

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2022

Item 2, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 26, 2022.

2. MAPLE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT CORE PLAN UPDATE – PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT PLAN UPDATE

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the Maple Heritage Conservation District Core Draft Plan Update be referred back to staff for a future report;
- 2) That the report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management, dated April 6, 2022, be received; and
- 3) That the presentation by Meaghan Rivard, Laura Walter, and David Waverman, Stantec Consulting Ltd., Cochrane Drive, Markham, and Communication C2., presentation material, entitled, “*City of Vaughan Core Maple HCD Plan*”, dated April 6, 2022, be received.

Recommendations

1. That the proposed draft Plan Update of the Maple Heritage Conservation District Plan, set out in Attachment 1, be received;
2. That the current Maple Heritage Conservation District Plan (2007) be updated to include the new Maple Heritage Conservation District Core Plan (2022); and
3. That the current Maple Heritage Conservation District By-laws 167-2007 and 168-2007 be amended to reflect the adoption and implementation of the Maple Heritage Conservation District Core Plan (2022), as presented.

Committee of the Whole (Working Session) Report

DATE: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

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TITLE: MAPLE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT CORE PLAN
UPDATE – PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT PLAN UPDATE

FROM:

Haiqing Xu, Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To present the Maple Heritage Conservation District Core Plan Update for adoption, implementation, and subsequent By-law amendment.

Report Highlights

- The current Maple Heritage Conservation District Plan was adopted and implemented in 2007
- The current Maple Heritage Conservation District Plan is being strengthened by introducing a “District-within-the-District” Core HCD to respond to policy and legislative changes since its original adoption
- The Maple Heritage Conservation District Core Plan updates both sections of the Heritage Conservation District: the Study and the Plan

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Background

A Heritage Conservation District Study and Plan for the Village of Maple were prepared in 2007. Since that time there have been a number of policy and legislative changes, which have and continue to have influence on planning decisions.

In spring 2020, the City of Vaughan commenced a comprehensive update to the 2007 Maple Conservation District ('MHCD') Plan. The initiative was undertaken in two phases. The first phase was an update to the MHCD Study, and the second phase was an update to the 2007 MHCD Plan, including the design guidelines. This presentation provides a comprehensive update of both documents and will form the MHCD Plan Update (2022) by introducing a new "District-within-the-District" Plan addressing the new inner boundary of the Village of Maple Core.

Previous Reports/Authority

Previous reports relating to this initiative can be found at the following links:

[Item 3, Heritage Vaughan Committee, February 17, 2021](#)

[Item 2, Heritage Vaughan Committee, November 24, 2021](#)

Analysis and Options

The 2007 MHCD Plan has provided high-level guidance for development activity in the Village of Maple Heritage District area for the last 12 years to protect and conserve the MHCD's heritage and character, amidst the many regulatory and policy changes introduced by the Province of Ontario.

The first phase of the MHCD Plan Update was an update to the Study. The MHCD Study process commenced in Q1 2020. It included the review and mapping of the heritage resources inventory, site walks, Townscape survey, background study and policy review, and the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats ('SWOT') analysis of the 2007 MHCD Plan.

A public and stakeholder virtual meeting was hosted in April 2020. The input received, along with the evaluation and gap analysis of the 2007 MHCD Plan, guided the updated MHCD Study. The updated Study draft was made available online for digital engagement with the community. The comments received from all stakeholders contributed to the compilation of the final "draft" of the MHCD Plan Study document, which was presented to the Heritage Vaughan Committee in February 2021.

The second phase of the project was the update to the Plan. The purpose of the MHCD Plan Update is to build upon the existing MHCD Plan's past successes and respond to a changing legislative environment, strengthen the heritage policies and conservation tools based on the community's long-term vision. Key objectives of the MHCD Study update included the following:

- updated the maps of existing cultural heritage resources
- addressed the findings of the SWOT analysis of the 2007 MHCD Plan
- updated the list of heritage attributes
- integrated new and updated context for the Plan, including policy frameworks, performance-based design guidelines and policies

The updated Plan draft was made available online for digital engagement with the community. A subsequent public and stakeholder meeting was hosted in February 2021. The input received, along with feedback from City staff, guided the final “draft” of the MHCD Plan Update to morph into the “District-within-the-District” MHCD Core Plan. The first “draft” of the MHCD Core Plan document was presented to the Heritage Vaughan Committee in November 2021, and to the public and stakeholders online between December 2021 and February 2022. Final staff and public input was compiled into this final “draft” presented herewith.

Financial Impact

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no broader Regional impacts or considerations.

Conclusion

The MHCD Core Plan (2022) builds upon the existing MHCD Plan’s past successes and responds to a changing legislative environment, strengthens the heritage policies and conservation tools based on the community’s long-term vision. Cultural Heritage staff recommends the final “draft” of the MHCD Core Plan (Study and Plan) documents and presentation regarding the MHCD Core Plan update be received, and the MHCD Core Plan (2022) be adopted and implemented.

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Attachments

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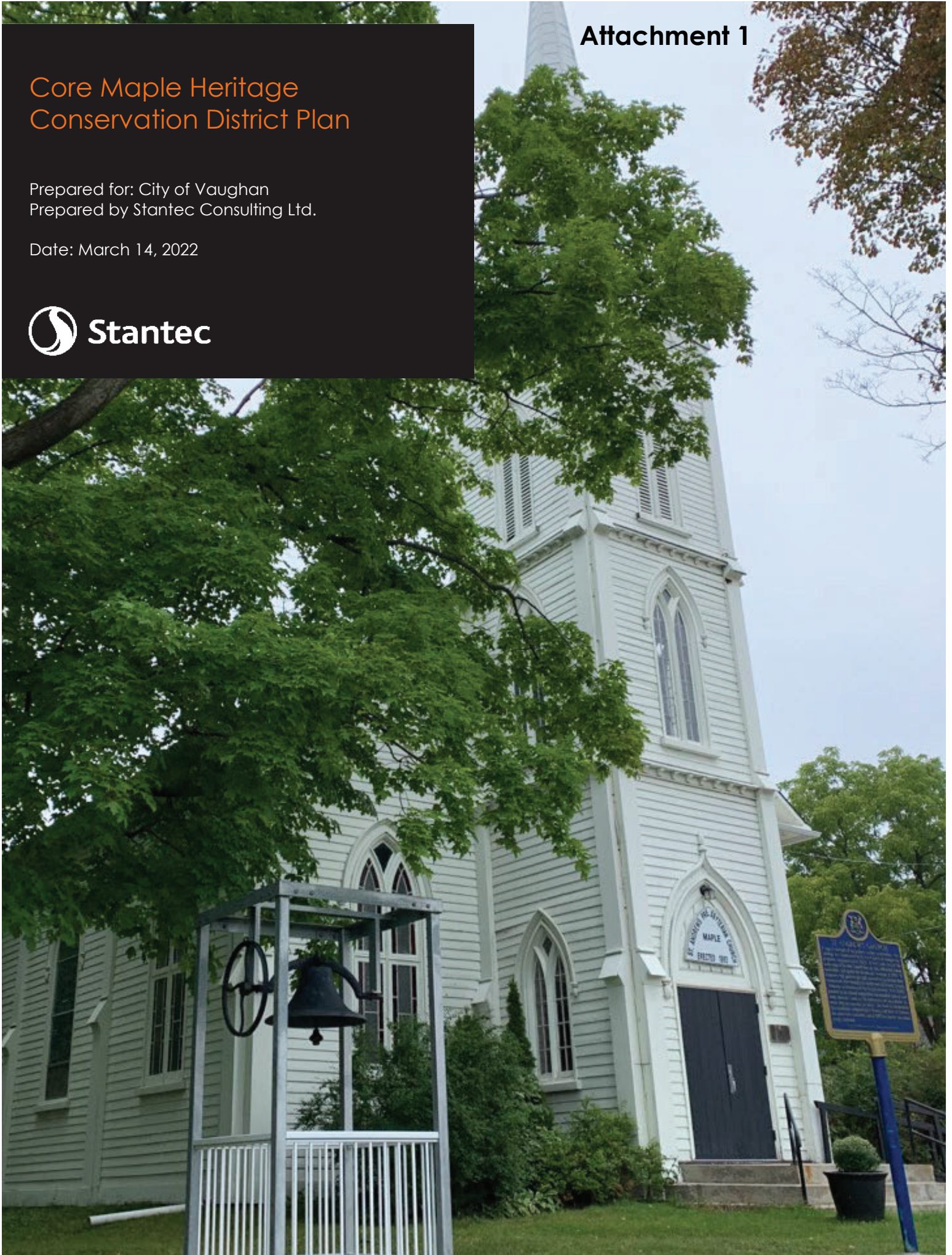


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Core Maple Heritage Conservation District Plan

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**Core Maple Heritage
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Executive Summary

The City of Vaughan (the City) retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) and a+LiNK Architecture Inc. (a+LiNK) in 2020 to prepare an update to the Maple Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Plan. The existing Maple HCD Plan was prepared in 2007 and has guided conservation, restoration, demolition, new development, and streetscaping/landscaping since that time. Since 2007 several changes have occurred in the HCD and the City has initiated the update process to provide a plan that is a more current reflection of the HCD's character and is in line with the updated policy framework. Phase 1 of the update involved the completion of the Maple Heritage Conservation District Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threat (SWOT) Report, prepared by Stantec in July 2021. The SWOT Report analysis recommended the preparation of an updated HCD Plan with a reduced boundary that focuses on the 'core' area of Maple near the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive West and Keele Street, an area that contains a higher concentration of heritage resources. The new Core Maple HCD Plan would supersede the 2007 plan for this area.

This updated Core Maple HCD Plan forms Phase 2 of the HCD study, to improve how change is managed in the area in response to the SWOT Report findings. An HCD is protected by a municipal by-law passed under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The purpose of an HCD is to conserve a community's heritage resources by creating policies and guidelines to manage change when alterations, additions, landscaping, streetscaping or new development occur over time. Changes in the HCD are managed through a system of heritage alteration permits and the guidance of the contents in this HCD Plan.

HCDs are not intended to stop all change or 'freeze' a place within a specific time period. Rather, they are an important community tool for balancing the ongoing needs for property maintenance and development while conserving the features that define a place and its history. Every HCD is unique and reflects the history and values of a community.

The Core Maple HCD consists of mid-19th to early 20th century commercial, residential, and places of worship properties and two cemeteries. This area includes a high concentration of heritage properties related to the former Police Village of Maple that collectively represent architectural styles of the mid-19th to 20th century, distinctive from adjacent mid-20th century and contemporary developments. The Core Maple HCD is also a distinct place within the City. The heritage properties within the Core Maple HCD are between one and one half to two and one half storeys in height with similar architectural styles, building materials and building forms. These properties are also situated on an informal village plan, with its varied lot sizes and setbacks. These qualities contribute to the sense of time and place experienced within the recommended Core Maple HCD boundary.



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The following are the key objectives to establish and implement the Core Maple HCD Plan in the City, and are to be followed by Heritage Vaughan Committee when considering heritage alteration permit applications or City undertakings in the HCD:

- Maintain and enhance the low-rise character of the Core Maple HCD containing contributing properties from the mid-19th and early 20th centuries
- Maintain and enhance the historic materials and individual characteristics of contributing properties
- Replace unsympathetic additions or alterations to contributing properties with compatible replacements in accordance with the policies and guidelines of the Core Maple HCD Plan
- Retain the heritage building fabric, building profiles and traditional façade arrangements when considering adaptive re-use
- Support the existing use or adaptive re-use of contributing properties within the Core Maple HCD
- Redevelopment should be compatible and complementary to the Core Maple HCD
- Avoid the loss or demolition of heritage attributes or heritage fabric within the Core Maple HCD
- Collaborate with property owners and business owners to encourage and provide incentives for the conservation, restoration, and appropriate maintenance of contributing properties
- Follow a unified, sympathetic streetscaping approach for the Core Maple HCD on City-owned lands and those subject to redevelopment proposals that enhances the character of the Core Maple HCD
- Promote the history and local community pride in the Core Maple HCD through compatible public art, commemorative/interpretative devices, or local tours
- Collaborate with business and property owners in the Core Maple HCD to maintain a progressive and competitive business environment while conserving the heritage attributes of the HCD

The policies and guidelines of this Core Maple HCD Plan are intended for property owners, City staff, City Council, Regional Staff, York Regional Council, and the Heritage Vaughan Committee. By applying the principles, policies and guidelines of this plan, the cultural heritage value of Maple can be conserved for future generations as the community continues to grow and evolve. *The Executive Summary highlights key points from the report only; for complete information and findings the reader should examine the complete report.*



Glossary

The following terms contained within the HCD Plan report have been derived from the *Ontario Heritage Tool Kit*, the *Standards for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*, the *Provincial Policy Statement* and architectural reference books listed in the HCD Study Report. Where terms are referenced in the glossary, the reference is contained within the body of the report. Many of the terms have been paraphrased and are combinations of definitions found in multiple sources, particularly those related to architectural styles and features.

Adjacent: Real properties or sites that are contiguous or separated by a laneway, easement, right-of-way or roadway.

Alteration: To change in any manner

Bargeboard: Boards or other decorative woodwork fixed to the edges or projecting rafters of a gabled roof. Sometimes called gingerbread or vergeboard.

Cladding: The external, non-structural material that protects the structural wall or frame from the weather.

Contemporary: Refers to modern structures built after 1980.

Conservation: All actions or processes that are aimed at safeguarding the heritage attributes of a place so that it retains its heritage value and extends its physical life. This may involve preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, or a combination of these actions or processes.

Contributing Resource: Those properties that directly support the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Heritage Attributes of the HCD. These properties were designed or constructed in the mid-19th to early 20th century as part of the commercial core or residential area around it and retain historic building fabric or heritage features that distinguish them as older buildings of a particular era, type, or place.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (CHVI): As outlined in *Ontario Regulation 9/06* of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, an individual property may be determined to have CHVI if it demonstrated design/physical value, historic/associative value, or contextual value. In the context of HCDs, the *Ontario Heritage Tool Kit* outlined that CHVI within an HCD may be expressed broadly as an area that demonstrates natural, historic, aesthetic, architectural, scenic, scientific, cultural, social, or spiritual value.

Dormer: A window that projects from a sloping roof with a small roof of its own.

Edwardian: An architectural style popular between 1900 and 1930 with understated classical detailing and modern proportions. Typical features include stone lintels and sills, pilasters and columns, and hipped roofs.



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Finial: An ornament added to the top of a gable or spire. Commonly used in Gothic Revival architecture.

Gable: The triangular portion of the wall beneath the end of a gabled roof.

Gabled Roof: A roof that slopes on two sides.

Gateway: A significant vantage point defined by a key feature or features framing or marking the entry to an area.

Gothic Revival: An architectural style popular between 1830 and 1890 and found in many forms. Typical features include steep gables, bargeboard, drip mouldings, finials, and pointed arch windows.

Guideline: A recommended action that may be taken in a given situation. A guideline arises from a policy and is facilitated by a procedure.

Heritage Attribute: The physical characteristics of a property or resource that contribute to its cultural heritage value or interest.

Heritage Conservation District (HCD): An area or grouping of properties collectively designated pursuant to Part V, Section 41, of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Heritage Resource: A property or place of cultural heritage value or interest.

Maintenance: The routine cyclical, non-destructive actions necessary for the long-term conservation of a protected heritage resource and its heritage attributes.

Mansard Roof: A roof that has a double slope with the lower steeper and longer than the upper one.

Municipal Heritage Committee: A municipal heritage committee is an advisory committee. A municipal heritage committee can help a community participate more directly in a municipality's decision-making process by broadening the scope of information that informs the decision-making process. In the City of Vaughan, the Municipal Heritage Committee is "Heritage Vaughan Committee" or its successor as chosen by Council.

Non-Contributing Resource: Properties that do not directly support the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Heritage Attributes of the HCD. These properties may have been constructed more recently or may be older properties that have been modified to such an extent that historic building fabric or detailing has been substantially altered, removed, or obscured.

Part IV Designation: In reference to real property designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by municipal by-law. The designation by-law for an individual designation should include a description of the property, a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest, and a description of the heritage attributes.

Policy: A statement or position that is adopted that provides the framework for a course of action.



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Preservation: The action or process of protecting, maintaining, and/or stabilizing the existing materials form, and integrity of an historic place, or of an individual component, while protecting its heritage value.

Procedure: A course of action developed to implement and support a policy. Example: Heritage Alteration Permit Application.

Protected Heritage Property: Real property protected under the *Ontario Heritage Act* (including Part II – Section 22; Part IV- Section 27, 29, 34.5, 37; Part V, or Part V).

Queen Anne: An architectural style popular between 1890 and 1910. Typical features include irregular plans, multiple rooflines, large porches, elaborate decorative detail, including shingles, brackets, bargeboard, spindlework, and stained-glass windows.

Rehabilitation: The actions or process of making possible a continuing or compatible contemporary use of an historic place, or an individual component while protecting its heritage value.

Restoration: The action or process of accurately revealing, recovering, or representing the state of a historic place, or of an individual component, as it appeared at a particular period in its history, while protecting its heritage value.

Second Empire: An architectural style popular between 1865 and 1880. Typical features include mansard roofs, dormer windows, hood mounds, decorative cornices, and brackets.

Segmental Arch Window/Opening: A window or opening with a circular arc of less than 180 degrees.

Sidelight: A window beside a door, forming part of the door unit.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest: As outlined in the *Ontario Heritage Tool Kit*, this is a statement that describes the heritage values of the HCD, or why the area is considered to have merit as an HCD and includes a list of heritage attributes.

Significant: Resources that have been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest for the important contribution they make to our understanding of the history of a place, an event, or a people.

Vernacular: Built form that reflects local or regional materials, influences, patterns or themes. Vernacular properties typically have less ornamentation or different characteristics than buildings of an architectural style.

Vistas: Views enclosed by buildings/structures, landforms, and vegetation from a stationary vantage point.



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

During the preparation of the Core Maple Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Plan, many individuals, groups, and organizations provided valuable information on the community's rich history and their hopes for the future of its heritage. The project team wishes to acknowledge the following for their assistance and input during the project:

- The City of Vaughan
- The Heritage Vaughan Committee
- Members of City of Vaughan Council, property owners, business owners, residents and community members who attended public meetings and/or provided input into the project process and reports

1.2 PURPOSE OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLAN

The City of Vaughan (the City) designated the Maple HCD under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by By-law No. 167-2007/168-2007 in 2007. An HCD Plan was prepared by Philip H. Carter Architect and Planner in association with Paul Oberst Architect and adopted by City Council (Carter and Oberst 2007). Since its creation in 2007, the Maple HCD has undergone substantial changes and numerous developments have occurred within its boundary. In 2018, the City initiated a review of the Maple HCD and retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) and A+LiNK Architecture Inc. (A+LiNK) to conduct the Maple HCD Plan Update. Stantec and A+LiNK prepared a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Report for the Maple HCD to identify existing conditions and provide recommendations on changes to the HCD through an updated HCD Plan, if warranted. The SWOT Report findings determined that changes to the original boundary were required to support a defensible HCD Plan that focused on the concentration of heritage resources identified within the area. The recommended revised boundary for the Core Maple HCD is shown in Figure 1.

Based on community consultation undertaken during preparation of the SWOT Report where members of the public expressed support for the current boundary and, in some cases, requested an expanded boundary, the 2007 HCD boundary surrounding the Core Maple HCD is recommended to remain intact until additional planning tools, such as a Community Planning Permit System (CPPS) can be implemented by the City (see Section 5.2.2). It is anticipated that the boundaries of the 2007 HCD Plan would be repealed at that time, but the Core Maple HCD would remain, integrated with the new planning tools for the properties in the 2007 HCD boundary. Individual properties that are of heritage value will be listed on the City's heritage register or designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* to protect their CHVI when the 2007 HCD is repealed. The intent of this phased approach is to retain the ability to manage change in the original 2007 HCD in a manner that responds to the remaining heritage resources and former village character, while establishing a set of tools that provide a more comprehensive planning approach to address the community's needs and concerns, outside of just heritage preservation.



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This HCD Plan provides the tools for implementing designation of the Core Maple HCD under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, providing the policies, guidelines and recommendations for property owners, City staff, the Heritage Vaughan Committee, and Council to manage change in the Core Maple HCD and make decisions regarding the alteration of properties within the HCD boundary.

1.3 FORMAT OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLAN

As per Section 4.1 (5) *Ontario Heritage Act*, HCD Plans are required to contain the following content:

- a) “a statement of objectives to be achieved in designating the area as a heritage conservation district;
- b) “a statement explaining the cultural heritage value or interest of the heritage conservation district;
- c) “a description of the heritage attributes of the heritage conservation district and of properties in the district;
- d) “policy statements, guidelines and procedures for achieving the stated objectives and managing change in the heritage conservation district; and
- e) “a description of the alterations or classes of alterations that are minor in nature and that the owner of the property in the heritage conservation district may carry out or permit to be carried out on any part of the property, other than the interior of any structure or building on the property, without obtaining a permit under section 42. 2005. c. 6, s. 31.”

