, CONCESSION 8, TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH AS IN RO703524; PT TAVERN STAND LOT NORTH EAST DUNDAS ST, PLAN 119, AS IN RO703524; PT ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN CONS 7 & 8, CLOSED BY ROS609892, TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH, AS IN RO703524; PT MILL ST, PLAN 119, CLOSED BY ROS559024, PT 3 61R3894; S/T ROS593108; TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH

July 3, 2026

Dear Atlin Properties LTD,

Following a detailed assessment of the site plan and proposed scope of work regarding the Heritage Permit Waiver application submitted on June 22, 2026, it has been determined that the intended construction does not impact the heritage attributes as identified in the Heritage Designation By-law.

The work is located outside the protected area and does not encroach upon, alter, or compromise the structural or historical integrity of the heritage-designated structure situated on the property and as listed in Designation Bylaw 019-2024.

Accordingly, we hereby grant a waiver permitting the proposed construction activity, subject to the following conditions:

1. The construction shall not impact, directly or indirectly, the heritage-designated structure or its immediate surrounding environment as defined under Section 29 Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, *R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18*.
2. Any deviation from the approved plans must be submitted for review and written approval must be received prior to the commencement of such changes.
3. The property owner/applicant shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure that the construction activities do not result in vibrations, structural stress, or environmental changes that could affect the heritage structure.
4. Compliance with all local building codes and permits remains the responsibility of the owner/applicant.

This waiver is granted specifically for the construction project described in your submitted documentation and does not constitute a blanket exemption from future heritage or planning obligations.



Please retain this letter as part of your official project documentation. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Laura Emery
Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk



REPORT HER-2026-010

TO: Heritage Advisory Committee Chair and Members of Committee

PREPARED BY: Laura Emery, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk

PRESENTED BY: Laura Emery, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy Clerk

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Heritage Advisory Committee 2022-2026 Term in Review

RECOMMENDATION

That report HER-2026-010 entitled Heritage Advisory Committee 2022-2026 Term in Review be received; and,

That this report be forwarded to the next term of the Council for consideration in establishing the Heritage Advisory Committee's initial Goals and Objectives for the 2026-2030 term.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Heritage Advisory Committee with a summary of the work completed by the Committee of its approved goals and objectives during the 2022–2026 term and draft Goals and Objectives for consideration by Council for the 2026-2030 term of the Committee.

Background

The Heritage Advisory Committee's mandate is to advise Council on matters related to the preservation, protection, celebration and education of heritage within the Township.

At the conclusion of each Committee term, it is appropriate to review the work completed by the Committee and identify any outstanding or proposed initiatives for consideration by the next term of Council to be referred to the Committee.

Comments

The following provides a summary of the Committee's completed Goals and Objectives and draft Goals and Objectives for consideration by the next term of Council. The dates listed below indicate when each goal/objective was completed by the Committee.

Completed Goals/Objectives

2023

Goal/Objective	Description of Work	Date Completed
Doors of Puslinch Posters	Work and ordering of the posters was completed by this term of Committee but began with previous term of the Committee.	July 2023
Heritage Register and Bill 23 (2023 Priority Properties)	Committee reviewed and updated 17 statements of cultural heritage value or interest that were identified as the 2023 priority properties.	September 2023

2024

Goal/Objective	Description of Work	Date Completed
Re-vamp of Heritage Webpage & Showcasing of Designated Properties	With the assistance of the Heritage Summer Student, the Heritage webpage was revamped with updated information regarding designation, the Township's local history, Cemetery information and a page dedicated to the Puslinch Land Acknowledgement. New graphics were also developed for future use in showcasing the Township's designated heritage properties.	May 2024
Heritage Register and Bill 23 (2024 Priority Properties)	Committee reviewed and updated 19 statements of cultural heritage value or interest, that were identified as the 2024 priority properties for designation.	May 2024
Land Acknowledgement Open House	The Township held an Open House and invited Students from Aberfoyle Public School and members of the public to learn about the Township's Land Acknowledgment Statement.	June 2024

Heritage Plaquing Program & Policy	The Committee recommended and provided feedback on the establishment of a Heritage Plaque Program for designated properties.	September 2024
Participation in Puslinch Community Showcase	The Committee hosted a booth at the Puslinch Community Showcase to promote and sell the Doors of Puslinch Posters.	October 2024
Heritage Register and Bill 23 (2025 Priority Properties)	Committee reviewed and updated 26 statements of cultural heritage value or interest, that were identified as the 2025 priority properties for designation.	December 2024

2025

Goal/Objective	Description of Work	Date Completed
Heritage Register and Bill 23 (2026 Priority Properties Part I)	Committee reviewed and updated 21 statements of cultural heritage value or interest, that were identified as the 2026 Part 1 priority properties for designation.	September 2025
Participation in Puslinch Community Showcase & 175th Anniversary Event	The Committee hosted a booth to share historical information on the 12 school sections of Puslinch. The Committee also assisted with the Killeen Bell School Section Monument Unveiling.	October 2025

2026

Goal/Objective	Description of Work	Date Completed
Heritage Register and Bill 23 (2026 Priority Properties – Part II)	Committee reviewed and updated 22 statements of cultural heritage value or interest, that were identified as the 2026 Part 2 priority properties for designation.	May 2026

Draft Goals and Objectives for Consideration by next term of Council

The below draft Goals and Objectives will be subject to consideration and approval by Council and should be reviewed in the context of the Township's Strategic Plan adopted in March 2026.

