

# Heritage Vaughan Committee Report

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**DATE:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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**TITLE: MAPLE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLAN UPDATE  
– DRAFT STUDY PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST PHASE**

**FROM:**

Jim Harnum, City Manager

**ACTION:** FOR INFORMATION

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**Purpose**

To provide the current status and information to Heritage Vaughan Committee regarding the Maple Heritage Conservation District Plan Update as the first phase of the Study nears completion.

**Report Highlights**

- The current Maple Heritage Conservation District Plan was drafted and implemented in 2007
- The current Maple Heritage Conservation District Plan is being updated to respond to policy and legislative changes since its original adoption
- The Maple Heritage Conservation District Plan Update project is comprised of two phases being the Study, and the Plan.

**Recommendations**

1. That the information outlined in this report and the consultant presentation on the draft Study of the Maple Heritage Conservation District Plan Update set out in Attachment 1 be RECEIVED.

**Background**

A Heritage Conservation District Study and Plan for the town of Maple were prepared in 2007 by Philip Carter and Paul Oberst. Since that time there have been a number of policy and legislative changes which have and continue to influence planning decisions. In February 2020, the City of Vaughan commenced a comprehensive update to the

2007 Maple Heritage Conservation District ('MHCD') Plan. The project is being undertaken in two phases. The first phase is an update to the MHCD Study, and phase two is comprised of the update to the 2007 MHCD Plan, including the design guidelines. This report provides an update of the first phase of work.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

There are no previous reports.

### **Analysis and Options**

The 2007 MHCD Plan has provided high-level guidance for development activity in the town of Maple for the last 13 years to protect and conserve the MHCDs heritage and character, amidst the many regulatory and policy changes introduced by the Province of Ontario.

The first phase of the MHCD Plan Update is the update to the Study. The MHCD Study process commenced in Q2 2020, with 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 stakeholder meeting was hosted online on January 26, 2021. The input received, along with the evaluation and gap analysis of the 2007 MHCD Plan, will guide the updated MHCD draft Study. The draft Study will also be made available online for digital engagement with the community. The comments received from all stakeholders will contribute to the compilation of the final MHCD Study report expected in Q2 2021.

The second phase, the MHCD Plan Update, is planned to commence in Q3 2021 and will include an additional open house and a digital engagement platform. The final MHCD Plan is expected to be completed in Q4 2021.

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 include the following:

- develop maps of existing cultural heritage resources
- undertake a SWOT analysis of the 2007 MHCD Plan
- develop a list of heritage attributes
- integrate new background context for the Study, including policy frameworks, performance-based design guidelines and plans
- engage key stakeholders and the community in an open, transparent and meaningful way, incorporating their feedback into the SWOT analysis

### **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 Plan is being updated 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. Cultural Heritage staff recommend that the Heritage Vaughan Committee receive the draft Study and presentation regarding the MHCD Plan update.

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### **Attachments**

Web link to draft Study Report to be provided by consultants (to be provided prior to the meeting)

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