(Government of Ontario 2005)

This HCD Plan has been divided into several sections and subheadings for different topics and components as required above. Summarized, these includes:

- Section 2.0 outlines the reasons for designation, the HCD boundary, Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Heritage Attributes.
- Section 3.0 contains the goals, objectives, and principles of the HCD Plan.
- Section 4.0 contains the HCD policies and guidelines for the development pattern, contributing resources, non-contributing resources, demolition, new development, parks and open space areas, streetscape and landscape for public and private realm, accessibility, sustainability, Part IV designations and adjacent properties to the HCD.
- Section 5.0 provides an outline of how the HCD may be implemented and contains a summary of the HCD heritage permit process, and a list of activities where permits are not required.
- Section 6.0 provides a concluding statement for the HCD Plan.
- Section 7.0 provides the key sources referenced in the HCD Plan.



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1.4 IMPLICATIONS OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLAN

Policies and Guidelines of the HCD Plan apply to all properties, public and private, within the designated area. Different policies and guidelines are prepared for different property types. HCDs are intended to benefit the City and the community as a long-term strategic planning tool that helps to manage change in an area by conserving and celebrating local heritage. When implemented diligently, HCDs can conserve heritage for future generations and have lasting benefits in a community.

HCDs are intended to:

- Create a planning process that respects a community's history and identity
- Manage change with a process of heritage permits for certain types of renovation, restoration, and new construction
- Foster an appreciation of a community's heritage resources
- Protect the integrity of buildings, streetscapes, structures, landforms, and natural features
- Promote cultural tourism

HCDs are not intended to:

- Prohibit new construction or redevelopment
- Cause owners to lose all property rights
- Require all new construction match a specific historical style
- Make owners require a heritage permit for minor alterations

Above all, it is important to note that property owners within an HCD will be responsible for following policies and guidelines when altering their property or planning new construction. New construction, demolition, and some alterations will require approval of a heritage permit from Council. Minor alterations, such as those outlined in Section 5.3.3, do not require a heritage permit.

It is important to be clear that implementing an HCD does not require property owners to automatically 'revert' their properties back to a specific time period, or to undo renovations that have already occurred. The purpose of the Plan is to manage changes going forward in the HCD so that future alterations, additions, and new development are compatible and sympathetic to the area's heritage character.

It is also crucial to recognize that the Core Maple HCD contains a wide variety of different property types, uses, and architectural/design influences, resulting from its evolution into a unique community. The HCD is expected to continue to evolve over time. Not all policies within the HCD plan will be a perfect fit for every situation, and some alterations, proposals or changes not considered in this plan may need to be considered on a case-by-case basis. Flexibility will be required depending on the nature of the application. It is the job of City staff, property owners, and Council to apply these policies and guidelines in a consistent, careful, and considered manner, in accordance with the objectives of the HCD Plan. The overall goal is to conserve and enhance the 'look and feel' of the HCD character that is experienced in the



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public realm by supporting change that is compatible with the HCD. There may be many ways to achieve this, using a variety of design approaches, construction methods, and materials.

1.5 HOW TO USE THE HCD PLAN

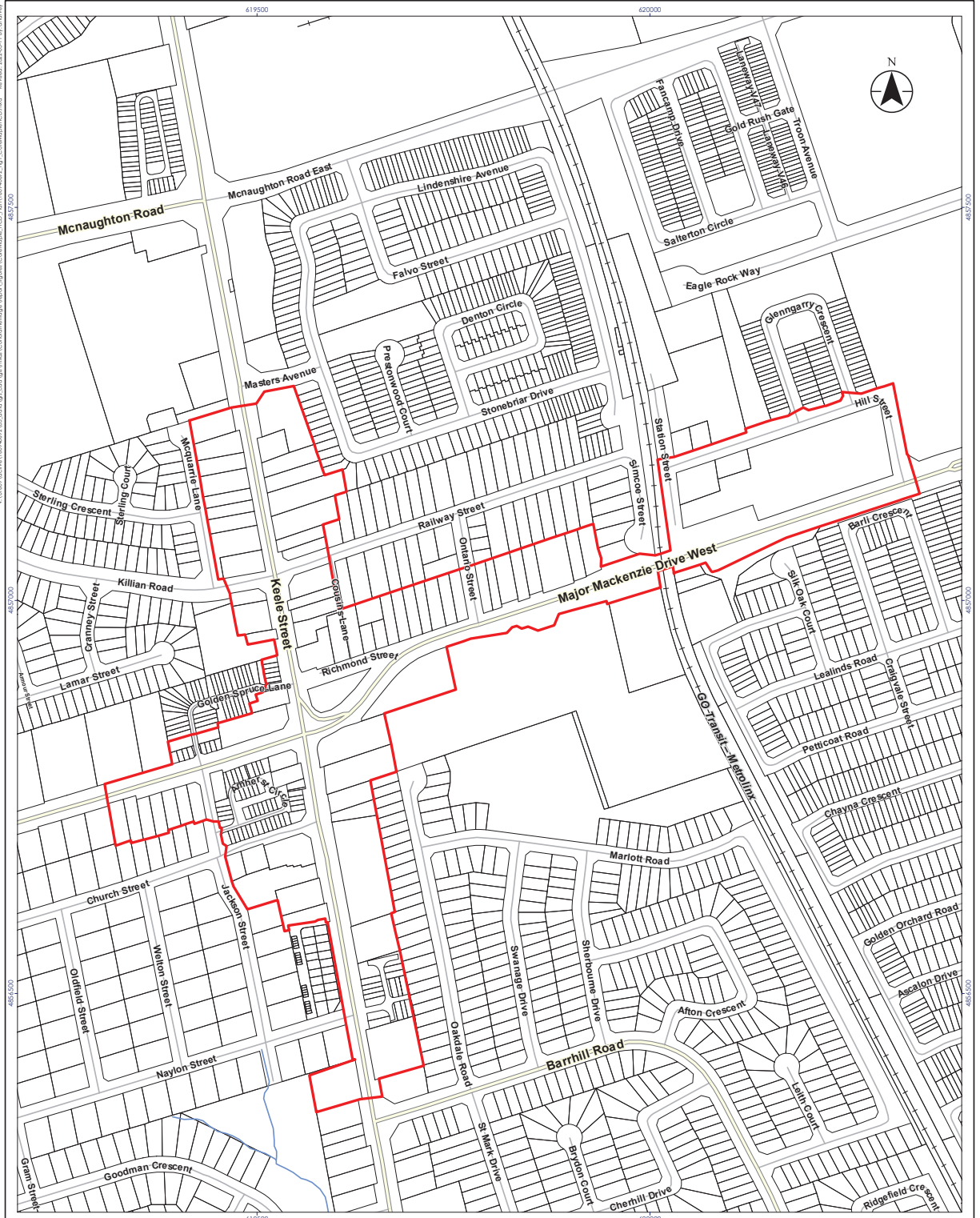
Owners of property within the Core Maple HCD (Figure 1) and the City are expected to consult the Core Maple HCD Plan when considering alterations, additions, or demolitions to property within the HCD boundary. For private property owners, it is encouraged that you first identify whether you are a contributing property or non-contributing property (See Figure 2 or Appendix A for a list). Contributing properties directly support the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Heritage Attributes of the HCD. These properties were designed or constructed in the mid-19th to early 20th century as part of the commercial core or residential area at the intersection of Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive West. This core area retains historic building fabric or heritage features that distinguish them as older buildings of a particular era, type, or place. Non-contributing properties still play a role in the overall HCD, but do not directly support the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Heritage Attributes of the HCD. These properties may have been constructed more recently or may be older properties that have been modified to such an extent that the historic building fabric or detailing has been substantially altered, removed, or obscured. As such, policies and guidelines will be different for contributing and non-contributing buildings.

Once it is determined whether your property is contributing or non-contributing, consider the project you are planning and consult the HCD Plan to determine whether the work will require a heritage permit (See Section 5.3). If so, review the guidance in the HCD Plan specific to your property type and project type and prepare an application for a heritage permit in line with the policies and guidelines. It is always encouraged that you consult with the City early in the process to help guide your application.

When the City or York Region is planning changes within the Core Maple HCD boundary, municipal or regional Council must review the proposed plans and only approve changes that are in keeping with the character of the HCD. City staff, City Council, Regional Staff, York Regional Council, and the Heritage Vaughan Committee are all expected to review and follow guidance in the Core Maple HCD Plan.

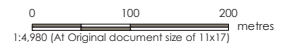
Property owners and developers of property adjacent to the Core Maple HCD will be subject to the policies and guidelines of the 2007 HCD Plan until such time as additional planning tools can be implemented by the City for this area. Once the 2007 HCD Plan is repealed, and new planning tools are in place, property owners and developers of property adjacent to the Core Maple HCD will no longer be subject to the policies and guidelines of the Core Maple HCD Plan but will instead be subject to the parameters within the new planning tools applied to this area. However, in accordance with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), they will be subject to policies for development adjacent to an HCD, that aim to limit any potential impacts to the heritage character of the HCD. Adjacent development must follow the process outlined in Section 4.11.





Legend

- Core Maple HCD Boundary
- Railway
- Highway
- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Minor Road
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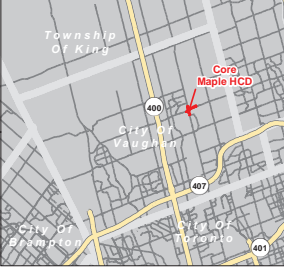
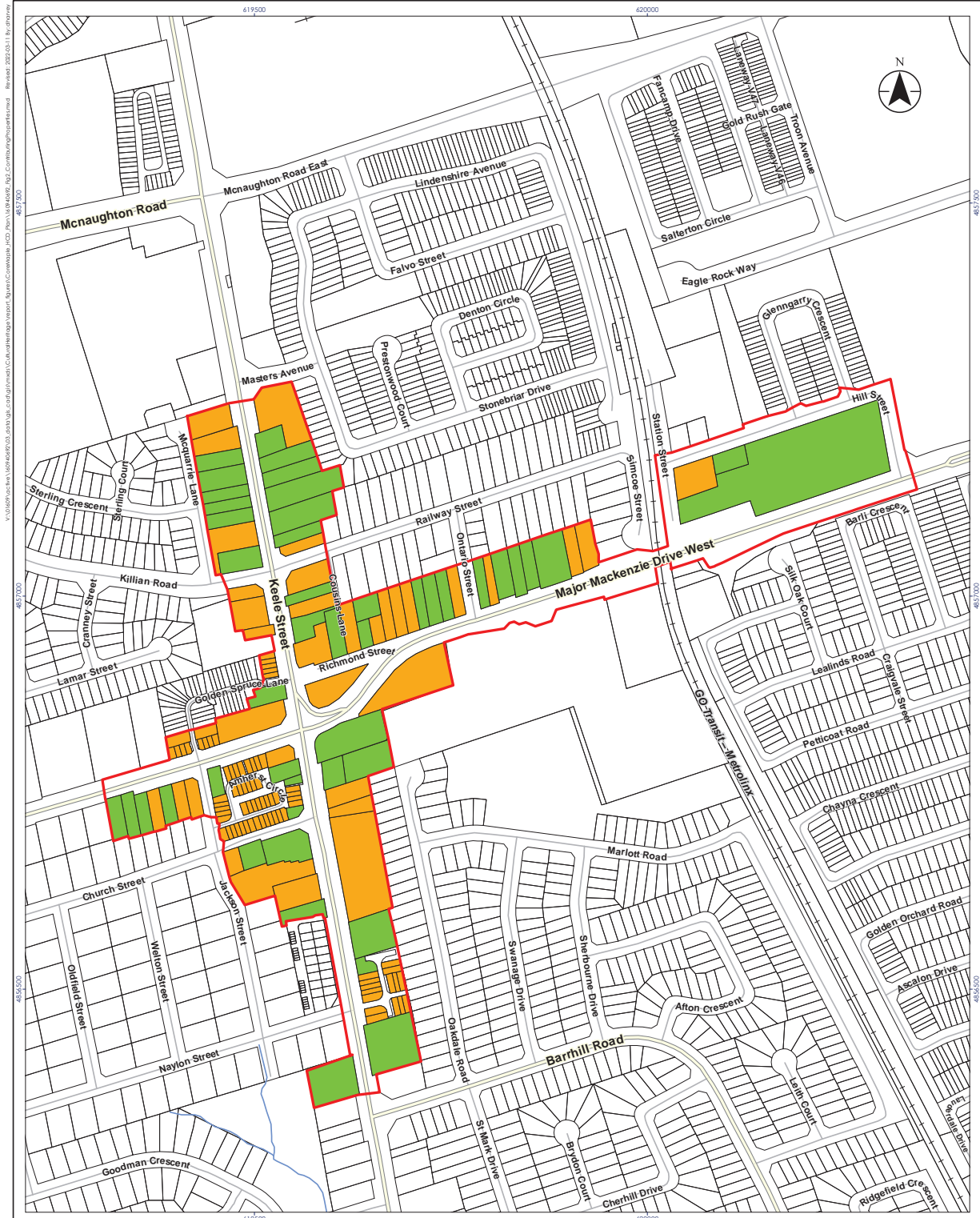
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2.0 HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOUNDARY AND CHARACTERISTICS

2.1 RECOMMENDED HCD BOUNDARY

The SWOT Report determined that changes were required to the 2007 Maple HCD boundary to support a defensible HCD Plan focused on the concentration of heritage resources identified within the area. Based on SWOT Report analysis, a reduced boundary was recommended focused on the Core Maple area near the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive West and Keele Street, which contains a concentration of heritage resources. This Core Maple area also has a stronger visual coherence related to the presence of heritage resources.

The recommended boundary for the Core Maple Plan consists of the properties along both sides of Major Mackenzie Drive West, from and including 2347 Major Mackenzie Drive West to Hill Street, the properties on Amherst Circle, the properties on Jackson Street between Church Street and Major Mackenzie Drive West, the properties on both sides of Church Street between Jackson Street and Keele Street, the properties fronting on both sides of Keele Street, from and including 9860 Keele Street to Masters Avenue, the properties on Saint Julien Court, the properties on Richmond Street, and the property on Station Street south of Hill Street (Figure 1).

2.2 REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

The Core Maple HCD consists of mid-19th to early 20th century commercial, residential, places of worship properties, and two cemeteries associated with the former Police Village of Maple. The recommended boundary reflects both historical and visual considerations. This area includes a concentration of heritage properties related to the former Police Village of Maple that collectively represent architectural styles of the mid-19th to 20th century, distinctive from adjacent mid-20th century and contemporary developments. The Core Maple HCD is also a distinct place within the City. The heritage properties within the Core Maple HCD are between one and one half to two and one half storeys in height with similar architectural styles, building materials and building forms. These properties are also situated on an informal village plan, with its varied lot sizes and setbacks. These qualities contribute to the sense of time and place experienced within the recommended Core Maple HCD boundary.

2.3 STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE AND HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The proposed Core Maple HCD is located in the City of Vaughan, Ontario, and includes portions of Keele Street between Masters Avenue and Barrhill Road and Major Mackenzie Drive West between Jackson Street and Hill Street. The proposed HCD consists of a mix of residential and commercial properties, places of worship, and two cemeteries that reflect a concentration of the remaining historic properties from the former Police Village of Maple. The proposed HCD consists of the historic village core of the crossroads village that centered around the intersection of present-day Keele Street and Major Mackenzie



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Drive West and extended eastward past the railway tracks, which historically included residences, places of worship, and commercial/service establishments that supported the village population.

Maple was originally established as Noble's Corner, and was later known as Rupertsville, following settlement near the intersection of present-day Major Mackenzie Drive West and Keele Street in the mid-19th century by the Noble and Rupert families. The name of the community changed to Maple around the turn of the 20th century when the former Ontario, Huron, and Simcoe Railway line was purchased by Canadian National Railway and the station was re-named Maple. Local legend suggests the village was named "Maple" due to the presence of maple trees that once lined Keele Street within the village.

The proposed Core Maple HCD boundary reflects the remaining concentration of heritage resources that date to the period of significance for Maple. This includes the period from its establishment as a crossroads hamlet in the mid-19th century with the establishment of the railway line in the mid-19th century, its creation as a Police Village in 1928, and the decades leading up to the Second World War when the character of the area changed distinctly. Following the Second World War, the community began to shift from a small rural village into a more suburban centre connected to the Greater Toronto Area. This change is also reflected in the core area of Maple with the presence of mid to late 20th century commercial plazas and early 21st century townhouse developments, although does not contribute directly to the heritage character of the Core Maple HCD.

The proposed Core Maple HCD also extends eastward past the railway tracks to include the historic Maple United Cemetery and residential properties adjacent to the cemetery (one of which is currently used as a parking lot). The eastward connection is also reflective of the connection between the community and the railway line which, when established in the 1850s, accelerated growth in the rural crossroad hamlet. While the character of the eastern area has changed with contemporary alterations to the streetscape and railway crossing, the eastward stretch is a significant historical connection to Maple's past. The lands including the railway station themselves have not been included in the proposed HCD boundary as they are owned by Metrolinx and are not subject to Part V designation.

The remaining heritage properties in the proposed Core Maple HCD are typically low rise (one-and-one-half to two storey) single detached residences with two places of worship and two commercial/mixed use properties that reflect the history of the community as a former rural village. Over time, some residential structures have been adapted for commercial use. The architectural character contains a wide range of styles, notably Gothic Revival, Arts and Crafts/Craftsman, Neo-Classical, Second Empire, Edwardian, and Queen Anne that reflects the periods of construction and the rural village character of the community, particularly in the understated nature of the design of most buildings.

Sections of the proposed Core Maple HCD boundary include remnants of a mature, intact, village streetscape, particularly evident along Keele Street between Killian Road and Masters Avenue. This section of the proposed HCD is composed of primarily single detached residences from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but also encompasses an early 20th century church. The streetscape is enhanced by mature vegetation, and landscaped/vegetated lots. This area, and the remaining streetscapes in the proposed HCD boundary along Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive West with late 19th and early 20th century residences (some converted to commercial use), contain a collection of properties that share similar height,



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setbacks, massing, and era of construction. Together, these resources create a streetscape that defines the core character of Maple and reflects the remaining village character of the community.

The properties surrounding the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive West, Richmond Street, and Keele Street have been included in the proposed Core Maple HCD boundary for historical reasons. While they contain developments that are not traditional to the rural village character of Maple, the intersection itself is the key location where the settlement was first established and from which Maple grew. Inclusion of these properties is an important factor in maintaining the overall village character so that change in this area can be managed over time to support a village character, including future developments, streetscaping, and transportation planning.

2.4 HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

The following attributes have been identified as reflective of the cultural heritage value or interest of the Core Maple HCD:

- The concentration of mid-to-late-19th century and early 20th century residences, commercial properties, places of worship, Maple United Cemetery, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery centered primarily around the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive West and Keele Street
- Buildings constructed between 1861 and 1930, associated with the development of Maple from a small settlement to a police village
- Architectural details and features related to mid-to-late 19th century architectural styles associated with the significant period of development of Maple as a rural village, including Gothic Revival, Arts and Crafts/Craftsman, Neo-Classical, Second Empire, Edwardian, and Queen Anne
- Predominant use of red brick as an exterior cladding material
- Cohesive use of materials, setbacks, and building heights that contribute to a unified low-rise streetscape
- Consistent low-rise character of buildings between one and two and one half storeys in height
- Mature trees, landscaped lots, and vegetative features that support the historic village character
- Historical connections to the intersection of Keele Street, Major Mackenzie Drive West, and Richmond Street that relate to the establishment as a rural crossroad hamlet
- Historical connections eastward to the railway line and railway station that accelerated growth in the community in the mid-19th century

2.5 CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES

Contributing resources are properties or buildings that directly support the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and Heritage Attributes of the Core Maple HCD. These buildings were constructed between 1861 to 1930 and retain historic building fabric or heritage features that distinguish them as older buildings of a particular era, type, or place. The predominate architecture style can be determined to be Gothic Revival, Arts and Crafts/Craftsman, Neo-Classical, Second Empire, Edwardian, and Queen Anne. These buildings are one and one half to two and one half storeys in height, with the majority constructed of red and buff brick.



