### City of Brantford Heritage Register





## **Project Overview**

The City of Brantford is preparing a Heritage Register that will include both designated properties and non-designated properties of heritage interest ("listed" properties). The City has contracted Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI) to complete this project which focused on a review of the City's existing Heritage Inventory which currently contains over 9,000 properties. The Heritage Register will provide information about the design and history of designated and listed properties which can be accessed by the public. The Heritage Register will also be an important tool consulted by the City of Brantford when reviewing development proposals and demolition applications which may impact heritage resources.

## **Project Schedule**

**Background Research** & Review of Existing **Heritage Inventory** 



Individual **Property Review** 



Identification of **Properties** & Property Owner **Notification** 



Presentation to **City Council** 

Researched Brantford's historical development which informed the design of a methodology for evaluating properties for inclusion on the City's Heritage Register.

Late 2017 - Late 2018

properties was undertaken to determine strong candidates for inclusion on the Heritage Register.

A review of individual

Early 2019 - Summer 2019

Properties recommended for inclusion on the Heritage Register have been identified. Owners of identified properties have been notified by mail and invited to attend this public meeting.

for inclusion on the Heritage Register will be presented to Council for consideration.

Properties recommended

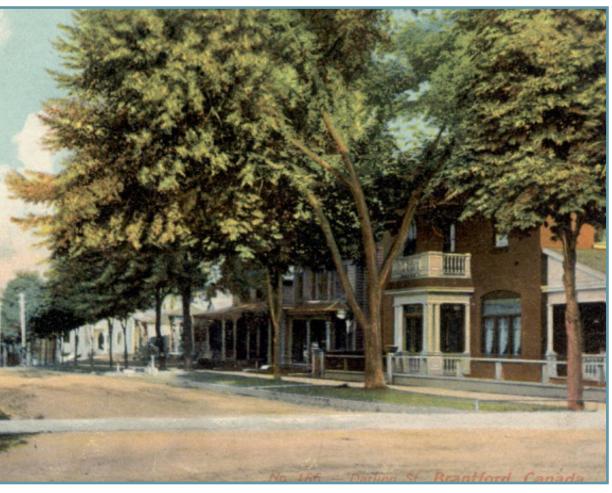
Fall 2019

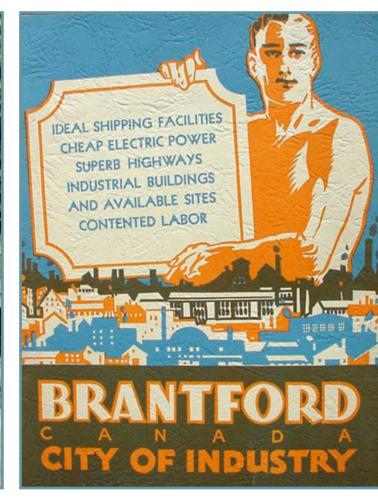
**Early 2020** 

Questions?

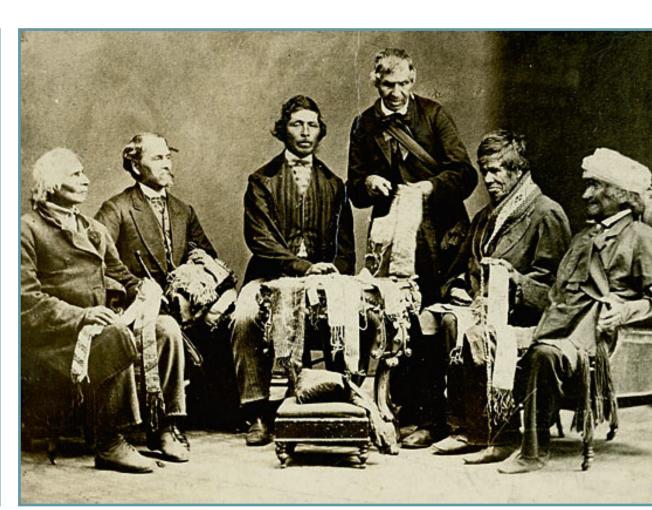
Visit the **project website** at: brantford.ca/heritageregister

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## What is a Heritage Register?

- A statutory requirement under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- Heritage Registers:
  - Must include designated properties under Part IV and V; and
  - May include non-designated, listed properties believed to be of cultural heritage value or interest (known as "listed" properties).
- Needs Council approval and consultation with municipal heritage committee to add or remove non-designated properties.