Goal/Objective	Description of Proposed Work
Barn Preservation	Explore opportunities to identify and designate eligible heritage barns in the Township.
Heritage Conservation District	Explore the feasibility of establishing a Heritage Conservation District, including any required background research, public consultation and/or preliminary assessment.
Designation Identification & Evaluation of Priority Properties	Identify and evaluate properties that may have potential for heritage designation, including researching properties of interest and preparing draft statements of cultural heritage value where appropriate.
Cultural Heritage Landscape	Explore the concept of cultural heritage landscapes and identify potential areas of cultural heritage interest, beginning with the Calfass Road corridor, in accordance with Council direction. Evaluate the corridor, including its historic road structure, Morriston Pond and the Corduroy Bridge, as a potential cultural heritage landscape and consider the need for a heritage impact assessment prior to significant structural changes.
Education of Township Heritage and History	Explore opportunities to educate the public regarding the Township's history and heritage including opportunities to partner with the Township's Historical Society.

Financial Implications

None

Applicable Legislation and Requirements

None

Attachments

None

COMMITTEE MEMO

TO: HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: LILY KLAMMER-TSUJI

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Committee Memo MEMO-2026-001 entitled 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference - Lily be received for information.

Purpose

To provide the Heritage Advisory Committee with observations from attendance at the June 18-20, 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference in Hamilton.

Background

I attended the 2026 Heritage Conference along with Cheryl McLean, held in Hamilton, Ontario at various locations.

Comments

Thursday, June 18th we met at Magnolia Hall for “Reimagining Hamilton’s Waterfront: Adaptive Reuse, Remediation, Commemoration of Hamilton’s Industrial Heritage.” Magnolia Hall is the former St. Mark’s Church, a designated building in gothic revival style with a “Distinctive Garden Forecourt”. Speakers included Chris McLaughlin, Christopher Glaisek.

After the opening session, WSP (an engineering services firm) hosted a meet and greet at its office on King William Street. The restored, mixed use heritage building is remembered as The Empire Times building former home of The Hamilton Times, and The Empire, both newspaper publication businesses.

Friday, June 19th was the main day for the conference. All workshops and the evening gala dinner was held at Liuna Station. “Welcome Keynote: Adaptive Reuse”.

I attended workshops:

“Conservation of Heritage Resources through Circularity: Strategies for Rehabilitation and Salvage”. The panel presentations included Arcan Restorations Group Ltd and Half Climate

design. These groups rethink deconstruction to gather bricks and materials to reuse in heritage projects.

“Preserving Our Cultural Heritage Landscapes” Presentation included natural cultural heritage - mapping of heritage trees in Hamilton. A more creative session this also included Lesia Mokrycke of Tropos and Hamilton poet and carpenter, John Terpstra.

“From Traditional Knowledge to Contemporary Craft” – the presenters and panel included Willowbank School of Restoration Arts artisans.

Saturday, June 20th began at the Playhouse Cinema for a panel discussing “Heritage Insurance- Myths vs Realities”. This session got a bit heated and perhaps fell short of making any practical solutions. The panel appeared to have the right representation, executive director of the National Trust for Canada, a director of the Consumer and Industry Relations for Insurance Bureau of Canada, as well as Heritage Professionals. Insurance is required to have a mortgage in Ontario. House insurance is not regulated like car insurance. The audience wondered why not.

The remainder of the conference took place up the street at the Cotton Factory – Hamilton’s earliest industry. The building was originally home to The Imperial Cotton Company Limited. The renovated factory pays homage to its roots with several features, including original hardwood floors, cast iron inlays on the staircase and a smokestack. The new tenants are mostly artisans supporting each other and rejuvenating the building’s heritage. Actually, six buildings, 20,000 square feet, 140 tenants. I attended a session on faux finishes by Lori Le Mare who also presented on Friday and teaches with the Willowbank school. We were also able to tour the building and visit with some artisans and vendors.

Financial Implications

None

Attachments

None.

COMMITTEE MEMO

TO: HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: CHERYL MCLEAN

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Committee Memo MEMO-2026-002 entitled 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference - Cheryl be received for information.

Purpose

To provide the Heritage Advisory Committee with observations regarding attending the June 18-20, 2026 Ontario Heritage Conference.

Background

Thursday the 18th we met at Magnolia Hall a fine example of one of the grand heritage buildings in Hamilton. The topic was “Reimagining Hamilton’s Waterfront: Adaptive Reuse, Remediation, Commemoration of Hamilton’s Industrial Heritage.” It was quite interesting to hear plans for the future of the waterfront and to learn more about Industrial Heritage.