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3.0 HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PRINCIPALS

3.1 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals of the Core Maple HCD Plan are to provide a framework for decision-making in the HCD and manage change in a way that is compatible with the heritage character of the area. To achieve these goals, all Council decisions related to alterations, additions, new construction, and demolition in the Core Maple HCD should align with the following objectives:

- Maintain and enhance the low-rise character of the Core Maple HCD containing contributing properties from the mid-19th and early 20th centuries
- Maintain and enhance the historic materials and individual characteristics of contributing properties
- Replace unsympathetic additions or alterations to contributing properties with compatible replacements in accordance with the policies and guidelines of the Core Maple HCD Plan
- Retain the heritage building fabric, building profiles, and traditional façade arrangements when considering adaptive re-use
- Support the existing use or adaptive re-use of contributing properties within the Core Maple HCD
- Redevelopment should be compatible and complementary to the Core Maple HCD
- Avoid the loss or demolition of heritage attributes or heritage fabric within the Core Maple HCD
- Collaborate with property owners and business owners to encourage and provide incentives for the conservation, restoration, and appropriate maintenance of contributing properties
- Follow a unified, sympathetic streetscaping approach for the Core Maple HCD on City-owned lands and those subject to redevelopment proposals that enhances the character of the Core Maple HCD
- Promote the history and local community pride in the Core Maple HCD through compatible public art, commemorative/interpretative devices, or local tours
- Collaborate with business and property owners in the Core Maple HCD to maintain a progressive and competitive business environment while conserving the heritage attributes of the HCD



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3.2 PRINCIPLES

The principles at the core of an HCD Plan are drawn from heritage best practices established at the provincial, federal, and international levels through guiding documents and charters. The principles outlined in this report are derived from the 1964 Venice Charter (International Council on Monuments and Sites 1964), the 2007 *Eight Guiding Principles in the Conservation of Built Heritage Properties* (Government of Ontario 2007), and the 2010 *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places* (Parks Canada 2010). The following principles form the basis of the HCD policies and guidelines:

- **Preserve the historic context:** A heritage building represents the individuals and periods from history with which it has been associated. The building records the original designer's and builder's intentions as well as the historic forces that were at play when it was constructed. Subsequent alterations to the building also record the historic context at the time of the alterations and should be considered when planning restorations, alterations, or redevelopment.
- **Maintain and repair:** All buildings require some continuous methods of conservation as they are exposed to the constant deteriorating effects of weather and wear from use. Owners are encouraged to undertake appropriate repair and maintenance activities of heritage properties.
- **Find a viable social or economic use:** Buildings that are vacant or underutilized come to be perceived as undeserving of care and maintenance regardless of architectural or historic merit. Council and staff should actively encourage and support appropriate forms of adaptive reuse when necessary to preserve heritage properties.
- **Preserve traditional setting:** A building is intimately connected to its site and to the neighbouring landscape and buildings. Land, gardens, outbuildings, and fences form a setting that should be considered during plans for restoration or change. An individual building is perceived as part of a grouping and requires its neighbours to illustrate the original design intent. When buildings need to change, there is a supportive setting that should be maintained.
- **Preserve original decoration and fittings:** Each building within the HCD that is linked to the history of the core of Maple contains elements and details of an intimate and smaller scale that define this association. The original exterior decorations such as wood, metal, or brick cornices and parapets are all subject to weathering and the whim of style. Resist the urge to remove or update these features or to replace them with poor reproductions of the originals. Their form and materials are an inextricable part of the original design and should enjoy the same respect as the whole building. Where practical, fittings and equipment should be preserved or re-used.
- **Restore to authentic limits:** Resist the temptation to embellish a restoration and add details and decorations that would not have been part of the history of the building.
- **Employ traditional repair methods:** Deteriorated elements and materials that cannot be salvaged should be repaired or replaced with the same materials and inserted or installed in a traditional manner. In some cases, some modern technologies ensure better and longer lasting repairs than traditional methods and should be employed if proven to be an improvement.



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- **Respect historic accumulations:** A building is both a permanent and a changeable record of history. The alterations that have been made since the original construction also tell part of the history of the place and the building. Some of those alterations may have been poorly conceived and executed and research may determine that they can be removed. Other alterations and additions may have merits that warrant incorporating them into the permanent history of the building. In many cases, it is unnecessary to fix a point in history as the target date for restoration. It is more appropriate to aim for a significant period in the history of the building and be flexible in accommodating more recent interventions that are sympathetic and have improved the historical or functional nature of the building.
- **Make new replacements distinguishable:** The construction eras and historical progression should be self-evident. Although new work should be sympathetic to the original and match or mimic as appropriate, it should not attempt to appear as if built as part of the original.
- **Understand the value of a historic place:** Refer to the heritage value and character defining elements to understand the significance of the HCD and to guide appropriate change.
- **Respect documentary evidence:** When repairing, restoring, or rehabilitating historic buildings or features, rely on documentary evidence such as historic photographs, drawings, or physical evidence where available. Avoid restoring based on conjecture.
- **Design alterations with reversibility in mind:** When making additions or alterations that may cover, obscure, or remove original materials, consider methods that could be reversed in the future to retain the original features, materials, and/or character.



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4.0 DISTRICT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

4.1 INTRODUCTION

The *Ontario Heritage Act* requires that a district plan include a statement of policies. A statement of policy provides consistent decision making within the HCD. Policies reflect the HCD Plan's objectives to maintain and enhance the character of the Core Maple HCD boundary as outlined in Figure 1. Policies clearly explain what changes and alterations are appropriate and likely to be approved in an HCD. Policies are intended to directly support the goals and objectives of the HCD and it is the City and Council's responsibility to make decisions that are consistent with HCD policies. In this HCD Plan, policies are clearly indicated using phrases with words such as 'shall', 'must' or 'will'. This plan also contains guidelines. Guidelines may be used where there are various alternatives that help to support a policy. The provision of guidelines in this plan allows the City and Council to take flexible approaches to heritage permits and decisions in the HCD. Not all guidelines will be applicable in every situation, but through discussion with staff, property owners, the Heritage Vaughan Committee, and Council, the guidelines can be applied on a case-by-case basis once the policies have been met. Guidelines may also be used where the community indicated through the consultation process that the priorities for these items are not as strong as other areas, but still want guidance to follow when making decisions.

The following sections contain the policies and guidelines for the overall development pattern of the Core Maple HCD, alterations, additions, new construction, and demolition. The sections are arranged by contributing and non-contributing properties and by type of action (alteration/addition). A flowchart on how to find the applicable district policies and guidelines is included on Figure 3. Each type of resource plays a different role in the HCD and must be managed accordingly. To determine if your property is a contributing or non-contributing property, refer to Figure 2 in Section 2.0 or Appendix A. It should be noted that building type refers to the historical, purpose-built type of a building. Some buildings have been converted over time (e.g., from a residence to a business), but still retain the general outward appearance of their original use. Policies to preserve this outward character should aim to maintain original appearance regardless of the current use. To determine the historic type of your property, see Figure 4 and Appendix B.

Policies and guidelines are also provided for landscaping and streetscaping on public and private property, parks, and open spaces. Additional considerations have been provided for accessibility, sustainability and alternative energy, Part IV designations within the HCD, and properties adjacent to the HCD.



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Determine if property is a contributing or non-contributing property
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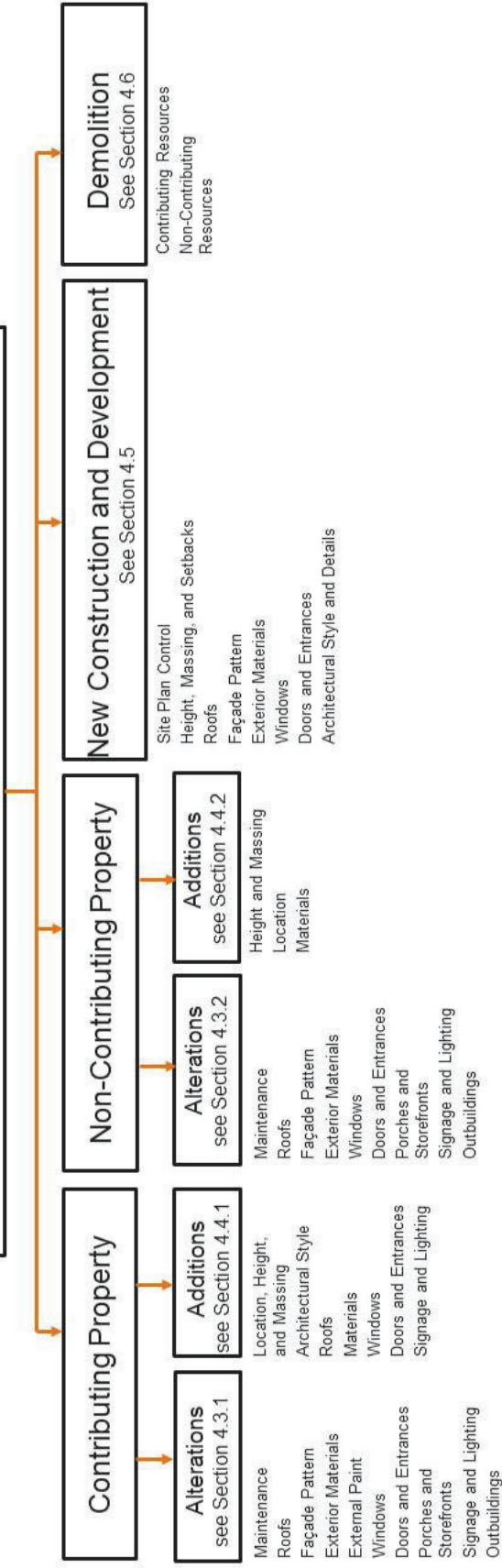
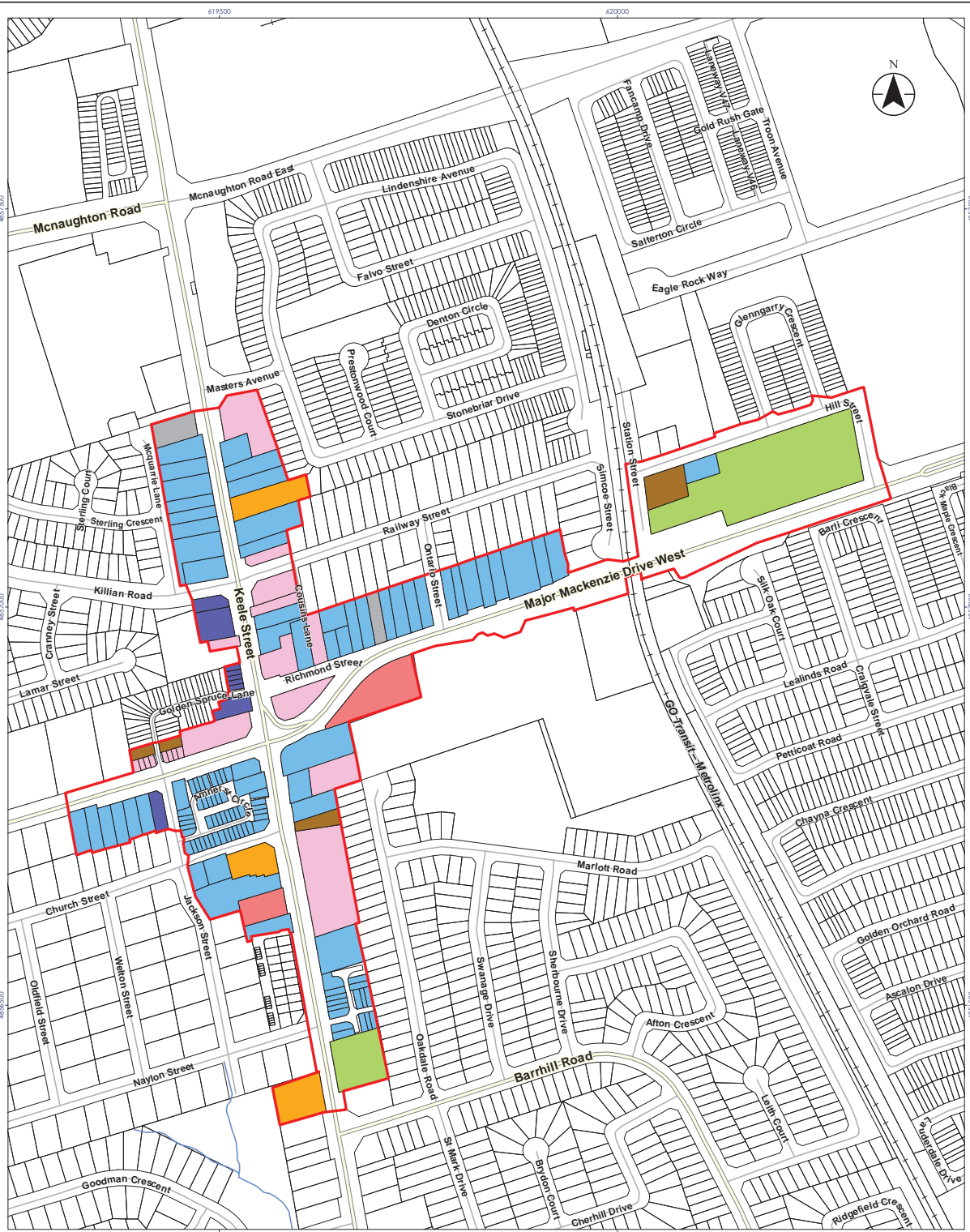


Figure 3: District Policies and Guidelines Flowchart





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| [Black line with cross-ticks] | Railway |
| [Yellow line] | Highway |
| [Thick grey line] | Major Road |
| [Thin grey line] | Minor Road |
| [Light blue line] | Waterbody |
| Property Type | |
| [Green box] | Cemetery |
| [Red box] | Civic |
| [Pink box] | Commercial |
| [Purple box] | Mixed Use |
| [Brown box] | Parking Lot |
| [Orange box] | Place of Worship |
| [Blue box] | Residential |
| [Grey box] | Vacant |



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4.2 DEVELOPMENT PATTERN

The development pattern of the HCD is an important part of its historic character. The development pattern in the Core Maple HCD is largely based around the former ‘crossroads’ village at the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive West and Keele Street. Development was concentrated at the crossroads from the mid-19th to the early 20th century, with branches of development along smaller side streets. Following the formation of Maple as a Police Village in 1928, growth was scattered until the post-war period when mid-century subdivisions began to develop in the surrounding area. Changes in the Core Maple HCD increased rapidly from the 1980s to the present with the construction of commercial shopping plazas and residential townhouse/rowhouse developments. All the contributing properties in the Core Maple HCD are single detached structures. Non-contributing properties include townhouse/rowhouse style buildings, semi-detached buildings, commercial plazas, and some single-detached buildings.

Policies

- Maintain and enhance the historic development pattern near the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive West and Keele Street, consisting predominantly of purpose-built one to three storey commercial, residential, mixed use, and places of worship buildings
- Maintain and preserve the existing historic architectural styles and influences including Gothic Revival, Queen Anne, Edwardian, Second Empire, Period Revival, Colonial Revival, Georgian, and Arts and Crafts/Craftsman
- Maintain the characteristic of lot development consisting of a single detached building fronting the streetscape, where applicable
- Maintain setbacks consistent with neighbouring properties and abutting exterior walls

4.3 ALTERATIONS

4.3.1 Contributing Properties

4.3.1.1 Maintenance

Maintenance is crucial to the preservation of buildings in the HCD. Guidelines for the preservation and restoration are based on the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places* (Parks Canada 2010). General Maintenance guidelines can be found in Appendix C. Demolition by neglect (the act of allowing a building to slowly decay through lack of maintenance or vacancy) is strongly discouraged.

Policies

- Adhere to property maintenance standards of the City’s Property Standards By-law 231-2001 as it applies to all properties within the municipality.



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Guidelines

- Undertake regular maintenance and upkeep of the exterior of contributing resources as the appearance of these buildings and their visible exterior condition can greatly benefit and impact the overall character. Regular maintenance and repairs of historic features and materials can enhance their longevity and avoid costly replacements in the future.

4.3.1.2 Roofs

The roofline of the streetscape in the Core Maple HCD is not uniform but contributing properties are of similar heights between one and one half to two and one half stories. The roof is an important character defining element and they are most important when visible from street level. Original roofing may have been wood shingles, slates, or sheet metal roofing. Very few of the original roof materials remain and asphalt shingles are the dominant roof materials in the Core Maple HCD. Elements of the roof assemblies include: chimneys, cupolas, parapets, gutters, gables, eaves, dormers, soffits and fascia, and components such as the cladding, substructure, insulation, vapour controls, flashing, and ventilation. Roofs are particularly exposed to the elements more than any other part of the building and their maintenance is critical.

Policies

- Conserve, maintain, and restore character defining roof features and original historic roofing materials.
- Maintain the original roof shape of the building (e.g., flat, gabled, hipped, etc.) and maintain the original pitch (high pitch, medium pitch, low pitch).
- Allow for contemporary roofing materials such as asphalt, metal, and composites where non-original roofing materials exist.
- Set features such as mechanical equipment, penthouses, and other rooftop elements back from the façade line so that the new features are not visible from street level.

Guidelines

- Protect and maintain rooftop features by ensuring that water is properly drained through gutters, downspouts, and roof drains.
- Repair based on historical evidence or replace in kind or with sympathetic materials when roof materials are deteriorated.
- Consider neutral colours (grey, black, brown) for roof pitches visible from the street.



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Photo 4-1: Examples of roof materials, shapes, pitches, and other elements in the HCD (chimneys, dormers, cupola)

4.3.1.3 Façade Pattern

Façade patterns are the vertical and horizontal patterns created by architectural elements in the main or key elevations of the properties, such as windows, doors, massing, form, and heights. Façade patterns within the HCD include cohesive use of materials, setback, heights, and massing that together capture a visual representation of the historical development of the former Police Village of Maple during the mid 19th to early 20th centuries.

Policies

- Maintain the original size and location of historic windows. If interior room configurations are changed, avoid visual changes that affect the exterior façade.
- Maintain and restore existing architectural elements that divide and break up the façade into smaller sections: Retaining the original form of one and one-half to two and one-half storey residences in this area is critical to its heritage character.



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- Maintain and restore existing front porches.
- Avoid covering up and building in existing openings.
- Avoid changing the existing façade elements by removing and altering architectural elements.
- Retain original setbacks to the front entrances from the street, consistent with the location.
- Avoid removal of aspects of the façade that could result in “blank walls” with no window and door openings.

Guidelines

- Preserve and restore features on contributing resources wherever possible. Should there be a part of the building that is beyond repair and cannot be restored, use materials and forms that restore by existing evidence or replace in kind or with sympathetic materials.
- Avoid making imitations based on conjecture rather than evidence in documents or existing building elements.



Photo 4-2: Keele Street façade pattern with consistent brick materials, gabled rooflines, massings, heights, and setbacks

4.3.1.4 Exterior Materials

Most buildings in the Core Maple HCD are constructed with red and buff brick. Brick was a common construction material in the mid-19th to early 20th centuries in the former Township of Vaughan. It was used for structural construction, cladding/veneer, and decoration. As a heritage attribute of the HCD, brick plays an important visual role in contributing to the district’s sense of time and place to the former Police Village of Maple. While brick exteriors are what has been preserved in the HCD, wood cladding did also historically exist and is encouraged for future use in exterior cladding alterations.



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Brick

Policies

- Avoid painting unpainted exterior surfaces such as brick masonry with acrylic paints as they create a non-permeable coating that does not allow for moisture to dry through the brick. Brick that has previously been painted may be repainted.
- Clean masonry with gentle techniques where original brick has been heavily soiled, has graffiti, or paint that is damaging to the masonry. However, any type of masonry cleaning is damaging to the material, so it is recommended that cleaning is done only when necessary.
- Avoid abrasive cleaning methods, such as sandblasting, sanding disks, and grinders, as they clean by removing a small portion of the brick surface and permanently damage the material. Cleaning methods recommended for brick are water cleaning (the gentlest cleaning method) and chemical cleaning. Examples of cleaning with water are low pressure water cleaning and using detergents. When cleaning with water keep in mind freezing temperatures and time needed for brick to dry.
- Moisture is masonry's biggest challenge. The freezing of water under the surface of the brick will cause spalling.
- Maintain and restore brick masonry by using appropriate techniques for repointing and using compatible mortar. Older buildings use high lime content mortar, which is weaker than contemporary Portland cement mortar. Using appropriate mortar will prevent further deterioration. For more information on mortar type and mortar strength refer to Appendix C.
- Choose an appropriate mortar when repointing historic masonry. The mortar in masonry assembly is the sacrificial element, being the weakest in strength. Mortar strength should be appropriate to the brick so that all the thermal expansion happens at the mortar joints first. For more information on mortar type and mortar strength refer to Appendix C.
- Choose materials that are similar in kind, colour, strength, and durability when using mortars and masonry units to replace existing deteriorated units. Using materials that are incompatible can cause more damage in the long term.

Guidelines

- Undertake repointing early in the year to allow mortar to dry and cure before cold weather sets in.
- Repair structural damage before repointing. Structural cracks may be letting in the moisture that is eroding the mortar.
- Do not use power tools to remove old mortar. They can damage the weather-resistant skin of the brick and cause future deterioration of the wall.
- Refer to the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places*, available online, for in depth information about masonry restoration (Parks Canada 2010).



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Photo 4-3: Examples in Core Maple HCD of red and buff brickwork and brick detailing including voussoirs, drip moulds, horizontal banding, quoins, and decorative clay elements in brickwork

Metals

Some buildings in the HCD feature metal gutters, cladding or flashings. Identifying the type of metal will help to determine the most appropriate conservation, maintenance, and cleaning techniques.

Policies

- Conserve historic metal features on front facades. Retain sound and repairable metals.
- Re-apply appropriate paint or coating to decrease corrosion rate.
- Stabilize deteriorated metals by reinforcement and weather protection.
- Determine the metal type and appropriate cleaning method. Soft metals such as lead, tin, copper, aluminum, brass, silver, bronze and zinc should be cleaned with non-abrasive methods. Use gentle cleaning methods on hard metals.

Guidelines

- Replace deteriorated or missing elements in kind or with sympathetic materials based on documentary evidence.
- Refer to the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places* for a more detailed list of recommendations for maintenance and preservation (Parks Canada 2010).