# What are the benefits of including non-designated properties on the Municipal Heritage Register?

Munic	ing non-designated properties on a Municipal Heritage Register provides a cipality with a means to identify and monitor properties of potential heritage value. serves to:
Q	Identify the cultural heritage assets that are valued by a community.
	Provide accessible and comprehensive information for heritage properties in a community that can be used by developers, planners, community groups, tourism associations, educators, municipal staff, and private citizens.
0	Identify properties that may require special attention in the development review process.
0	Ensure interim protection from demolition.





## What is the process for listing non-designated properties on the Heritage Register?

	Research, screening and evaluation is conducted to identify properties in Brantford that are strong candidates for inclusion on the Heritage Register.
	A list of properties recommended for inclusion on the Heritage Register is created.
	City notifies owners of properties recommended for inclusion on the Heritage Register.
	Property owners are invited to an Public Information Meeting to discuss questions or concerns about having property listed on the Heritage Register.
	City staff work to resolve any issues raised by property owners.
	The Brantford Heritage Committee recommends properties for inclusion on the Register to City Council for approval.
	Council must notify property owners of listing within 30 days after inclusion on the Register.

## Further requirements for a Heritage Register

The *Ontario Heritage Act* sets out that:

- Each listing on the Heritage Register shall describe the non-designated property so that it may be sufficiently identified.
- An approved Heritage Register shall be made available to property owners and the public.
- The Heritage Register may be updated from time to time to reflect further research into properties, or to add or remove properties.
- Council shall consult with the Brantford Heritage Committee before a property that has not been designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* is added or removed from the Heritage Register.

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## How are the properties evaluated?







Criteria is based on O.Reg 9/06

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

- Design/Physical Criteria:
  - Early date of construction for the City or within a City Area
  - Rare/vanishing type through the City or within a City Area
  - Rare, representative, or unique architectural style or design
- Historical/Associative Criteria:
  - Organization
  - Architect
  - Notable person or event

#### • Contextual Criteria:

- Located at an intersection and designed for its corner lot
- Corner commercial property in a primarily residential neighbourhood
- Associated with a specific type of development within an area

#### Material Integrity:

- Exceptional
- Sufficient
- Low

# What is the difference between designated properties and listed properties?

#### **Designated Property**



A designated property is regulated by a municipal by-law registered on title.



The City has up to 90 days to review a demolition permit and make a decision to approve, approve with conditions, or refuse the permit (subject to property owner appeal).



A heritage permit **is** required for alterations or renovations that may affect the designated property's heritage attributes.

#### **Listed Property (Non-designated)**



No legal documents are registered on the title of a listed property.



The City has up to 60 days to review a demolition permit and consider options for conservation. If a decision is not made within 60 days, the demolition permit is approved.