The Friday workshops were held at the Liuna Station, which is a fine example of adaptive reuse, which was the keynote topic for the opening event. All of our events on Friday were held here including the Gala Dinner which was held in the Grand Ballroom.

My first workshop was preventing demolition by neglect. The speaker emphasized the importance of the public reporting properties which are being neglected. The officials in Hamilton use their authority to get owners to comply. They try to act before the public is at risk and while the property can be salvaged. 54 Hess Street is an example of a success story. Sometimes neglect is deliberate so the property can be redeveloped. The various bylaws and heritage buildings and property standards give Hamilton the authority to make owners comply. There are some concerns that some heritage property owners in Puslinch are neglecting their property and should be held responsible. Hamilton works with the owners to help them

understand the benefits of keeping their properties beautiful. They start with a Heritage Planner meeting with the owner to provide education on heritage value, information of the value of their maintained properties from real estate agents and inform the owners of any grants or incentives that are available to them. If the owner is still non-compliant, Hamilton is aggressive on action and changes. If necessary, they issue work orders and charge the costs. The Hamilton Bylaws are strong.

A seminar was held on “Finding Historical Facts with Digital Research”. We were provided with a list of useful Heritage Links, some of which members of the Heritage Advisory Committee have already become familiar with. This list is a great tool, and tips were shared by the presenters. A copy is attached.

I attended a workshop on designating industrial buildings. Most of us think of Hamilton as Steel City but their first major industry was cotton. The Cotton Factory in Hamilton has gone through an amazing transition. On Saturday we had the opportunity to tour the Cotton Factory.

Saturday morning, we met in the Playhouse Cinema. Here all the conference attendees met to discuss “Heritage Insurance- Myths vs Realities”. Some tips were shared on knowing your home and recording when things change. It is much better to speak with an insurance broker rather than filling in forms online. This is especially true regarding the date of your home which might throw up immediate red flags. We did this with our home, and our broker used the date we made major upgrades to the plumbing and wiring. Photos are also a wise tool. This became more of a heated topic as there was disappointment with the government not having more regulations to protect the heritage property owners from insurance providers unwilling to insure or charging high rates. Our Heritage Committee’s letter sent to government officials is a voice for change.

The last workshop was held at the Cotton Factory. Definitely worth a visit. It is filled with unique vendors, crafts people, and other tenants. There I learned that Hamilton is making a record and map of Monument Trees.

Financial Implications

NONE

Attachments

Community Heritage Ontario – Useful Heritage Links



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USEFUL HERITAGE LINKS

ONLINE HISTORIC RESEARCH:

- **Census** (birthplace, occupations of historic owners & descendants): <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/genealogy-family-history/censuses/Pages/censuses.aspx>
- **Architecture** (styles): <https://www.therealtydeal.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Heritage-Resource-Centre-Architectural-Styles-Guide.pdf> *for Architectural styles*
- **Architects**: <http://www.dictionaryofarchitectsincanada.org/>
- **1880 Atlas** (maps, pictures, owner names. Locate churches & halls: <https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/searchmapframes.php>)
- **Fire Maps**: (building size, materials & usage) <https://www.lib.uwo.ca/madgic/fipon.html>
- **Historic Places Canada** (guidelines for preservation & restoration: <https://www.historicplaces.ca/media/18072/81468-parks-s-g-eng-web2.pdf>) *- does a lot of restoration*
- **Cemeteries & Gravesites**: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery-browse/Canada/Ontario?id=state_830

HERITAGE ORGANIZATIONS: contact any of these resources for information and/or help

- **MCM Ministry of Citizenship & Multiculturalism** (Heritage): <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-citizenship-and-multiculturalism#5>
- **CHO - Community Heritage Ontario**: <https://www.communityheritageontario.ca/> *Nancy Martin*
- **ACO - Architectural Conservancy of Ontario**: <https://acontario.ca/>
- **OHAP - Ontario Association of Heritage Professionals** (planners, architects): <https://cahp-acecp.ca/chapters/ontario-nunavut/>
- **OHS - Ontario Historical Society** (local branches will support MHC): <https://ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/>

HERITAGE LEGISLATION & RESOURCES: Useful resources

- **OHA - Ontario Heritage Act**: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o18>
- **PPS - Provincial Planning Statement**: <https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-10/mmah-provincial-planning-statement-en-2024-10-23.pdf> heritage: sec. 4.6 p.31
- **Ontario Planning Act**: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p13>
- **Ontario Heritage Trust**: (general overview & property register): <https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/>
- **National Trust for Canada**: (educational resources): <https://nationaltrustcanada.ca/>
- **IBC - Insurance Bureau of Canada**: <https://www.ibc.ca/news-insights/in-focus/insuring-heritage-properties-eight-things-you-need-to-know> **Brochure for Heritage Owners**: <https://a.storyblok.com/f/339220/6254b99ec9/heritage-properties-en.pdf>

CHO WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS: <https://www.communityheritageontario.ca/education/>

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