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Woodwork

Policies

- Retain sound and repairable wood that contributes to the character of the building or HCD. Decorative woodwork should be repaired rather than replaced.
- Replace in kind or with sympathetic materials when repair is not feasible.

Guidelines

- Apply coatings which are compatible and only after proper surface preparation, such as cleaning with tri-sodium phosphate.
- Inspect existing paint. Blisters or peeling paint can mean water is getting into the wood, and the source of water should be corrected.
- Do not use chemical strippers or torches to remove paint.
- Stabilize deteriorated wood by providing reinforcement and weather protection.
- Replace decayed or damaged wood and find cause of deterioration where possible to avoid future damage.
- Prevent water penetration and weathering by providing proper drainage.
- Refer to the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places for a more detailed list of recommendations for wood maintenance and preservation (Parks Canada 2010).

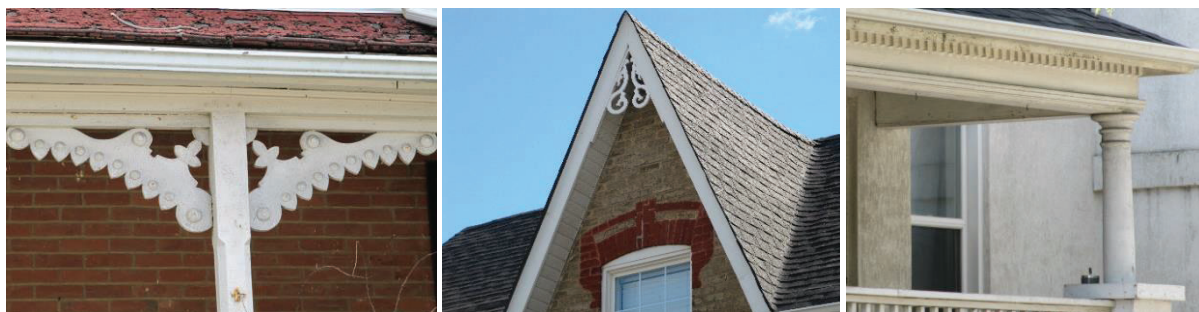


Photo 4-4: Examples of wood elements: decorative brackets, gable bargeboard, wood dentils, and columns in the HCD

Glass and Glass Products

Policies

- Retain historic glass, particularly decorative leaded or stained glass, when possible.
- Replace irreparable or missing glass panels in kind or with sympathetic material, whenever repair is not possible.



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Guidelines

- Protect glass from breakage, chipping, and abrasion.
- Assess the reason for the breakage and deterioration of glass which might be due to its frame and structure.
- Consider contacting a knowledgeable and experienced practitioner when undertaking restoration of lead glass.

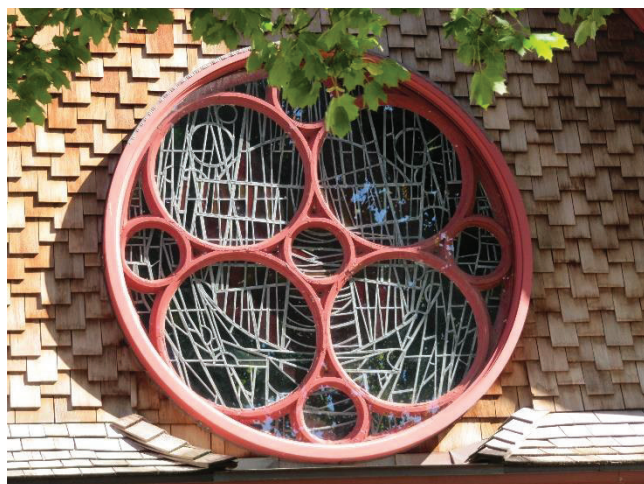


Photo 4-5: Example of leaded glass window on church in HCD

4.3.1.5 External Paint

Traditional oil-based paint such as linseed oil paint were used historically. When applied properly, oil-based paints are long-lasting as they are absorbed into surfaces, thus allowing them to penetrate and the materials to breathe. Contemporary oil-based paints are available from various companies.

Mineral based paints are appropriate for surfaces such as brick, stucco, metal, etc. Mineral based paints work like a stain rather than paint- they are long lasting, allow surfaces to breathe and they do not create an impermeable layer which keeps moisture from drying out.

Acrylic based paints are readily available and used prominently today. However, acrylic based paints might not be the best solution for historic buildings and especially materials such as masonry and wood. Keep in mind that acrylic paint creates a film on top of the surface it is painted on, and thus seals it, making the material unable to dissipate moisture.

It is important that in preparation the surfaces are cleaned properly from dirt and previous paint.

Policies

- Painting masonry surfaces including brick is discouraged as it prevents the proper drying of the brick and ultimately damages the masonry. Paint may only be applied where deterioration of the masonry leaves no other choice. Paint must be vapour-permeable (breathing-type) to prevent deterioration.



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Guidelines

- Avoid painting with colours that do not complement the character of the HCD, such as overly bright or neon colours. There are many paint companies that provide a heritage or historical selection that would be complementary in an HCD.
- Consider cohesive color schemes. Paint can have a dramatic effect on the building, highlighting different elements such as windows, trim, sculptural detail, etc.
- Consider identifying original paint colours, if desired. For owners who would like to determine the original colour of their building and have the financial means, a paint analysis can be conducted. For owners who are on a budget and want to find a close match to the original paint colour, it is advisable to peel off a small area of paint in an inconspicuous area of the building.
- Consider consulting a heritage masonry specialist for exterior brick surfaces that have been already painted to determine whether to repaint peeling paint or remove paint completely (see Appendix C for further information regarding heritage professionals).

Overcladding

Overcladding is the covering of original materials with more modern materials. When covering original materials, important architectural elements of the building are hidden. Often, overcladding is done with the purpose of creating a more modern look to the façade but results in mismatching materials that are not in harmony with the surrounding buildings. Sometimes overcladding designs are done with the end goal of creating a “blank façade wall” which is undesirable as it does not relate to the street and the passerby.

Overcladding is not an appropriate substitute for maintenance. Covering up deteriorated facades does not solve the problem of regular maintenance and may create more serious problems such as rotting, rusting, cracking, and spalling of brick and deterioration of mortar joints, which can cause serious structural issues. To properly maintain a historic building, overcladding should be avoided and existing overclad materials should be removed.

Policies

- Avoid covering up original facades and elements with materials that do not complement the HCD, drastically change the look of the building, damage the original materials, and/or create “blank walls”.

Guidelines

- Remove existing overcladding to reveal, repair, restore, or appropriately replace historical elements underneath.
- Remove overcladding in sections if removal of all overcladding is not possible, keep overcladding in place with the intention of removing it in future.



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4.3.1.6 Windows

Windows in the heritage area are important elements that contribute to the vertical and horizontal patterns of the district. Windows are often a significant heritage element of contributing resources and where original, efforts should be made to retain them.

Policies

- Conserve, repair and maintain rather than remove all important character-defining elements to windows including but not limited to: steel, aluminum and wood frames and windows, muntin and sash profiles, dimensions of openings, operable double and single hung windows, original opening mechanisms and hardware and decorative surrounds.
- Retain original wood framed windows wherever possible. Heritage windows can be as efficient as new thermal units if they are maintained properly. If maintained, they are longer lasting than the newer thermal units.
- Replace original windows when they cannot be repaired. Keep current proportions and glazing configuration. Keep operable. Retain and/or replace storms in-situ, with like-for-like, where original storms are present. Replacement windows may be of contemporary materials but should reflect the character and style of the building. If muntins or grilles are used, they should be applied to the exterior of the window rather than between the panes for a more historically appropriate appearance.
- Do not block or alter the shape and size of existing historic window openings. It is strongly discouraged to seal windows shut.
- Do not replace original windows with units that are radically different than original in proportion, colour, functionality, and configuration.
- Allow for replacement of contemporary windows with other contemporary windows. Maintain the original shape and opening of the window.

Guidelines

- If some windows have already been updated with contemporary units, they may be replaced with historically accurate windows based on documentary evidence or existing windows.
- Maintain the solid wall to openings proportions from the existing streetscape. Traditionally, windows are between 15% and 20% of a wall, and windows are taller than they are wide, usually with a ratio of 2:1 or more.



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Photo 4-6: Original window examples in HCD including rectangular multi-sash, segmental storm windows, semi-elliptical sash, pointed arched, semi-circular sash, and rectangular 3/1



Photo 4-7: Examples of appropriate replacement windows in HCD including fixed sash, 2/2 sash windows within a segmental frame, and 2/1 fixed windows within original wood frames

4.3.1.7 Doors and Entrances

Entrances in heritage buildings are usually provided with some elaboration. The proportional scheme of the building governed the design, so that even ornate entrances did not overwhelm the building.



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Policies

- Conserve, repair and maintain rather than remove all important character-defining elements to doors and entrances including mouldings and sidelights.
- Avoid blocking or altering the shape and size of existing historic door openings.
- Avoid replacing original doors with units that are radically different than original in proportion, colour, functionality, and configuration.

Guidelines

- Commercial entrances shall face the principal street. Corner entrances are encouraged for corner lots.



Photo 4-8: Examples in HCD of original door sidelights, fanlight, mouldings, and segmental transoms



Photo 4-9: Examples of appropriate replacement doors in the HCD that retain the original door shape, transom, sill, and voussoir details



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4.3.1.8 Porches and Storefronts

Porches are located on the main floor of residential and commercial buildings, and they make up the public part of the building. They form the formal access to an outdoor sitting area or main entrance of a residence or commercial building. The Core Maple HCD includes a mixture of covered partial and full-width porches.

Policies

- Conserve, maintain and restore features such as wood posts, beams, cornices, cornerposts and the materials they are made from, wherever possible; typical materials include wood and metal.
- Avoid altering the geometry of the porches, such as location of posts, openings for access, steps and decking, railings (posts and spandrels).
- Replace in kind or in a manner compatible to the character of the HCD where conservation and restoration of original porch materials is not possible.
- Avoid enclosing existing open porches with screens or other enclosures. If enclosure is considered, make changes reversible and avoid damaging or removing historic trim or detailing.

Guidelines

- If porches have already been updated with contemporary features, they may be replaced with historically accurate or historically appropriate porches based on documentary evidence or consideration of the typical features of the residence's architectural style or influence.
- Create new porches so that the form and integrity of the contributing property will not be impaired if the new work is removed in the future. Reversible interventions are those that can be removed later without damaging the heritage attributes.



Photo 4-10: Examples of covered partial wood front porches on Keele Street south of Major Mackenzie Drive West



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Photo 4-11: Examples of covered wood full-width front porches on Keele Street north of Major Mackenzie Drive West

4.3.1.9 Signage and Lighting

Signage for commercial properties in the Core Maple HCD is an important aspect of the urban fabric. It has an impact on the atmosphere of the street and it very important for the well-being of businesses.

Policies

- Adhere to the City's *Signs By-law 140-2018*. Maple, under Section 11 and Schedule D is defined as a Special Sign District.
- Install signage in a manner that avoids covering windows or important elements of the building façade and is conducive to HCD properties.
- Avoid internally illuminated signs as per the City's *Signs By-law*
- Avoid 'pylon' style signage.
- Rehabilitate important heritage lights as needed to adapt to current lighting requirements and code requirements before opting for replacement.
- If replacing, consider lights similar in style and character to the contributing heritage resources.

Guidelines

- Retain signs that are pre-existing and contribute to the character of the building.
- Incorporate signage in the valence of awnings, above storefronts, on canopies, sandwich boards, small-scale projecting or hanging items and temporary window decals.
- Use signage that is an appropriate size to be read from across the street.
- Provide external lighting that is compatible with the character of the area, and the contributing resources. Repair and replace original external light fixtures where possible with like-for-like. Consider low-profile, but similar in design, material, and form to original lighting.
- Lighting is appropriate for illuminating commercial signage (e.g., 'gooseneck' lighting), address numbers, or entrances.



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- Encourage use of energy efficient L.E.D. lights of an appropriate brightness to avoid excess light pollution. Lighting too bright appears harsh. When possible, businesses should try to match the colour temperature of municipal street lighting to provide a uniform appearance to the district.

4.3.1.10 Outbuildings

Policies

- New outbuildings (sheds, detached garages) may be constructed. New outbuildings should be set back from the front façade of the residential or commercial building and follow guidelines for new construction that is sympathetic to the character of the HCD.

4.3.2 Non-Contributing Properties

Alterations and additions to non-contributing properties have an impact on the adjacent contributing properties and the overall streetscape of the Core Maple HCD.

4.3.2.1 Maintenance

Maintenance is crucial to the preservation of buildings in the HCD. Demolition by neglect (the act of allowing a building to slowly decay through lack of maintenance or vacancy) is not acceptable.

Policies

- Adhere to the City's Property Standards By-law 231-2011 as it applies to all properties within the City.

Guidelines

- Conduct regular maintenance on the property as needed, including side and rear elevations where visible from the public realm.

4.3.2.2 Roofs

Policies

- Replace roofing materials on an as-needed basis. Contemporary materials (asphalt shingles, metal, or composite roofing) are appropriate.
- Maintain gable, hip, or mansard types with medium to steep pitch to be consistent with the HCD character.
- Protect and maintain rooftop features by ensuring that water is properly drained through gutters, downspouts, and roof drains.
- Set rooftop mechanical equipment back from the roofline so that it is not visible from street level.



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Guidelines

- Where roofing materials are visible from the street level and are to be replaced, encourage neutral colours (black, brown, grey).

4.3.2.3 Façade Patterns

Façade patterns within the HCD include cohesive use of materials, setback, heights, and massing that together capture a visual representation of the historical development of the former Police Village of Maple during the mid 19th to early 20th centuries. Any alterations to non-contributing properties should be undertaken to complement the materials, setback, heights, and massing of the HCD and adjacent contributing properties.

Policies

- Maintain the overall proportions and façade pattern typical to a residential, commercial, or mixed-use building, if changes are made to the organization of a façade by adding, removing, or altering the location or position of windows and entrances.
- Support the character of the HCD when making changes in the façade composition of non-contributing buildings, by choosing complementary or compatible window and door openings, materials, and proportions.
- Avoid designing “blank walls” with no window and door openings.

4.3.2.4 Exterior Materials

Policies

- Removal of overcladding on non-contributing residential and commercial buildings is permitted. Care should be taken during removal to determine the presence of historic materials beneath that may change the course of an alteration permit.
- If historic fabric is present and City staff, Heritage Vaughan Committee, and Council agree that the building now meets the definition of a contributing property, guidelines for cladding in Section 4.3 should be followed.
- If historic fabric is not present, replacement cladding may be installed. It is encouraged to use cladding that complements the character of the HCD, such as brick, stone, or wood cladding, particularly on the front (street-facing) façade of the building. Contemporary materials such as “hardie board” siding, aluminum, and vinyl siding may also be permitted on a case-by-case basis. Exterior Insulation Finishing System (EIFS) should be avoided, as it is not sympathetic to the HCD character.



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Guidelines

- Select materials that are complementary of the character of the HCD when renovating facades of non-contributing buildings. It is recommended to use materials already commonly found in the HCD such as brick as a dominant material that help to transition the non-contributing building into its surroundings.
- Complement the character of the HCD on side elevations visible from the public realm regarding material type, and proportion of material (e.g., brick/masonry or siding sizes compatible with surrounding buildings), and colour.
- Choose a paint scheme that complements the existing colours of the contributing resources in the HCD, based on a historic colour palette or neutral shades that complement the historic character. Avoid overly bright or neon colours.

4.3.2.5 Windows

Policies

- Replace existing windows and entrances when required. Contemporary materials are appropriate for non-contributing buildings but should maintain the existing opening sizes and proportions of the original window.
- Avoid covering up and filling in existing original windows.
- Maintain the solid wall to openings proportions from the existing streetscape. Traditionally, windows are between 15% and 20% of a wall, and windows are taller than they are wide, usually with a ratio of 2:1 or more.



Photo 4-12: Examples of appropriate contemporary windows in the HCD



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4.3.2.6 Doors and Entrances

Polices

- Avoid covering up and filling in existing entrances.
- For commercial properties, single entrances may be expanded to double entrances to improve accessibility but should adhere to universal accessibility requirements.



Photo 4-13: Examples of appropriate contemporary doors in the HCD

4.3.2.7 Porches and Storefronts

Porches form the formal access to an outdoor sitting area or main entrance of a residence, commercial, or mixed-use building. Any alterations to an existing porch or the construction of a new porch should be stylistically appropriate to the original design of the building and complement the character of the HCD.

Guidelines

- Porches are permitted on non-contributing residential buildings. If new porches are proposed, they should be a single storey to be consistent with the majority of the HCD character.
- Open porches are encouraged over closed/screened porches.
- Porches (if present) may be removed from non-contributing buildings, provided there are no structural implications to their removal.



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Photo 4-14: Examples of appropriate single storey open porches in the HCD

4.3.2.8 Signage and Lighting

Policies

- Adhere to the City's *Signs* By-law 140-2018. Maple, under Section 11 and Schedule D is defined as a Special Sign District.
- Install signage in a manner that avoids covering windows or important elements of the building façade.
- Avoid internally illuminated signs as per the City's *Signs* By-law 140-2018.
- Consider external lighting that is compatible with the character of the area and is low-profile. Lighting is appropriate for illuminating commercial signage (e.g., 'gooseneck' lighting), address numbers, or entrances.
- Exterior building lighting is permitted on non-contributing residential properties to illuminate address numbers, entrances, and porches. Lighting should be of a scale that is compatible to residential or commercial buildings and should avoid fixtures that shine directly and brightly towards adjacent properties.
- Encourage use of energy efficient L.E.D. lights of an appropriate brightness to avoid excess light pollution. Lighting too bright appears harsh. When possible, businesses should try to match the colour temperature of municipal street lighting to provide a uniform appearance to the district.

Guidelines

- Incorporate signage in the valence of awnings, above storefronts, on canopies, sandwich boards, small-scale projecting or hanging items and temporary window decals.
- Use signage that is appropriate size to be read from across the street.



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4.3.2.9 Outbuildings

Policies

- New outbuildings (sheds, detached garages) may be constructed. New outbuildings should be set back from the front façade of the residential building and follow guidelines for new construction that is sympathetic to the character of the HCD.

4.4 ADDITIONS

4.4.1 Contributing Properties

Contributing properties in the Core Maple HCD support the mid 19th to early 20th century streetscape of the former Police Village of Maple. The following sections provide policies and guidelines for contributing properties within the HCD where an addition is proposed. Some of these considerations include location, height and massing, architecture and style, windows, doors and entrances, and roof design. In general, the following key aspects should be considered:

- New additions must not obscure, radically change, or have a negative impact on contributing heritage resources, heritage elements, forms, use, or exterior configuration.
- Any additions considered must first document the contributing resource(s) impacted.
- Additions to contributing resources, specifically heritage designated properties, should be reversible.

4.4.1.1 Location, Height, and Massing

The most important aspect of adding to a contributing resource involves consideration of the location, height, and massing of the addition. New additions must be visually compatible with, yet distinguishable from, the contributing resources. Often, the location, height and massing play the key role in ensuring a proper balance between imitation versus pointed contrast, so that balance is met that respects the heritage fabric. Consideration of additions must respect the contributing resources.

Policies

- Design additions to contributing resources to an appropriate height to contributing properties, less than the existing height of the original structure and be scaled appropriately so as to not compete with the original structure.
- Design massing for new additions that is subordinate to the existing residences. Additions should not cover or overwhelm the original structure but should not be too small in scale and size either.
- Locate additions to contributing residences at the back or side of the building, wherever possible. Any side additions must be set back from the front façade, wherever possible.
- Additions should be sympathetic and complementary in design, and clearly distinguishable from the original construction by form or detail.
- Preserve original material when designing additions and minimize the removal of original building structure and materials, where possible.



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- Choose materials for additions that are distinguishable as contemporary design, and do not mimic historic architecture but complement its character to clearly distinguish between new and old.
- Avoid removing existing mature vegetation, where feasible, when planning the location for additions.