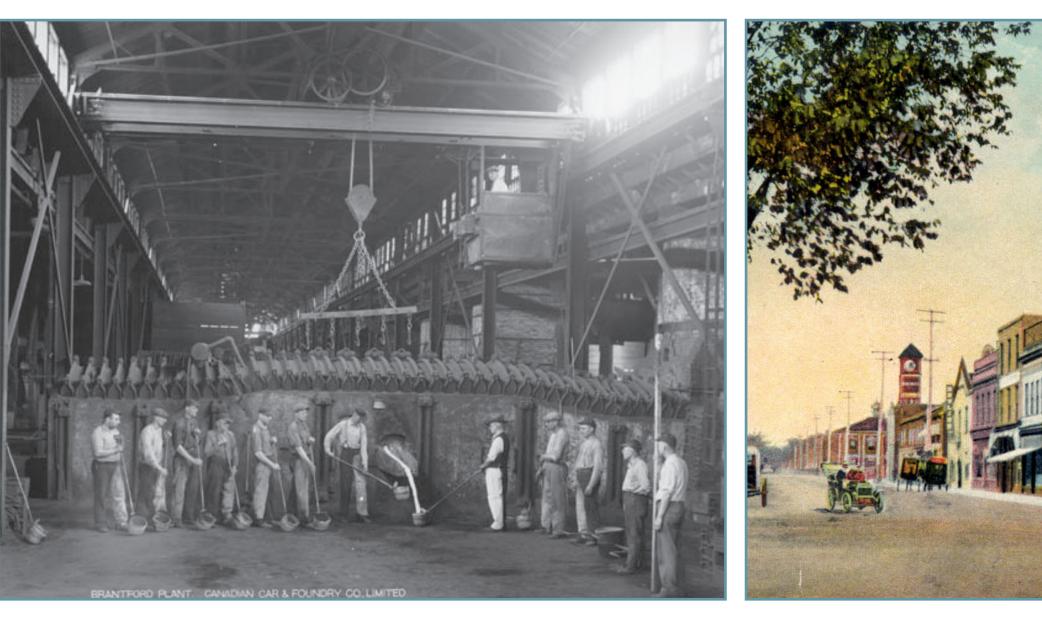
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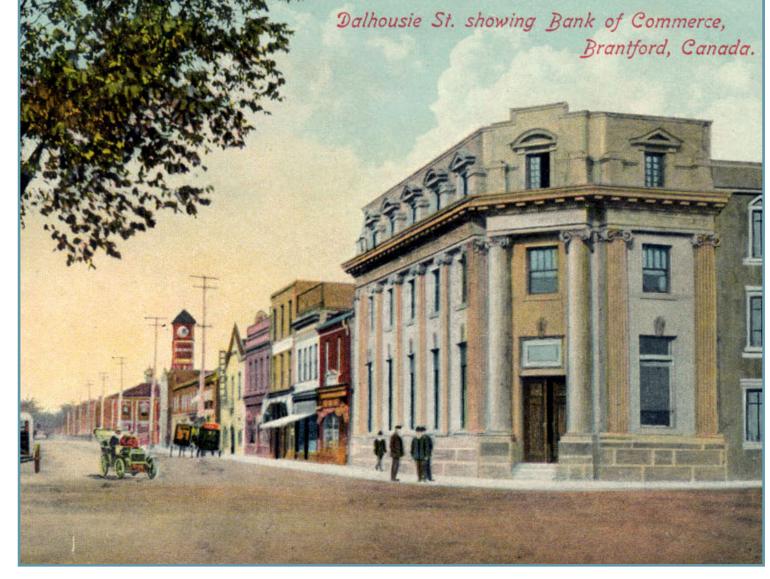




## **Preliminary Recommendations**

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS	GROUP	NUMBER OF PROPERTIES
Properties on the Heritage Register	Properties Designated under Part IV or Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act.	228
	<b>A.</b> Properties with <b>Exceptional</b> integrity that meet <b>more than one</b> evaluation criteria <i>or</i> that meet <b>one criterion</b> and that criterion is considered <b>higher priority</b> .	981
Strong Candidates for Inclusion on the Heritage Register - Recommended for Inclusion on Heritage Register	<b>B.</b> Properties with <b>Sufficient</b> integrity that meet <b>more than one</b> evaluation criteria <i>or</i> properties with <b>Exceptional</b> integrity that meet <b>one criterion</b> and that criterion is considered <b>lower priority</b> .	
	C. Properties with Sufficient integrity that meet one criterion and that criterion is considered higher priority.	
Low Priority Candidates - Not Recommended for	D. Properties with Sufficient integrity that meet one criterion and that criterion is considered lower priority.	2771
Inclusion on Heritage Register	E. Properties with Low integrity.	
Properties Not Known to	Properties not known to be good candidates for listing at this time.	5200
be Candidates	Properties which did not have a building, or the building was constructed post-1980.	







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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Does being a listed property on the Municipal Heritage Register automatically result in future designation?

No. Being **listed** on the Heritage Register does not automatically result in future designation. The City of Brantford prioritizes properties for designation under Part IV or Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and historical practice has been to designate with the property owner's consent.

Does being listed on the Register affect property value?

No. Listing a property on the Municipal Heritage Register should not impact its real estate value.

What if I don't want my property listed on the Heritage Register?

Proposed changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* would allow property owners to formally object to Council after their property has been listed.

Can non-designated properties that are listed on the Municipal Heritage Register be altered, renovated, or modified?

Yes. Property owners of non-designated listed properties can proceed with alteration, renovations, or modifications to the property - subject to standard applicable regulations or requirements (building code, zoning, conservation authority regulations, etc.) that are requires regardless of listing on a Municipal Heritage Register.

Does being listed on the Register affect property insurance rates?

No. Listing a property on a Municipal Heritage Register does not affect cost of property insurance. Older properties in general may have higher insurance rates, but listing a property would not change this.