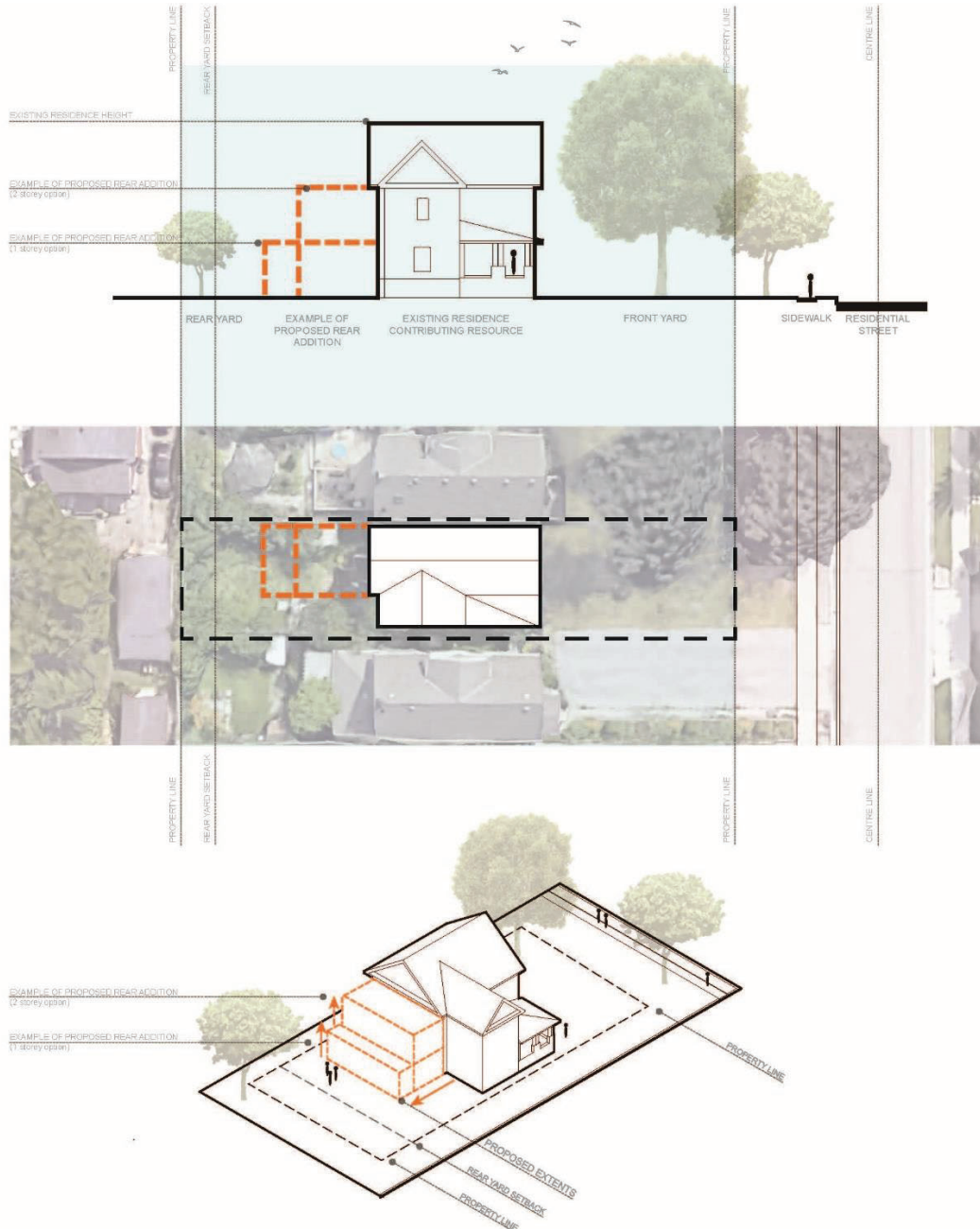


Photo 4-15: Plan shows recommended location for additions on contributing properties



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Architectural Style

Architectural style includes many elements of a building and façade, including overall design of fenestration, entrances as well as proportions, roof line design, and details.

Policies

- Additions should consider the original architectural style of a building and adopt a subtle approach that does not detract from the original heritage fabric, using compatible scale, proportions, openings and fenestration, materials and details that acknowledge the original residence.
- Avoid changing the existing façade elements by removing and altering architectural elements during additions. If these must be altered, these removals should be reversible where possible.
- Additions should maintain overall setback that forms the unified, consistent streetscape and heritage fabric of the area. Additions should not obscure or remove important architectural features of a contributing resource.

Guidelines

- Wherever possible, use existing window or door openings to provide access and retain the original window or door removed for future reversibility, particularly if additions are made in locations other than the back of the residence.

4.4.1.2 Roofs

Policies

- The roofline of the streetscapes in the Core Maple HCD are not uniform but of similar heights between one and one half to two and one half stories. New additions should consider the rooflines and work to align with these rooflines. The design of new addition rooflines should not necessarily replicate the original roofline but should complement the style of the existing dwelling, though this may be unique to each individual property in the HCD.

Guidelines

- Protect and maintain rooftop features by ensuring that water is properly drained through gutters, downspouts, and roof drains, and draining away from the original heritage building.
- Consider neutral colours (grey, black, brown) for roof pitches visible from the street.



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4.4.1.3 Materials

Most buildings in the Core Maple HCD are constructed with red and buff brick. Brick was a common construction material in the mid-19th to early 20th centuries in the former Township of Vaughan. It was used for structural construction, cladding/veneer, and decoration. As a heritage attribute of the HCD, brick plays an important visual role in contributing to the district's sense of time and place to the former Police Village of Maple. While brick exteriors are what has been preserved in the HCD, wood cladding did also historically exist and is encouraged for future cladding use on additions.

Policies

- New additions can use similar materials and form as the original heritage building, but should be done so in such a way as to not cause confusion between what is original heritage fabric and what is a new addition.

Guidelines

- Consider complementary materials to existing brick buildings such as wood and glass, to create an addition that is discernable.

4.4.1.4 Windows

Policies

- Windows are important elements that contribute to the vertical and horizontal patterns of the district. When considering new additions, align new windows and the overall fenestration, where possible, so that it is consistent with the contributing resources.
- Consider the design, style, and organization of openings so that it is clearly discernable from the original heritage fabric but creates a harmonious relationship with that contributing resource.
- Windows should reflect the character and style of the building. If muntins or grilles are used, they should be applied to the exterior of the window rather than between the panes for a more historically appropriate appearance.

4.4.1.5 Doors and Entrances

Policies

- Consider the design, style, and organization of openings so that it is clearly discernable from the original heritage fabric but creates a harmonious relationship with that contributing resource.



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4.4.1.6 Signage and Lighting

Policies

- Lighting on new additions should be complementary not only to the new building, but also to the contributing resources.
- New lighting on additions should not cause light pollution or detract from the original heritage elements, fabric, and facades; consider the scale of lighting so it complements existing lighting in the neighbourhood.

Guidelines

- Provide external lighting that is compatible with the character of the area, and the contributing resources.
- Lighting is appropriate for illuminating address numbers or entrances.
- Encourage use of energy efficient L.E.D. lights of an appropriate brightness to avoid excess light pollution.

4.4.2 Non-Contributing Properties

4.4.2.1 Height and Massing

Policies

- Design additions to non-contributing resources to an appropriate height to the HCD Character. Additions shall be no taller than the existing building or immediately adjacent buildings.
- Rear additions may contain additional storeys, to a maximum of 9.5 metres for residential properties, and 12.2 metres for central commercial properties, if approved by Council, only if they are set back at least five metres from the front building line. Each additional storey shall be set back from the street within a 45-degree angular plane.

4.4.2.2 Location

Policies

- Additions are preferred to the rear of existing buildings.
- Where space permits, and in compliance with municipal setback requirements, additions may be located at the side of a building but are to be set back from the front façade by at least one metre.

4.4.2.3 Materials

Guidelines

- Use materials that are complementary to the character of the HCD, especially if materials are visible from street level.



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- Allow for sympathetic contemporary materials on non-contributing buildings.

4.5 NEW CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Most properties within the Core Maple HCD have already been developed; however, there is potential for development in the future. Opportunities for new development can occur in the form of infill or new development due to loss of a building through fire, natural disaster, severe structural instability, or approved demolition. In keeping with heritage conservation principles, new development should be recognizable as a product of its own time and not attempt to mimic or directly replicate historical architectural styles. New development can be modern but still sympathetic and compatible to the historic character of the district regarding form, massing, materials, and façade organization. When new development is proposed in the Core Maple HCD, the following policies and guidelines apply. Once new buildings are constructed, future alterations or additions are to follow the policies and guidelines for Non-Contributing buildings.

4.5.1 Site Plan Control

Section 41 of the *Planning Act* allows municipalities to review and regulate the location of buildings, structures, and specified facilities and works through a Site Plan Control by-law. The Site Plan Control process helps ensure appropriate siting, massing and scale of proposed development and site alteration to address efficiency of land use, servicing, safety, attractiveness, and compatibility.

Guidelines

- To encourage the integration of new development with adjacent land uses, Council may require public notification and a public meeting at the Site Plan Approval stage for applications for proposed development or site alteration within the HCD, developed in accordance with their current practices of notifying property owners.
- An application for Site Plan Approval should address all matters relating to the conceptual design and specific location of buildings and structures and all other site considerations usually required by the municipality and be consistent with the policies and guidelines of the Core Maple HCD Plan.

4.5.2 Height, Massing, and Setbacks

Policies

- When determining the siting of new construction, follow the policies and guidelines in Section 4.2.
- Conserve the existing character of the streetscape by limiting the height of new buildings to be consistent with immediately adjacent properties. If adjacent properties are of different heights, the height of the new building can match the taller building, to a maximum of 9.5 metres for residential properties, and 12.2 metres for central commercial properties, including mezzanine.
- Additional height of new buildings, to a maximum of 12.2 metres in the central commercial area, and 9.5 metres in the residential area, may be approved if the additional storeys are set back from the façade



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roofline by at least five metres. Additional stories should be approved only where shadow studies demonstrate no adverse impacts on adjacent heritage attributes. Where additional height is approved, further step-backs are encouraged to maintain the experience at the pedestrian realm and avoid the bulk of a solid mass and to transition the taller building form towards adjacent lower height buildings.

- Keep setbacks up to the sidewalk for commercial properties along Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive West to be consistent with adjacent properties of mixed commercial and residential uses.

4.5.3 Roofs

Policies

- Use pitched rooflines, low to steeply pitched, of gable, hip, or mansard styles in the Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive West areas wherever possible to complement the HCD character. Irregular rooflines that contain combinations of gable and hip types are also appropriate.
- Use contemporary roofing materials on new construction (asphalt, metal, or composite).
- Select colour palettes for roofing materials that are neutral (black, brown, grey) with pitched rooflines that are visible from the public realm.

Guidelines

- Allow for and encourage 'green' roof and sustainable design where feasible.

4.5.4 Façade Pattern

Policies

- Complement the mixed commercial and residential character of Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive West in the Core Maple HCD with similar façade pattern on new construction.
- Façade pattern of residential properties may be symmetrical or asymmetrical, but typically demonstrate balanced proportions and at least some vertical alignments of 'bays' or windows and entrances.
- New commercial buildings should have single storey commercial façades on the ground level, with between 50% and 80% glazing. Avoid blank walls facing these major streets/arteries within the Core Maple HCD. Notwithstanding, the glazing proportions, sizes, and details should be consistent with the character of the adjacent buildings and avoid large spandrel glazing.
- Include between 25% and 50% glazing on the upper stories of street-facing commercial façades of new development, using repeated patterns of window openings with clear vertical alignments, reflecting the established historical pattern of upper windows on contributing buildings in the Core Maple HCD. Many of the contributing properties (both commercial and residential) are found in residential – style homes that have either been converted to commercial or are still used as residential properties. The facades should incorporate these fenestration patterns into the upper stories to reflect this.



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- New residential construction does not need to replicate historical façade patterns but should contain street-facing entrances, and 25-50% glazing on each storey.
- Require breaks in all exterior building elevations longer than 15 metres that are visible from Keele Street or Major Mackenzie Drive West, either through design elements, changes in material, or architectural articulation
- Maintain consistency of floor to ceiling heights of new design with adjacent buildings.
- Avoid blank walls facing Keele Street or Major Mackenzie Drive West

4.5.5 Exterior Materials

Policies

- Use brick, especially red or buff brick, as a primary cladding material on new construction for street-facing façades. Façades not visible from the public realm may be clad in alternate materials.

Guidelines

- Secondary cladding materials may also be used that are compatible with the Core Maple HCD character, including stone, metal, wood, glass, stucco, concrete, or composite siding products such as 'hardie board' siding.
- Contemporary materials may also be used on new construction to indicate that the building is designed in its own era. Wherever possible, consider blending contemporary materials (such as glass, concrete, or composite materials) with brick, stone, wood or historically used materials to allow the building to be compatible with the surrounding environment.

4.5.6 Windows

Policies

- Use contemporary metal, vinyl, or wood frame windows on new construction.
- Position windows on upper storeys in evenly spaced rhythms and vertical alignments in a manner that is compatible with adjacent buildings.
- Include large storefront/display style windows on ground floors of commercial buildings and new construction in the Keele and Major Mackenzie Drive West area, such that the windows still create a rhythm and pattern that considers many of the nearby contributing properties, many of which are residential style in nature but have been converted. Encourage storefronts with large windows and display windows allowing pedestrians visibility. This promotes an attractive and vibrant core and maintains the existing character of the streetscape.

Guidelines

- Dormer windows, if included in new design, should be complementary to the roof pitch and type.



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4.5.7 Doors and Entrances

Guidelines

- Include covered entrances on ground floors, where feasible, to reflect the character of historic commercial buildings, of which many are converted from residential properties.
- Porches (either full or partial) or entrance landings at main entrances are common on historic residential properties and are encouraged on new residential design.
- Use single or double entrance doors that have full or partial glazing and adhere to *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA) standards.
- Select doors that are made with traditional (wood and glass) or complementary contemporary materials (glass, metal, and fiberglass).

4.5.8 Architectural Style and Details

Policy

- Design new buildings using contemporary design that is sympathetic and compatible to the character of the Core Maple HCD. Sympathetic does not mean new buildings should directly copy or mimic historic buildings by installing historically accurate decorative brackets, bargeboard, window surrounds, etc. Compatibility with historic buildings is best achieved through form, scale, and materials rather than mimicking historical details and creating a false sense of history.

4.6 DEMOLITION

4.6.1 Demolition of Contributing Resources

The City is committed to conserving the heritage attributes of the Core Maple HCD. To support the conservation of the HCD's attributes, the demolition of contributing buildings within the HCD is strongly discouraged. Contributing buildings are to be conserved, maintained, and restored instead of allowing them to deteriorate. Demolition by neglect (the act of allowing a building to slowly decay through lack of maintenance or vacancy) is not acceptable. It is, however, noted that demolition of contributing buildings may occur in exceptional circumstances. The following policies and guidelines apply to demolition requests for contributing buildings, including municipally owned properties.

Policies

- Council may permit demolition of contributing buildings within the HCD only under extenuating circumstances such as catastrophic damage from fire, natural disaster, or, in select circumstances, severe structural instability. If a property owner proposes the demolition of a contributing building, Council may consider the application. The application must be accompanied by a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA) prepared by a qualified heritage professional and member of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals that outlines potential impacts to the heritage



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resource(s) and heritage attributes of the HCD. The CHIA shall contain mitigation measures where adverse impacts are anticipated. Council has the authority to refuse applications for demolition if they determine demolition does not support the goals and objectives of the HCD Plan, or if the demolition poses adverse impact on the heritage attributes of an individual property or the district heritage attribute.

- If a contributing building is approved for demolition, new development is to adhere to the HCD policies and guidelines for new construction in Section 4.5 if a new building is proposed for the site of the property to be demolished.

Guidelines

- If demolition is approved by Council, document buildings prior to demolition. Documentation can be achieved through written/photographic form for deposition in municipal archives. Consideration should be given to salvaging materials from the building to be demolished, and where possible, reusing the salvaged materials in future construction or site features.
- Where appropriate, encourage commemorative or interpretive features, such as plaques or panels at the site where contributing buildings are demolished, particularly if the CHIA identifies a significant person, event, group, organization, or theme associated with the property.

4.6.2 Demolition of Non-Contributing Resources

Non-contributing resources may not contribute the same historic architectural styles or materials to the HCD Streetscape as contributing buildings. They may be newer construction or older buildings that have been irreparably altered. While demolition of these properties may not result directly in the loss of heritage attributes of a particular building, their loss can impact the broader HCD character and street wall by creating gaps or vacant areas inconsistent with the look and feel of the HCD. Therefore, Council will adhere to the following policies on the demolition of non-contributing properties:

Policies

- Council may permit the demolition of non-contributing buildings in the HCD following approval of a heritage permit. Applications for the demolition of non-contributing building shall be accompanied by a development proposal or plan for the property. A CHIA may also be requested by the City to supplement an application.
- Where new development is proposed, it must follow the policies for new construction outlined in Section 4.5 of this Plan.



4.7 STREETSCLAPING AND LANDSCAPING

4.7.1 Introduction

Cultural and natural landscapes are living heritage resources in a continuous cycle of growth, decline, and regeneration. In general terms, unlike most built structures, vegetation such as trees and shrubs have finite lifespans. The cultural landscape that is found within the Core Maple HCD reflects the past and present settlement patterns: from large, canopied landscaped lawns of the residential properties in the core area, to the bustling nature of the commercial area that is trying to retain (or replicate) a tree lined street using landscape elements sympathetic to the HCD such as stone and brick walls, fencing, street furniture, and exterior lighting.

Landscape elements can provide an opportunity to unite a streetscape and harmonize fragmented or non-sympathetic built elements. The umbrella-like canopies of mature street trees, for instance, provide a strong unifying element throughout the Core Maple HCD and support a historic connection to the past. They are the one common element that is repeated rhythmically throughout the entire area, and they are often of such mass and presence that they can overcome other disjointed elements within the streetscape and maintain the sense of the place within the district.

The cultural landscape is an aggregate of elements that are both public and private. Often it is the public space that is thought of as the streetscape, however, many of the elements found within the private realm can make powerful contributions to the streetscape. The character of the landscape is often defined within the public realm by elements such as the street trees, boulevards and parks and open spaces, as well as lighting and street furniture. Features of the private realm also contribute significantly to the overall character of a streetscape. Within the Core Maple HCD, the massing and setbacks of buildings, both residential and commercial, as well as trees and gardens, all contribute to the streetscape. It is this combination of public and private that form the streetscape as a whole.

Many aspects of both our public and private spaces will have to transform in response to over-arching issues, such as climate change, that will affect not only how we use our landscapes, but their very composition and make-up. The intent of the heritage designation with respect to the landscape is to encourage preservation of the core elements that make up the landscape, such as mature street tree canopy, setback, size, form, and massing to protect the unified character of the neighbourhood.

The following conservation and design guidelines are intended to provide both the City and private landowners with policies and guidelines for both the public and private cultural landscape within the HCD.



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4.7.2 Public Realm

4.7.2.1 Gateways and Approaches

Major Mackenzie Drive West and Keele Street are the most prominent and travelled gateway and entry points into the Core Maple HCD and are an excellent candidate for the incorporation of gateway features or treatments, which would enhance the sense of arrival into the district and reinforce the streetscape character of the neighbourhood. Gateways identifying the key HCD entry points should also be given consideration to enhance and unify the character of the HCD such as southbound on Keele Street at Masters Avenue and westbound on Major Mackenzie Drive West at Hill Street.

Guidelines

- Banners using the same style and poles that are already in use can be created and placed at entrances into the heritage conservation district.
- Elements such as public art, signage, and landscaping could also be considered for inclusion in these areas.

4.7.2.2 Streets and Sidewalks

Streets and sidewalks tie the landscape together, linking people and places with one another. Not only are they integral to transportation and movement, they are also the physical and visual conduits through which much of our public life passes and can play a fundamental role in the vitality of our communities. Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive West are both the physical and commercial centre of the district. The streets serve as an important pedestrian and vehicular linkage, but also function as a destination, providing the community with shops, services, and institutional facilities. With respect to the Core Maple HCD area, the following policies apply to streets and sidewalks:

Policies

- Maintain well landscaped boulevards/public areas along sidewalks, i.e., seating areas, to create visual character and vibrancy along the street.
- Maintain the establishment of distinct and unified street furniture and lighting along both Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive West that is sensitive to the heritage character of the streetscape but does not create a false sense of heritage. Where there is opportunity and budget, select high end street furniture sympathetic to the heritage character of the core area already in use (Photo 4-17).
- Maintain and enhance the establishment of a pedestrian realm through the use of unified paving materials, composition (design relation with concrete paving) and patterns that are sensitive to the heritage character of the streetscape. Paving specifications such as colour definition, materials and direction of pattern should be AODA compliant.
- Maintain the overall proportions of the street, boulevard, and sidewalk so that setbacks and the relationships between built form and the street remain consistent.



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Photo 4-16: Existing grassed and treed boulevards, public sidewalks, and streetlighting on Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive West



Photo 4-17: Example of bench in HCD sympathetic to the heritage character

4.7.2.3 Boulevards

As previously described, boulevards are typically defined as the area between the edge of pavement or curb if present, and the sidewalk or property line if no sidewalk exists. In the HCD, boulevards play an important role in contributing to the character of the streetscape. The following policies apply to the City regarding the conservation and enhancement of boulevards.

Policies

- Maintain and conserve existing boulevards, in the HCD with regard to their location, size, and capacity for turf, vegetation, and street trees.



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- When road reconstruction occurs, and where health and safety issues are not of concern, boulevards should be maintained as green space, serving as an important buffer between vehicular and pedestrian space within the streetscape.
- Where feasible, maintain original soils and/or topsoil depths to support the longevity of the street trees.

Guidelines

- Refer to *Maple Streetscape & Urban Design Guidelines* for existing boulevard specifications

4.7.2.4 Street Trees and Vegetation

Any City department contemplating tree removal must consider the policies and guidelines of the Core Maple HCD Plan and receive Council approval prior to taking any actions which may detract from the heritage character of the area. Staff responsible for tree removal shall adopt the policies and guidelines provided below and where possible, communicate with planning staff regarding additions and replacements of vegetation over the future. The overall management of the urban forest which includes boulevard trees and vegetation located in parks and public open space would best be addressed by developing an urban forest management plan (complementary to the York Region Forestry Management Plan) for the long-term retention of the tree canopy.

A multitude of changing and evolving environmental conditions such as Asian Long Horn Beetle, global warming/droughts, rusts, and blights puts particular tree species under siege and threatens their very existence. Subsequently, species selections for infill and replacement of mortalities within the HCD shall be at the discretion of qualified staff or consultants.

Some of the mature species are living narratives of what was planted in the past as street trees, such as Silver maple. Siberian elm had been planted along Major Mackenzie Drive West near City Hall and appear to be enduring the harsh urban environment. Typically, Horse chestnut is not currently planted due to the fruits being considered a hazard to personal and property well-being, and Silver maple are not in favour due to their expansive root system and keys (seeds) collecting in catch basins. It was also observed that ornamental pear was planted more recently and at the time of this report are also surviving the harsher urban environment.

Most municipalities or regional/county governments have standards governing the installation of plant material and trees; these standards and details for boulevard street tree planting should be considered the minimum requirements for trees planted within the district. Specific to the Core Maple HCD is the knowledge that most of the street trees located in the public and private domain proximal to residential and contributing buildings in general terms are in the original soils. This means that unlike many modern developments where there may only be a few inches (i.e., less than 4 inches/10cm) of topsoil, the older vegetation in both the curb side and house side of sidewalks are in the original topsoil which supports the longevity of the street trees and trees in public open spaces such as the Maple United Cemetery. It is recommended that the City adopt a policy to preserve original soils wherever possible to support the longevity of trees located in the public domain.



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Policies

- When planting or replacing street trees, select a species that will approximate the same visual character of the streetscape to retain the consistency of the pattern and canopy structure.
- Select street trees that are hardy, drought, disease, and salt spray tolerant, such as:
 - species of smaller maples trees (*Acer* spp) than Silver maple (medium sized)
 - newer cultivars of hybrid Asian elms resistant to Dutch elm disease such as Accolade™; Cathedral; Discovery; Triumph™; Commendation™; Danada Charm™ (*Ulmus* 'Morton Red Tip')
 - American elm hybrids, such as Princeton, Prairie Expedition, New Harmony, and St. Croix. Note that these species tend to be larger than the Asian species so larger growing areas are recommended
- Any roadworks or general construction, including infrastructure improvements that will impact the root zones or otherwise have the potential to seriously affect the health, growth and survival of the street trees must have an approved Tree Preservation Plan/Tree Management Plan developed by a Certified Arborist or Registered Professional Forester. Engineering drawings, inclusive of road works, lighting, underground services must be reviewed and approved by City staff.
- Communication must be provided by either the outside consultant or City department when construction is about to commence to acknowledge that tree protection/root zone measures are in place. Tree inspections shall include an examination of tree protection/root zone measures and conditions during construction, and examination of the restoration of the root protection zone to an equal or better condition during post-construction.
- Where the City staff prepares an assessment of existing trees and recommendations for replacements, the consulting engineer shall include this information within their construction package/tender and include suitable tree preservation/mitigation measures and specifications.

Guidelines

- Where gaps in the continuity of tree plantings have appeared in the streetscape, they should be filled as expediently as possible given scheduling and budgets. The potential to replace trees on the private side of the property line should be explored where suitable growing conditions no longer exist on the public side.
- If and where feasible, consideration should be given to the caliper size of replacement trees when infill planting amongst mature trees; larger caliper infill trees should be selected in order to respect the size of the existing mature trees, and in respect to the character of the district.
- If it is observed that an over-mature tree is in decline and may be removed in the future, such as the surviving Silver maple, consideration should be given to planting its replacement before the tree is removed, to permit time for the newly planted tree, typically of smaller caliper, to grow in size.
- Where appropriate (as determined by qualified City staff or consultants) infill trees should be either the same species as the trees adjacent to the infill location or of a similar form and size at maturity. Where infill or replacements are to be located amongst species that are deemed undesirable, replacement species shall be at the discretion of City staff or consultants with an understanding of maintaining the visual character of the streetscape.



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- Where construction and/or construction activities on private property may impact publicly owned trees, submissions for site plan approvals/permits shall be accompanied by a tree preservation plan clearly indicating measures to preserve the City owned tree and approved by the Forestry Group. The tree preservation plan shall be prepared by a Certified Arborist or Registered Professional Forester.

4.7.2.5 Lighting

The way in which a street is lit can be a defining feature within a streetscape, not only because our night environment can be significantly enhanced by the quality of light provided, but also because the character of a street during the day can be significantly affected by the form of the light standard. Although in most cases it is not feasible to duplicate original light features, installing standards that complement the historic fabric of the area is an issue of sensitivity to existing heritage character, much the same as an adaptive reuse of the built form.

The following policies with respect to street lighting are made with the understanding that they will be followed as part of the natural course of street lighting repairs and upgrades and are subject to funding availability.

Policies

- Maintain and continue the existing street lighting of 'historically themed" lighting fixtures throughout the HCD to enhance consistency with the character of the heritage district.
- New or replacement lighting should be 'dark-sky friendly' with a full cut-off to eliminate upward light spillage.
- New or replacement lighting should be energy efficient and implement a light-emitting diode (LED) or equivalent technology.

4.7.2.6 Street Signage

Street signage is often referred to as a wayfinding tool; however, it can also serve as an identifying element within a streetscape. Given that street signs are common elements throughout a neighbourhood, they can be employed as tools to define areas of unique or special status.

Guidelines

- Continue the current practice of street signage in consistency with City standards.
- Separate road and traffic signage from interpretive/commemorative and wayfinding signage from traffic signage so the two do not distract from each other.
- Consider establishing signage (e.g., street name signage) with unique colour and logo identifying the area as the Maple HCD. New street signs shall comply with City standards.
- Encourage the continued use of decorative banners throughout the HCD along Major Mackenzie Drive West and Keele Street; particularly decorative banners affixed to light poles as they are an effective means of strengthening sense of place within the district.



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- When included on new or retrofitted light standards, the banners should be coordinated with other elements within the district, such as the street signage, and installed along important thoroughfares that bound the area, or at the gateways into the area.
- The additional banners in the HCD should be undertaken in consultation with the City's street lighting division so that banners are appropriately located and that the light standards are adequate to support them.

4.7.2.7 Street Furniture

Street furniture can have a strong unifying effect upon a streetscape if it is well coordinated. Placed in strategic areas, coordinated street furniture can be used to identify a space, set it apart from other neighbouring areas, and draw visitors into particular spaces. The following are guidelines aimed at unifying the streetscape through use of street furniture.

Guidelines

- Maintain and enhance the current street furniture character that currently includes “heritage style” furnishings with similar sympathetic heritage themed furnishings. This gives a unique character to the area and contributes to Maple's sense of place.
- Where possible, install decorative heritage themed trash receptacles, bike racks, bus shelters, and benches rather than standard utilitarian ones. Otherwise consider bright, artistic furnishings such as sculptural bike racks as they act as public art within the streetscape and add to the visual appeal to the community and tie into the modern architecture of the City Hall and the Civic Centre Resource Library.
- Decorative street furniture should be coordinated and if possible sourced from the same supplier to achieve economy of scale and a consistent and coherent appearance.

4.7.2.8 Commemorative and Interpretative Elements, Public Art, and Murals

Commemorative and interpretive features, such as plaques, signs, monuments, murals, and public art, play an important role in creating a district community space and highlighting important events, groups, or themes in a community. While many of these features may not in themselves be ‘historic’, they add to the experience and sense of character to the Core Maple HCD.

Policies

- Support the continued installation of commemorative character elements within the HCD. Retain, maintain, and enhance commemorative character elements within the HCD, including historically themed murals, banners, commemorative or interpretive signs, and plaques.
- When planning the location of murals, consider side façades of non-contributing buildings or those that do not contain original masonry to avoid damaging or obscuring original building materials when adding new painted murals. If contributing buildings are considered, use tactics to minimize damage



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to historic materials by applying removable covers or consulting with a building condition specialist prior to conducting work

Guidelines

- When updating existing or establishing new commemorative features and public art engage in consultation with the community to reflect a more diverse historical narrative.
- Other methods such as Quick Response (QR) Systems can also be considered for new or additions to commemorative, interpretive or public art installments, or to link to existing or future walking tours.
- Consider the placement and composition of interpretive and commemorative elements to avoid creating areas that are over-crowded when adding additional commemorative character elements.

4.7.2.9 Parking

Parking in the Core Maple HCD is generally constrained to the lots in commercial shopping plazas and commercial properties. Both Major Mackenzie Drive West and Keele Street, as major arterial roads, do not permit on-street parking. Parking is available on one side of select side streets such as Church Street, Jackson Street, and Richmond Street.

Policies

- Continue the pattern of on-street parking in a single lane on side streets in accordance with the City's By-Law 064-2019.
- Encourage the location of surface parking lots to the rear of buildings. Include vegetative elements to soften the appearance of visible parking areas, such as hedge or vegetated screening, and/or the inclusion of planted 'islands' or trees.

4.7.2.10 Commercial Areas

The Major Mackenzie Drive West and Keele Street intersection is geographically located at the centre of the Core Maple HCD but is also an intersection with visible signs of a harsh environment, including noise from heavy traffic and winter salt spray which creates an inhospitable environment for street trees. However, opportunities to enhance the heritage character of the intersection on the north side exist through mechanisms such as enhanced pavement, streetscape furnishings, and street trees that will all contribute to a sense of place and, in the case of the HCD, familiarity of place. The presence of enhanced streetscape elements creates a unique streetscape and sets the stage for attractive and compelling outdoor spaces. However, it is suggested to introduce imaginative and creative solutions to tame or mitigate the harsh atmosphere by buffering the man-made environmental challenges. This would include creative ways to plant street trees behind barriers such as glass panels and/or with enhanced structural soils to optimize growing conditions.



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Guidelines

- Maintain and expand enhanced paving materials and landscape elements, such as street furniture and lighting, to further define the pedestrian realm and further identify these areas as community space, where appropriate.
- Ensure exterior spaces meet or exceed universal accessibility standards.
- Consider barriers such as handrails with glass panels to intercept and buffer salt spray to support better growing conditions for street trees, innovative soil and mulch techniques to intercept salt spray and run-off, or alternative to trees such as sculptural elements that introduce the “idea” of canopy.

4.7.2.11 Views and Vistas

Views and vistas serve as the windows to, from, or within the district. Views can take on a number of forms, each of which contribute differently to the look and feel of a place. Views to a landmark feature can provide a sense of unity within the surrounding neighbourhood by providing a central focal point to which the neighbourhood can connect to and can be a defining feature of a place. Designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act* can only relate to real property, and as such only vantage points from within the HCD can be managed by the policies and guidelines of an HCD plan, even when a view or vista extends beyond the HCD boundaries.

One key vantage point is on Keele Street, looking south from Masters Avenue. This vista, looking south from Masters Ave and Keele, captures the heritage “village” character of the core HCD. This vista is an important historical view that speaks of a narrative of Maple’s past and its conservation is an important effort to maintaining the heritage character and ‘feel’ of the HCD. A similar view is noted at the south end of the HCD. Looking north from the intersection of Keele Street and Barhill Road, with St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on the west and the cemetery on the east, the historic character of the area is experienced.

Guidelines

- Maintain existing boulevard configuration, if possible, from Masters Ave to Railway St./Killian Road to conserve view.
- The City should work with homeowners in this area to help conserve treed boulevards on both private property and public right-of-way. Such as anticipating the decline of over-mature trees and planting trees on the public right-of-way of the boulevard prior to removal of dying trees. This will help maintain the composition of the historical views.
- Relocate utilitarian visual distractions such as trash receptacles and utility infrastructure where possible to avoid obstructing views.
- The City should consider introduction of gateway elements at each entrance to the HCD from Major Mackenzie and Keele Street.



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4.7.3 Private Realm

4.7.3.1 Trees

Mature trees located on private property and within public view greatly contribute to defining the heritage character of a neighbourhood. Where boulevard space is insufficient or nonexistent for public planting, trees on private property often compensate for gaps found in the streetscape canopy. By framing scenic vistas and screening undesirable views, privately owned trees can play a significant role in the streetscape and enhance the visual aesthetics of the district.

The conservation and management of trees on private land generally is at the discretion of the property owner. Mature trees located on private property are a valuable resource to the property owner not only for the benefits provided in terms of shading homes in the summer, increasing property values, but also for the overall sense of wellbeing that trees can inspire. These trees can also be considered as a significant heritage resource and can be designated as a heritage tree through the *Ontario Heritage Act*, under the following definition from the Ontario Heritage Tree Alliance:

“A notable specimen because of its size, form, shape, beauty, age, colour, rarity, genetic constitution, or other distinctive features; a living relic that displays evidence of cultural modification by Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal people, including strips of bark or knot-free wood removed, test hole cut to determine soundness, furrows cut to collect pitch or sap, or blazes to mark a trail; a prominent community landmarks; a specimen associated with a historic person, place event or period; a representative of a crop grown by ancestors and their successors that is at risk of disappearing from cultivation; a tree associated with local folklore, myths, legends or traditions; a specimen identified by members of a community as deserving heritage recognition”.

(Ontario Heritage Tree Alliance 2006)

The care, maintenance, and replacement of the neighbourhood’s street trees are integral to sustaining the broad, green canopy that has become associated with parts of the Core Maple HCD.

Policies

- The City should be consulted before removal of mature trees on private land. The definition of “mature” for the purposes of this plan is a tree that is over 20 centimetres diameter at breast height.
- Seek the assistance of a certified arborist for pruning or removal of mature trees.
- Encourage the replacement of mature trees with new species selected from the list in Section 4.7.3.2.



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While the City is responsible for the management of public street trees, maintenance of areas around street trees in residential areas often falls upon private landowners. Property owners can assist the City in maintaining street trees adjacent to their property through the following guidelines.

Guidelines

- Avoid cutting down or damaging publicly owned street trees that are adjacent to your property. Remember that a publicly owned boulevard street tree can be on either side of the sidewalk, so confirm ownership before considering any action to the tree.
- If a street tree or other publicly owned tree, such as trees located in public open spaces or parks, appears to be in poor health, severely damaged or in serious need of major pruning, contact the City.
- Use care when cutting grass and using power lawn care equipment directly adjacent to street trees.
- If new street trees have been planted adjacent to your property, monitor them and water them regularly during periods of dry weather.
- Contact the City for requests to plant trees within the boulevard.

4.7.3.2 Landscaping and Gardens

Most landscaped and garden areas on private property have continually evolved and changed throughout the seasons and property ownership. It is expected that private gardens will continue to do so, and that private landscaping will support the character of the Core Maple HCD by being sympathetic and compatible while still allowing for individual expression, seasonal decisions, and site conditions.

Policies

- Avoid the use of synthetic lawn materials such as artificial turf and plastics, encouraging live plant materials such as lawn, plantings, or groundcovers.
- Retain and repair historic fencing and garden walls, including metal and stone. Replace in kind where possible, or with sympathetic replacements.
- Allow sympathetic low metal or wood fencing, garden walls, retaining walls or border stones. Fencing or walls should be no taller than one metre. Avoid wood fencing that is a solid mass in favor of 'picket' style fencing. Low walls may be composed of brick or stone.
- Fencing layout of front and side yards approaching street intersections must respect the 'daylight triangle' of visibility to provide maximum visual access of corner intersections. It is highly recommended that fencing abutting corner intersections provide open views to traffic and not be solid (i.e., privacy fencing) in nature.

Guidelines

- Encourage a variety of landscaped front yards on private property, including lawn, formal planted beds, informal 'cottage' style or pollinator plantings, maintained vegetable gardens.
- Maintain a balance of softscaping (e.g., lawn or vegetation) and hardscaping (walkways, driveways, surface paving).



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- Encourage the use of plant materials that were typical in a front garden landscape in mid-19th to early 20th century southern Ontario residential landscapes, or plants that are historically sympathetic, such as those found in Table 4-1 to Table 4-4.

Table 4-1: Deciduous Trees

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Hedge maple
<i>Acer ginnala</i>	Amur maple
<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	Western catalpa
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern redbud
<i>Fagus sylvatica purpurea</i>	Purple beech
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	gingko
<i>Malus sargentii "Rosea"</i>	Pink Sargeant crab apple
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White oak
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red oak

Table 4-2: Coniferous Trees

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Abie balsamea</i>	Balsam fir
<i>Abies concolor</i>	White fir
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern red cedar
<i>Picea glauca</i>	White spruce
<i>Picea pungens 'glauca'</i>	Colorado blue spruce
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	Eastern white cedar

Table 4-3: Deciduous Shrubs

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	red osier dogwood
<i>Deutzia gracillis</i>	slender deutzia
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	burningbush
<i>Forsythia x intermedia 'spectabilis'</i>	showy forsythia
<i>Hydrangea arborescens 'grandiflora'</i>	snowhill hydrangea
<i>Kerria japonica 'Pleniflora'</i>	Japanese kerria
<i>Ligustrum amurense</i>	Amur privet
<i>Lonicera morrowii</i>	honeysuckle
<i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i>	saucer magnolia
<i>Philadelphus coronaries 'Aurens'</i>	golden mock orange
<i>Prunus triloba var multiplex</i>	flowering almond



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Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Ribes alpinum</i>	Alpine current
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	common lilac
<i>Syringa x vulgaris</i> 'Belle de Nancy'	Belle de Nancy lilac
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> 'Sterile'	European snowball viburnum

Table 4-4: Perennials

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Alyssum saxatile</i> 'Compacta'	Basket of Gold
<i>Anemone x hybrida</i> 'Whirlwind'	Whirlwind anemone
<i>Agueilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine
<i>Campanula persicifolia</i> var	Bellflower varieties
<i>Centura dealbata</i>	Persian Cornflower
<i>Coreopsis</i> sp.	Coreopsis species
<i>Delphinium</i> sp.	Delphinium species
<i>Dianthus barbatus</i> var.	Sweet William varieties
<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	Bleeding Heart
<i>Digitalis</i> sp.	Foxglove species
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Cone Flower
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	Candytuft
<i>Iris germanica</i>	Bearded Iris
<i>Iris pseudoacorus</i>	Yellow Flag Iris
<i>Iris siberica</i>	Siberian Iris
<i>Liatrix spicata</i>	Blazing Star
<i>Lupinus</i> var.	Lupine varieties
<i>Monarda didyma</i> var	Bergamot/Bee Balm varieties
<i>Paeonia</i> sp.	Peony species
<i>Papavar orientale</i> var.	Oriental Poppy varieties
<i>Rudbeckia</i> sp.	Cone Flower species

4.7.3.3 Paving and Hardscaping

Many residential or commercial properties contain paving in the form of parking or driveway areas and pathways to building entrances. These are often necessary features of modern life and can be compatible with the HCD character when appropriately scaled.

Policy

- Allow for a range of paving materials on private property, including concrete, stamped concrete, asphalt, interlocking pavers, stone, and gravel.



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Guideline

- Paths and walkways may take linear or curvilinear forms. Encourage pathways that lead from the sidewalk to the main entrance of the property, in keeping with traditional historical landscaping patterns.



Photo 4-18: Examples of appropriate paths and hardscaping with linear and curvilinear forms, paths to the main entrances, and use a variety of materials

4.7.3.4 Boulevards

Boulevards are typically defined as the area between the edge of pavement or curb if present, and the sidewalk or property line if no sidewalk exists. When grassed, they serve to break up what can sometimes be an expansive sea of pavement within a streetscape. Boulevards also offer an opportunity for street tree growth when they afford adequate space and are not already dominated by hydro lines. While boulevards fall within the public realm, they are most often maintained by private landowners, which can leave them susceptible to varying levels of treatment and care. Maintaining the visual appeal and functional characteristics of boulevards can be enhanced if the following guidelines are followed.

Guidelines

- Where boulevards are grassed, landowners should maintain the boulevards as part of overall lawn care responsibilities (i.e., watering, fertilizing, mowing, etc. as required).
- When road reconstruction occurs, and where health and safety issues are not of concern, boulevards should be maintained as green space, serving as an important buffer between vehicular and pedestrian space within the streetscape.

4.8 ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility is an important consideration in an HCD. Historically, buildings were not often designed with accessibility in mind. However, through alterations and new construction, accessibility can be introduced and enhanced by adhering to the following policies and guidelines:



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Policies

- Include barrier-free design in all new construction. This includes commercial, residential, and institutional building types.
- Include barrier-free design for all new streetscape, open space, and park design to remove barriers for people with disabilities.
- Include barrier-free design on existing buildings when making alterations to entrances or other building features wherever possible, while avoiding damage or adverse impacts to original historic materials or heritage attributes.
- Wayfinding materials and signage should be visibly legible under AODA guidelines.

Guidelines

- Allow for temporary or transportable ramps to access commercial properties to improve access for people with disabilities even when alterations to entrances are not being proposed.
- Allow for the use of markers, grip-tape or finishes or similar devices on entry surfaces such as steps, landings, or ramps.
- Allow the use of accessible door handles and railings at entrances on contributing and non-contributing properties.

4.9 SUSTAINABILITY AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Research and new technologies continue to uncover more ways to improve the sustainability of new and existing buildings. Consideration should be given to improving the sustainability of HCD resources and allowing for appropriate means of alternative energy. Council should consider the following guidelines related to sustainability and alternative energy:

Guidelines

- Allow for the installation of solar panels on roofs, particularly on flat roof buildings or those that have low pitched roofs masked by parapets.
- Install solar panels, related infrastructure, or other alternative energy sources set back from the roofline or parapet to be inconspicuous from the street level.
- Avoid removing or damaging historic materials when installing solar panels or related infrastructure.
- Encourage property owners to conduct an energy audit prior to replacing original historic windows or doors to determine the greatest sources of heat loss. In some cases, minor repairs can provide as much improvement as full replacement.
- Allow for the use of 'green' building materials and techniques on new construction where the designs are compatible with the HCD character and consistent with guidelines in Section 4.5 for new construction.
- Encourage property owners to source materials from local suppliers and manufacturers, where possible.



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4.10 PART IV DESIGNATIONS

The policies and guidelines of the Core Maple HCD Plan apply to all properties currently designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* within the district. Any interior and exterior elements of the building/property protected under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* continue to remain protected in the same way prior to their designation under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Property owners and the Municipality are to adhere to the requirements of Part IV designations within the HCD, unless otherwise repealed by Council. The process for making alterations or additions to Part IV designated properties must consider the heritage attributes or character defining elements outlined in the designating by-law for the property, as well as the policies and guidelines of the Core Maple HCD Plan.

4.11 ADJACENT PROPERTIES

Development or alterations outside of the Core Maple HCD boundary are not subject to the policies and guidelines of the HCD Plan, nor are they required to obtain heritage alteration permits. However, site alteration and development adjacent to the HCD is required to conform to the PPS. In accordance with Policy 2.6.3, proposed redevelopment and significant alterations adjacent to the Core Maple HCD must demonstrate that the heritage attributes of the adjacent HCD and/or heritage property will be conserved. To achieve this, the City may require the preparation of a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA) carried out by a qualified professional for development adjacent to the HCD. The CHIA should be conducted by a member in good standing of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals (CAHP) and be prepared according to the City's Guidelines for Cultural Heritage Impact Assessments (City of Vaughan 2017). The City, the Heritage Vaughan Committee, and Council may require that a proponent implement mitigative measures where impacts on the HCD attributes are identified, as outlined in the CHIA.



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5.0 IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 INTRODUCTION

The City's Official Plan contains the framework for establishing HCDs. To implement the Core Maple HCD, the City will adopt a new by-law designating the area as an HCD, requiring alterations and development to follow a heritage permit process. The new by-law will be adopted concurrently with amendments to the existing Maple HCD by-law to remove the area within the boundaries of the Core Maple HCD as these will be subject to the new by-law. Outside of the Core Maple HCD boundary, the original by-law will remain in effect. The City will serve a notice of intention to adopt the by-law to all property owners within the district boundary. Individuals who object to the by-law may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal. Objections must be filed with the Tribunal and City Clerk within 30 days after the notice of intention to designate is published. The Tribunal may dismiss the appeal, amend the by-law, direct Council to repeal the by-law, or direct Council to amend the by-law.

When the by-law is adopted, it will be registered on title with all property owners. The registration will remain on title for the property in perpetuity. The City will file a notice with the Ontario Heritage Trust that the by-law establishing the HCD has been adopted.

Where required, the City will make changes to the Official Plan or by-laws to support the establishment of the HCD Plan. The following sections provide an overview of the heritage permit process, as well as other tools that are useful in implementing the HCD.

5.2 CITY POLICIES

5.2.1 Applicability

The policies and guidelines of the Core Maple HCD Plan will be applicable only to the properties located within the Core Maple HCD Boundary (See Figure 1). All properties outside of this area that are in the 2007 Maple HCD boundary will remain subject to the policies of the Maple HCD Plan, which will remain unchanged.

The intent in updating the Maple HCD Boundaries and creating the Core Maple HCD is not to prevent future change, reinvestment, and/or redevelopment. Rather, the primary focus of the HCD Plan is to *manage change* in a similar manner as has been done in the HCD since 2007. This HCD Plan requires that contributing resources are not demolished without due cause (see Section 4.6.1), and that any alterations or additions, redevelopment, and public infrastructure projects within the heritage conservation district are in keeping with the guidelines of this Plan. It is expected that over time applications subject to other municipal policies (such as Zoning by-law amendments, consents, and minor variances, or development/planning permits) will be made within the HCD. The municipal policy framework with respect to zoning and Official Plan policies will remain in effect when the Core Maple HCD is established, and the typical processes will be followed regarding any zoning by-law or official plan amendments. However, as established by the



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Ontario Heritage Act, in the case where an existing or proposed City by-law is in conflict with the policies of the HCD Plan, the policies of the HCD Plan will prevail to the extent of the conflict.

5.2.2 Coordination with the Community Planning Permit System Program

The Core Maple HCD Plan is taking a unique approach to HCD designation by establishing a new HCD within an existing larger HCD. The intended outcome of this process is recommended to replace the regulation within the original boundaries of the 2007 Maple HCD with a new planning framework under the City's Official plan called a Community Planning Permit System (CPPS). Individual properties that are of heritage value will be listed on the City's heritage register or designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* to protect their CHVI when the 2007 HCD is repealed. A CPPS is a tool permitted under the Planning Act that combines aspects of zoning, site plan, and variance approvals under a single process that can be created to support specific policy outcomes (in this case the provision of heritage-appropriate new development) in a manner that simplifies the approvals and design review processes.

The CPPS will be a separate process and planning tool from the Core Maple HCD, though the two will work in tandem. It is anticipated that the policies and guidelines of the Core Maple HCD Plan, particularly those for alterations and additions to contributing buildings, could form the basis for design guidelines and policies for heritage buildings within the CPPS area. Similarly, some of the policies and guidelines identified within the Core Maple HCD Plan for new construction may form a basis for design guidelines in the CPPS. While the policies and guidelines should not be identical, as the CPPS area has a different character than the Core Maple HCD, creating policies that are similar, but contextually appropriate and 'speak' to the HCD policies and guidelines can promote harmony between the two areas.

The CPPS will also apply to the Core Maple HCD, but the policies and guidelines of the HCD Plan will prevail in the event that there is a conflict between the two. Heritage Permits will still be required in the Core Maple HCD for alterations, additions, new construction, and demolition even if a CPPS is in effect. The CPPS should have similar language regarding the retention of mature vegetation as the Core Maple HCD Plan, and include similar guidance or streetscaping, landscaping, and urban design of the public realm to encourage a coherent and consistent approach to these elements throughout the community.

When prepared, the CPPS or other planning tools should clearly reference the presence of the Core Maple HCD and the requirement to adhere to the policies, guidelines, and processes of the HCD Plan.

5.3 HERITAGE PERMIT PROCESS

HCDs are managed by City Heritage Planning staff, the Heritage Vaughan Committee, and Council in cooperation with property owners. Each group has their own roles and responsibilities to play in maintaining a successful HCD, as outlined below.



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5.3.1 Roles and Responsibilities

Heritage Planning Staff

- Advise property owners when heritage permits are required
- Receive and review heritage permits for completion
- Determine if alteration is delegated to staff approval (if applicable)
- Acknowledge receipt of application and begin 90-day process to grant (with or without conditions), if permit is delegated to staff authority
- Forward alteration permit application to the Heritage Vaughan Committee for discussion and review at next available meeting, where applicable
- Work with property owner to modify application/plans, if required
- Grant or refuse permit

Heritage Vaughan Committee

- Include staff reports and heritage permit applications during regularly scheduled meetings
- Receive delegations at committee meetings to speak on behalf of their applications
- Review alteration permit applications and their adherence to the HCD policies and guidelines
- Provide constructive comments or feedback where applications may need revision to meet the HCD policies and guidelines
- Make recommendation on granting, granting with conditions, or refusing heritage permits

Council

- Acknowledge receipt of application and begin 90-day process to grant or refuse permit
- Include the Heritage Vaughan Committee resolutions, staff reports, and heritage permit applications during regularly scheduled meetings
- Receive supporting staff reports, applications, or other documentation regarding alteration permit applications
- Receive delegations at Council meetings to speak on behalf of their applications, if applicable
- Make decision on granting, granting with conditions, or refusing heritage permits within 90 days of receiving the application
- Revise decisions regarding Ontario Land Tribunal regarding application permits, if applicable

Property Owners

- Review the HCD Plan to determine if a heritage permit is required for the proposed work
- Consult with Heritage Planning Staff to discuss the nature of the proposed alteration or development and confirm requirements of the heritage permit



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- Review the policies and guidelines of the HCD Plan
- Apply for heritage permit with required supporting documentation
- Undertake alterations and development in accordance with the principles, policies, and guidelines outlined in the HCD Plan

5.3.2 Heritage Permit Applications

The City currently has a heritage permit system in place to manage heritage permit applications for properties designated under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The existing permit system requires review and approval by the Director of Recreation and Culture, or designate, which was delegated under Core Maple HCD by-law. Council is the ultimate decision maker in the heritage permit process unless there is an appeal process (see Section 5.3.5).

Heritage permit applications are currently required to contain the following information:

- Description of property (municipal address and legal description)
- Description of proposed work (indication of whether the application relates to an alteration, addition or demolition, new construction, or sign permit, and a brief description of what is proposed)
- Identification of other applications required (e.g., Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment, Site Plan Approval, Building Permit)
- Additional documents that may be required by Staff depending on the nature of the application (to be determined during consultation with staff, but may include context plan, photographs, surveys, arborist report, tree preservation plan, tree inventory, site plan, building elevations, materials and methodology, landscaping details, grading plan, cultural heritage impact assessment, HCD conformity report, archaeological assessment, building code review, or letter of authorization).
- Applicant information (property owner name, mailing address and contact number, email, and agent/applicant information if applicable).

5.3.3 Heritage Permit Exemptions

The *Ontario Heritage Act* requires a list of alterations or classes of alterations that are minor in nature and do not require a heritage alteration permit. The following provides a list of alterations that are exempt from permits:

- Interior work (unless otherwise specified from a Part IV designation)
- Alterations to rear facades that are not visible from the public realm of the Core Maple HCD
- Minor repairs (e.g., patching holes, re-affixing existing features) and cleaning
- Painting trim, window frames, and entrance doors
- Painting brick or cladding surfaces that have already been painted
- Painting non-painted brick or cladding surfaces on non-contributing buildings
- Replacing existing windows or doors with new features of the same materials, styles, and dimensions



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- Replacing roofing material with the same materials (e.g., asphalt to asphalt, metal to metal, cedar shingles to cedar shingles)
- Replacing existing gutters, downspouts, and soffits with the same materials
- Changes to existing exterior lighting on residential properties
- Vegetative landscaping (softscaping) e.g., planting flower gardens, shrubs, laying or removing sod, adding or modifying garden beds or planters
- Re-paving residential driveways and walkways with the same material and the same dimensions (e.g., asphalt to asphalt, interlock pavers to interlock pavers, concrete to concrete)

All other activities not included on the list above require a heritage alteration permit. It is recommended that property owners consult the City if they have any questions about whether a particular activity may or may not require a permit.

5.3.4 City and Regional Public Works

The City is required to follow the requirements of the Core Maple HCD Plan when undertaking public works. As outlined in the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the Council of a municipality may not carry out any public work in a heritage conservation district that is contrary to the objectives of the Plan. York Region Official Plan, in Section 3.4 also contains guidelines for the conservation of cultural heritage resources in relation to HCDs. Under Section 3.4.4, York Region is to support City efforts to establish HCDs. While under Section 3.4.5, York Region is to “ensure that identified *cultural heritage resources* are evaluated and conserved in capital public works projects (York Region 2010: 50).”

As such, Heritage Vaughan Committee review and Council approval is required for municipal and regional infrastructure, streetscaping, major park landscaping projects, or the installation of public art/murals, to ensure they are consistent with the policies and guidelines of the HCD Plan. The following City actions are exempt from requiring the Heritage Vaughan Committee and Council approval:

- Changes to road signage
- Replacing existing light standards in-kind
- Replacing existing street furniture in-kind
- Annual streetscape planters and park landscaping (e.g., planting of annuals in existing garden beds)
- Routine park/open space maintenance (mowing lawn, trimming vegetation, cleaning/repairing street furniture)

5.3.5 Appeals Process

As per the *Ontario Heritage Act*, property owners have the right to appeal the decision of Council to refuse a heritage alteration permit or the terms and conditions applied to the granting of a heritage alteration permit. Appeals will be directed to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A property owner must appeal the decision of council to refuse or apply terms and conditions to the permit with 30 days of receiving notice of Council’s decision.



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The Tribunal shall hear the appeal and may take one of the following actions:

- Dismiss the appeal
- Direct that the permit be issued without terms and conditions or with such terms and conditions as ordered by the Tribunal

5.4 EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

Education and promotion can be a valuable part of successfully managing an HCD. Providing property owners, the heritage committee, and Council with tools to understand the HCD process and tools at their disposal helps to get all parties on the same page with proposing or reviewing applications for alterations or new development.

Since the City has already had an HCD in Maple for over a decade, it is likely that there does not need to be a substantial increase in education and promotion within the City, Vaughan Heritage Committee, or Council. This may only be necessary when there are changes and turnover within the Heritage Vaughan Committee or Council.

The City maintains a page on its website dedicated to Heritage Preservation, including links to HCD Plans, heritage permit applications, and related links. This should be maintained and updated with additional information when required or when there are legislative changes.

While many property owners and developers within the community will be familiar with the existing Maple HCD, property ownership can change frequently. The City is encouraged to provide regular updates to property owners (e.g., through an annual mailout or 'postcard' to inform/remind them of their property being within an HCD, the requirement to adhere to the HCD Plan, and requirement to obtain heritage permits).

It may also be beneficial to provide tools to educate property owners and business owners on other aspects of the HCD outside of the implementation details. This may include providing an overview of how property owner's investments in their properties can be protected by the HCD process, links to groups or organizations that can provide support or resources for property owners (see Appendix C), information on financial incentives available for property owners (if applicable), and answers to frequently asked questions about HCDs. Links to these tools in a dedicated place can be valuable resources when an HCD is newly implemented. Over the long term, as properties change hands, these tools can continue to be useful resources for new property owners.

Promoting the HCD within and outside of the community is in line with the City's direction in promoting Maple as a thriving residential and commercial destination within the City. Encouraging community engagement in the HCD through festivals, events, guided and self-guided tours, and "Doors Open" events can draw interest from those outside the HCD. It is recommended that the City engage with business owners, residents, and organizations to establish appropriate promotional materials and events.

Other means of promoting the HCD may come through recognizing the efforts of property owners by establishing local awards programs, such as urban design awards or heritage focused awards. Annual



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awards created by the City or local heritage organizations may highlight examples of restoration, façade improvements, or new development that complies with HCD policies and heritage best practices.

5.5 MONITORING PROGRAMS

Policies and best practices change and evolve over time. It is recommended that the Core Maple HCD plan be reviewed and updated occasionally so that it remains reflective of the appropriate planning and heritage frameworks. Review should typically occur within a five-to-ten-year period of its publication, or as applicable based on municipal requirements and budgetary considerations. If a CPPS is implemented, it may be beneficial to consider review and updates to the Core Maple HCD Plan if or when changes are made to the Official Plan regarding the CPPS or other planning tools implemented in the area surrounding/including the Core Maple HCD.

5.6 INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Under the *Municipal Act*, municipalities also have the authority to provide tax relief to heritage property owners by passing by-laws to create a property tax incentive program for heritage properties. Tax relief can be between 10 and 40 percent of the owner's property taxes. Relief may come in the following forms, as outlined in *Getting Started: Heritage Property Tax Relief, a Guide for Municipalities* (Government of Ontario 2005):

- Reduction of taxes by applying a credit against the owner's property tax account to reduce the total balance owed in the current year (owners would see a credit adjustment posted on their property tax bill)
- Refunding taxes by issuing a cheque
- Crediting all or part of the tax reduction against the owner's outstanding property tax liability from the current year and/or previous years, if applicable

At present, the City does not have any financial incentive programs in place for heritage property owners. It is recommended that the City explore financial incentive opportunities to assist property owners in the HCD to maintain, restore and repair heritage properties, as this benefits the community by helping to achieve the goals and objectives of the HCD.

5.7 HERITAGE REGISTER

The *Ontario Heritage Act* requires the Clerk of a municipality to maintain a register of heritage properties within the municipality, including heritage conservation districts. It is recommended that the City update their existing heritage register to include a map and description of the Core Maple HCD. It is further recommended that the City update the register to include the addresses of each property within the Core Maple HCD (potentially in a separate section of the register noting that the properties are designated under Part V). It is recommended that the City maintain an up-to-date copy of the Register on their website for ease of public access.



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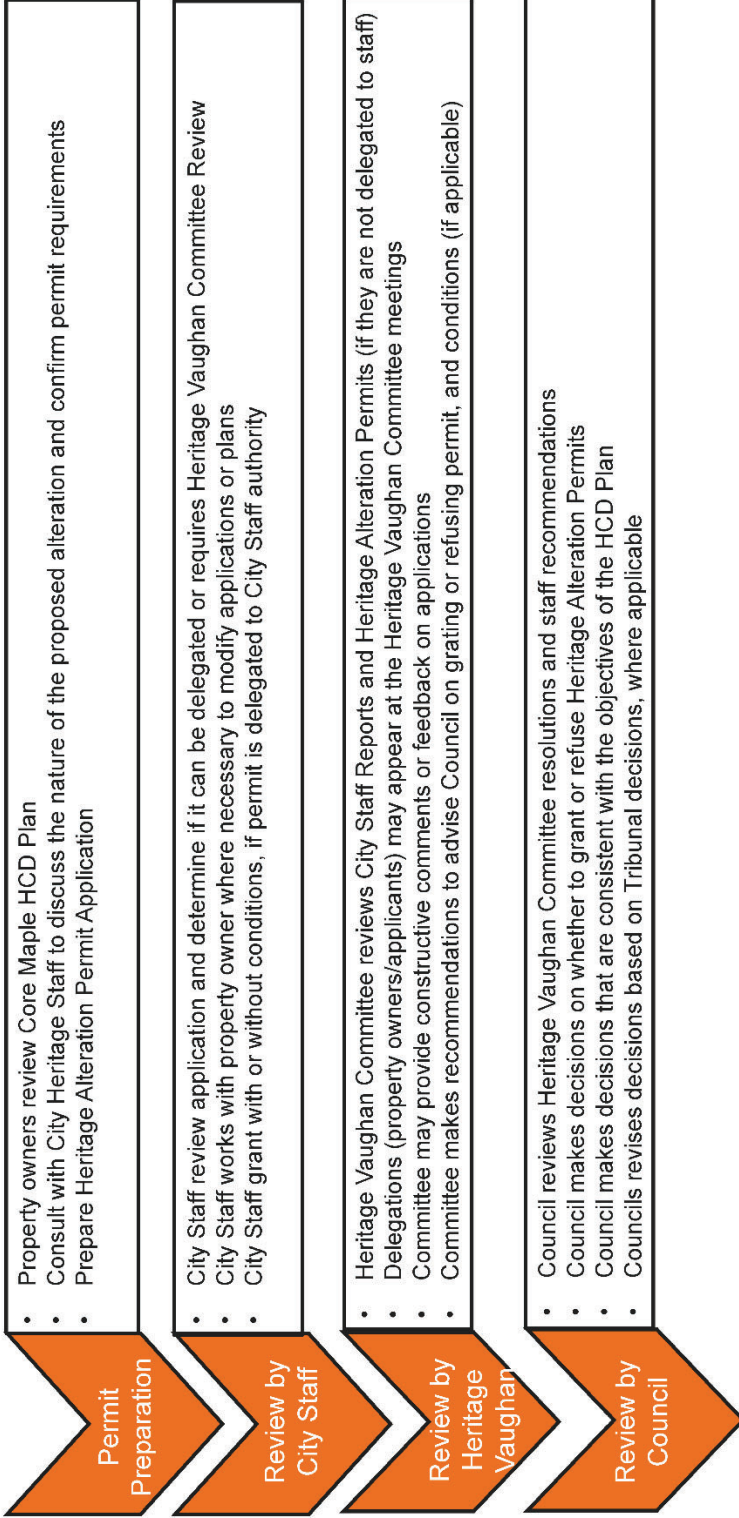


Figure 5: Heritage Alteration Permit Flowchart



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6.0 CONCLUSIONS

The contents of this Plan are intended to guide the City, Heritage Vaughan Committee, Council, and property owners in working together to conserve the cultural heritage value of the Core Maple HCD. Through managing the changes in the HCD, the community has a stake in how the HCD continues to evolve over time. This HCD Plan provides the roadmap to decision-making for the most common types of change an HCD is likely to encounter, including the alteration of a variety of building types, additions to existing buildings, and new development. The Plan also provides guidance on streetscaping and landscaping throughout the HCD. As communities continue to evolve and grow, and policy frameworks inevitably change, the HCD Plan cannot imagine all the possibilities of change that may occur or be proposed within the HCD. Where specific scenarios are not present within this plan, the overall objective of the Core Maple HCD Plan and Principles should be consulted for guidance on decision-making, as these relate to the core values identified for the HCD, and long-standing heritage best practices. Through this approach, the cultural heritage values of the Core Maple HCD can be retained for future generations and managed in such a way that reflects the continually evolving nature of human society.



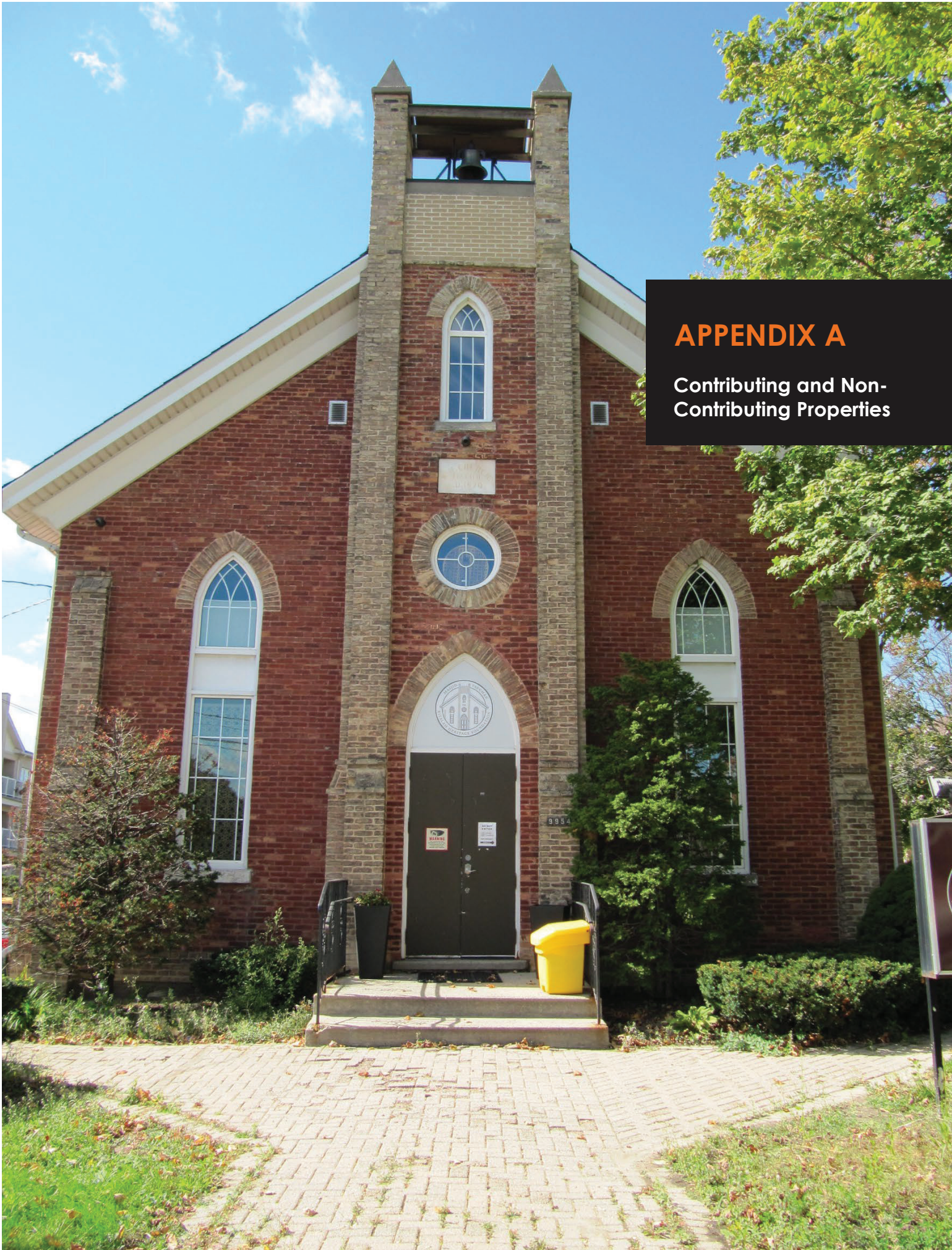
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APPENDIX A

Contributing and Non-Contributing Properties

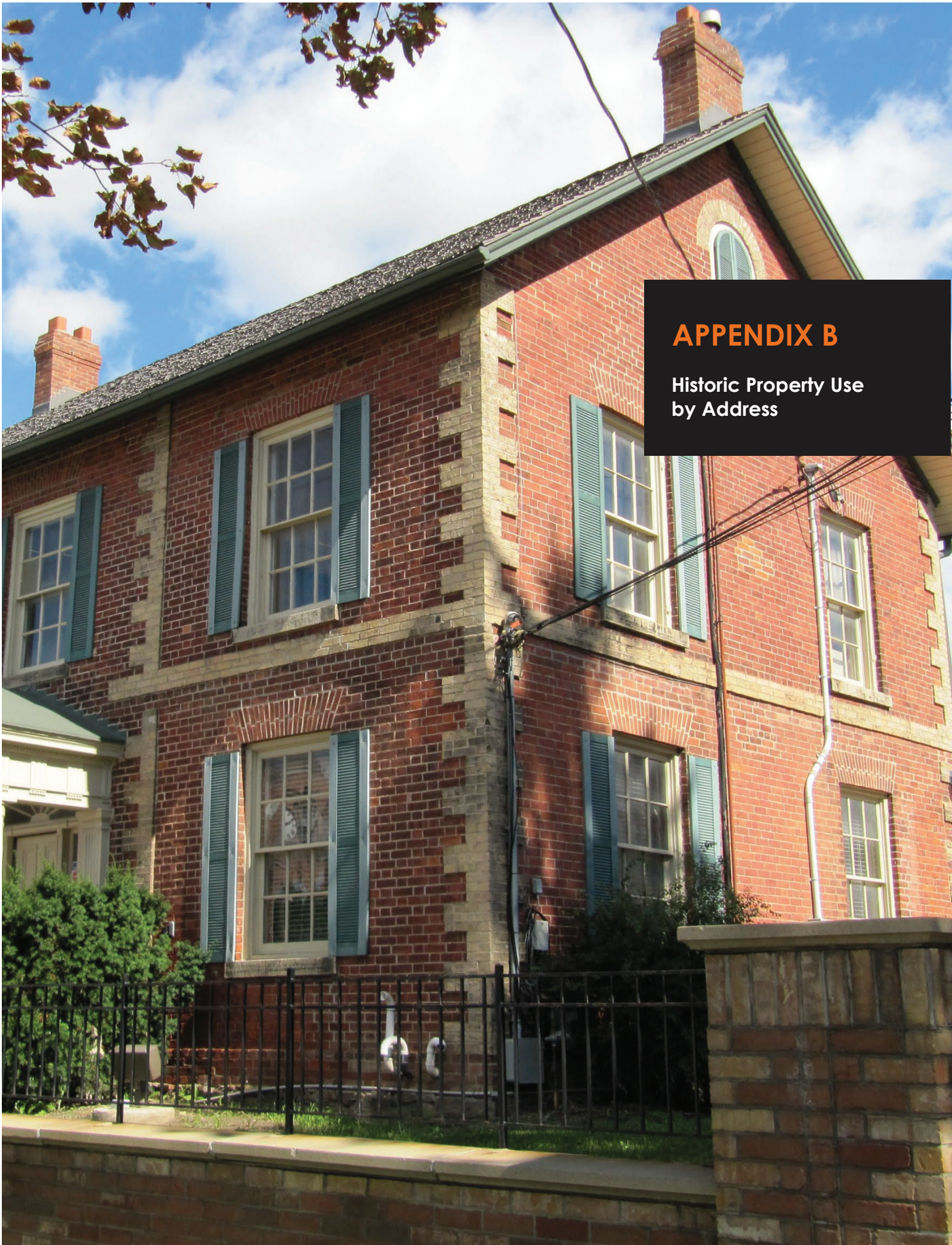
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23	Amherst Circle	Non-Contributing
25	Amherst Circle	Non-Contributing
29	Amherst Circle	Non-Contributing
2	Church Street, Unit 1	Non-Contributing
2	Church Street, Unit 2	Non-Contributing
2	Church Street, Unit 3	Non-Contributing
2	Church Street, Unit 4	Non-Contributing
2	Church Street, Unit 5	Non-Contributing
2	Church Street, Unit 6	Non-Contributing
2	Church Street, Unit 7	Non-Contributing
8	Church Street, Unit 1	Non-Contributing
8	Church Street, Unit 2	Non-Contributing
8	Church Street, Unit 3	Non-Contributing
8	Church Street, Unit 4	Non-Contributing
8	Church Street, Unit 5	Non-Contributing
8	Church Street, Unit 6	Non-Contributing
8	Church Street, Unit 7	Non-Contributing
11	Church Street	Contributing
15	Church Street	Non-Contributing
9	Hill Street	Contributing
9	Jackson Street, Unit 1	Non-Contributing
9	Jackson Street, Unit 2	Non-Contributing
9	Jackson Street, Unit 3	Non-Contributing
9	Jackson Street, Unit 4	Non-Contributing
9	Jackson Street, Unit 5	Non-Contributing
N/A	Keele Street (cemetery)	Contributing

Address Number	Street Address	Contributing/Non-Contributing
9860	Keele Street	Contributing
9869	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
9873	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
9877	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
9981	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
9985	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
9987	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
9989	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
9891	Keele Street	Contributing
9901	Keele Street	Contributing
9920	Keele Street	Contributing
9926	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
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9944	Keele Street	Contributing
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9970	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
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9976	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
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9986	Keele Street	Contributing
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Address Number	Street Address	Contributing/Non-Contributing
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10103	Keele Street	Contributing
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10125	Keele Street	Contributing
10128	Keele Street	Contributing
10137	Keele Street	Contributing
10138	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
10150	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
10175	Keele Street	Non-Contributing
2000	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2100	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2108	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2116	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2126	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2134	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2141	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2142	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2146	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
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2162	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2168	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2174	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2178	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2184	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2190	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2191	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing

Address Number	Street Address	Contributing/Non-Contributing
2194	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2265	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
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2273	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
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2283	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
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2292	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
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2298	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2300	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2301	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2302	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2311	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2321	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2327	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Non-Contributing
2333	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2339	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2347	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Contributing
2	Richmond Street	Contributing
4	Richmond Street	Non-Contributing
6	Richmond Street	Contributing
10	Richmond Street	Non-Contributing
18	Richmond Street	Contributing
1	Saint Julien Court	Non-Contributing
9	Saint Julien Court	Non-Contributing
15	Saint Julien Court	Non-Contributing
19	Saint Julien Court	Non-Contributing
23	Saint Julien Court	Non-Contributing
27	Saint Julien Court	Non-Contributing

Address Number	Street Address	Contributing/Non-Contributing
31	Saint Julien Court	Non-Contributing
11	Station Street	Non-Contributing



APPENDIX B

Historic Property Use
by Address

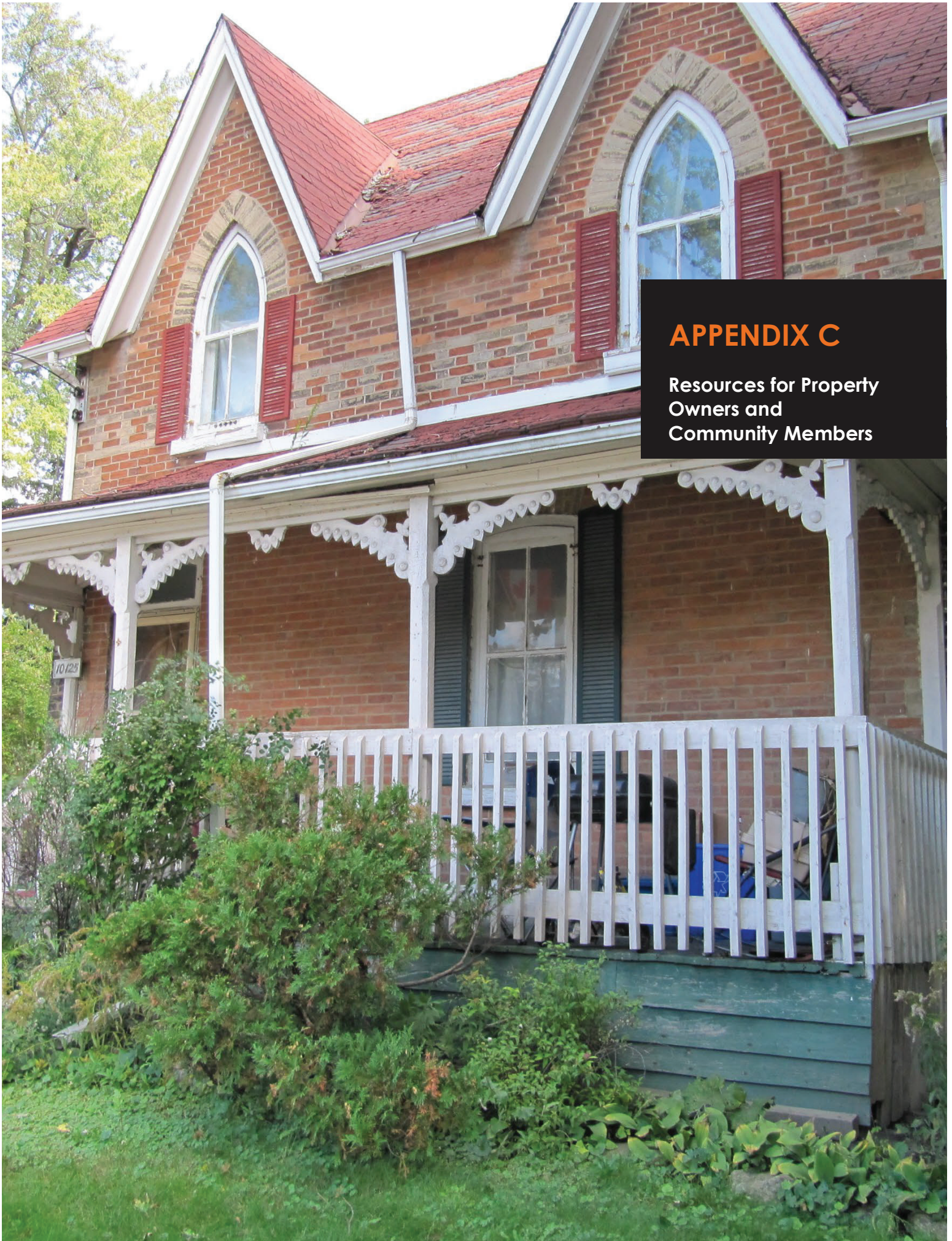
Address Number	Street Address	Historical Building Type
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5	Amherst Circle	Residential
6	Amherst Circle	Residential
7	Amherst Circle	Residential
10	Amherst Circle	Residential
11	Amherst Circle	Residential
12	Amherst Circle	Residential
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23	Amherst Circle	Residential
25	Amherst Circle	Residential
29	Amherst Circle	Residential
2	Church Street, Unit 1	Residential
2	Church Street, Unit 2	Residential
2	Church Street, Unit 3	Residential
2	Church Street, Unit 4	Residential
2	Church Street, Unit 5	Residential
2	Church Street, Unit 6	Residential
2	Church Street, Unit 7	Residential
8	Church Street, Unit 1	Residential
8	Church Street, Unit 2	Residential
8	Church Street, Unit 3	Residential
8	Church Street, Unit 4	Residential
8	Church Street, Unit 5	Residential
8	Church Street, Unit 6	Residential
8	Church Street, Unit 7	Residential
11	Church Street	Residential
15	Church Street	Residential
9	Hill Street	Residential
9	Jackson Street, Unit 1	Residential
9	Jackson Street, Unit 2	Residential
9	Jackson Street, Unit 3	Residential
9	Jackson Street, Unit 4	Residential
9	Jackson Street, Unit 5	Residential
N/A	Keele Street	Cemetery

Address Number	Street Address	Historical Building Type
9860	Keele Street	Place of Worship
9869	Keele Street	Residential
9873	Keele Street	Residential
9877	Keele Street	Residential
9881	Keele Street	Residential
9885	Keele Street	Residential
9887	Keele Street	Residential
9889	Keele Street	Residential
9891	Keele Street	Residential
9901	Keele Street	Residential
9920	Keele Street	Residential
9926	Keele Street	Civic
9929	Keele Street	Commercial
9944	Keele Street	Residential
9946	Keele Street	Place of Worship
9964	Keele Street	Residential
9966	Keele Street	Residential
9970	Keele Street	Residential
9972	Keele Street	Residential
9973	Keele Street	Residential
9976	Keele Street	Residential
9980	Keele Street	Residential
9983	Keele Street	Residential
9986	Keele Street	Residential
9994	Keele Street	Commercial
10019	Keele Street	Commercial
10020	Keele Street	Residential
10024	Keele Street	Mixed Use
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10032	Keele Street	Mixed Use
10034	Keele Street	Mixed Use
10037	Keele Street	Commercial
10038	Keele Street	Mixed Use
10048	Keele Street	Commercial
10049	Keele Street	Residential
10055	Keele Street	Residential
10056	Keele Street	Mixed Use

Address Number	Street Address	Historical Building Type
10059	Keele Street	Commercial
10065	Keele Street	Commercial
10068	Keele Street	Mixed Use
10083	Keele Street	Commercial
10084	Keele Street	Residential
10089	Keele Street	Residential
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10101	Keele Street	Residential
10103	Keele Street	Place of Worship
10104	Keele Street	Residential
10108	Keele Street	Residential
10114	Keele Street	Residential
10117	Keele Street	Residential
10122	Keele Street	Residential
10125	Keele Street	Residential
10128	Keele Street	Residential
10137	Keele Street	Residential
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10150	Keele Street	N/A--Vacant
10175	Keele Street	Commercial
2000	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Cemetery
2100	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Residential
2108	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Residential
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2191	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Civic

Address Number	Street Address	Historical Building Type
2194	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Residential
2265	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Residential
2266	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Commercial
2267	Major Mackenzie Drive West	Residential
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2	Richmond Street	Residential
4	Richmond Street	Residential
6	Richmond Street	Residential
10	Richmond Street	Commercial
18	Richmond Street	Residential
1	Saint Julien Court	Residential
9	Saint Julien Court	Residential
15	Saint Julien Court	Residential
19	Saint Julien Court	Residential
23	Saint Julien Court	Residential
27	Saint Julien Court	Residential

Address Number	Street Address	Historical Building Type
31	Saint Julien Court	Residential
11	Station Street	N/A--Parking Lot



APPENDIX C

Resources for Property
Owners and
Community Members

The principles at the core of an HCD Plan are drawn from heritage best practices established at the provincial, federal, and international level through guiding documents and charters. The principles outlined in this report are derived from the 2007 publication the *Eight Guiding Principles in the Conservation of Built Heritage Properties* and the 2010 publication the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*. These documents provide overarching guidance on how to approach conservation, restoration or rehabilitation projects on historic buildings and can help property owners and community members understand the bigger picture of heritage conservation:

- Eight Guiding Principles in the Conservation of Built Heritage Properties: http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/publications/InfoSheet_8%20Guiding_Principles.pdf
- Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada: <http://www.historicplaces.ca/media/18072/81468-parks-s+g-eng-web2.pdf>

The policies and guidelines in this HCD Plan require and suggest maintenance and repair of heritage materials and features of the buildings in the HCD. Some policies and guidelines refer to specific materials or techniques that may be new to property owners not familiar with caring for heritage buildings. The National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior offers a series of Technical Preservation Briefs that provide useful guidance on preserving, rehabilitating and restoring historic buildings:

- National Park Service Preservation Briefs: <https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm>

Several specific briefs may be useful to property owners in Maple, such as:

- Repointing mortar joints (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/2-repoint-mortar-joints.htm>)
- Cleaning masonry buildings (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/1-cleaning-water-repellent.htm>)
- Improving energy efficiency (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/3-improve-energy-efficiency.htm>)
- Dangers of abrasive cleaning (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/6-dangers-abrasive-cleaning.htm>)
- Rehabilitating historic storefronts (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/11-storefronts.htm>)
- Applying alternative siding (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/8-aluminum-vinyl-siding.htm>)
- Making historic properties accessible (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/32-accessibility.htm>)

Maintaining, repairing, and restoring historic buildings can require special approaches, tools, and methods. It is important to understand the nature of your building, its materials, and its needs before you begin your work. Seeking the advice of qualified professionals is advisable, particularly those with experience working with older buildings.

To find professionals with experience working with historic buildings and structures, you can search the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals (CAHP) directory to find architects, consultants, tradespeople, historians, and other specialists:

- CAHP Website: <https://cahp-acecp.ca/professionals/>

Regeneration Works, a project of the National Trust for Canada, provides tools for communities, organizations and property owners who are working to renew and protect heritage places. Regeneration Works provides learning opportunities (webinars and in-person events) on topics geared towards raising funds, increasing revenue in heritage places, and revitalizing heritage places or downtown main streets. Regeneration Works also offers a program called Launch Pad, which provides grants to community organizations to help them pay for professional expertise to help them renew historic places. Browse the Regeneration Works website to see what tools might be useful to your community heritage projects:

- Regeneration Works Website: <https://regenerationworks.ca/>