

## **SECTION 15 - CULTURAL HERITAGE**

### 15.1 **INTRODUCTION**

Perth County has a diverse heritage, including archeological sites, buildings and structures (or the remains thereof), burial sites, and cemeteries. Our cultural heritage resources provide an important means of defining and confirming our identity, while contributing to our understanding of our collective history.

### 15.2 **GOAL**

To promote the preservation of cultural heritage resources (e.g. historic buildings, structures, and sites) and to prevent their demolition and/or defacement in the future in order to maintain their heritage value and benefit to the community.

### 15.3 **OBJECTIVES**

- (a) Compile and maintain a County-wide inventory of cultural heritage resources, including: heritage resources designated under the Ontario Heritage Act; archeological and historical resources identified in Provincial and Federal inventories; and sites or areas of historical, cultural or architectural merit to the community;
- (b) Encourage the protection of heritage resources in their surrounding context and to minimize the extent to which they are affected by development;
- (c) Expand the list of cultural heritage sites that are considered worthy of preservation;
- (d) Encourage and foster public awareness, participation and involvement in the conservation and appreciation of cultural heritage resources (e.g. Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees (LACAC's), heritage trails, interpretive plaques, public archives, educational programs); and
- (e) Prevent any future demolition and/or defacement of those buildings, structures, and sites designated as being of significant cultural heritage.

### 15.4 **LAND USE DESIGNATION AND MAPPING**

Policies for the "Cultural Heritage" designation shall apply to the area shown as "Cultural Heritage" on Schedule "B" to this Official Plan. These areas are site specific in nature.

15.5 **POLICIES**

To achieve the forgoing objectives, the following policies are adopted.

15.5.1 **Designation**

Local municipal Councils will be responsible for designating buildings, structures, and sites considered to be of historical importance, when appropriate, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Local municipal Councils may also designate a portion or portions of their local municipality as Heritage Conservation Districts under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In addition, local municipalities are encouraged to maintain an inventory of heritage resources, including: heritage resources designated under the Ontario Heritage Act; sites or areas having historical, cultural or architectural merit; archaeological and historical resources identified in provincial and federal inventories. The formation of Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees as well as Museum and Historical Societies is encouraged for these purposes.

15.5.2 **Historic Areas, Buildings and Sites**

County Council and/or local municipal Councils may:

- (a) provide leadership in the protection, improvement and management of cultural heritage resources by using County-owned and local municipally-owned heritage properties as examples of the proper stewardship of such resources;
- (b) promote the repair, refurbishment and maintenance of the existing structures through the administration of funding programs for the preservation and enhancement of cultural heritage;
- (c) require a Heritage Impact Assessment where a proposal to alter, demolish or erect a structure on a property designated under the Ontario Heritage Act is made. Such assessment will outline the context of the proposal, any potential impacts the proposal may have on the heritage resource, and any mitigative measures required to avoid or lessen negative impact on the heritage resource;
- (d) promote the redevelopment or recycling of designated historical buildings to uses compatible with the historical or architectural character of the building;
- (e) review development applications to determine the potential presence of archeological resources, based on archaeological potential maps.

Where the archaeological assessment identifies a significant archaeological resource, the local municipality will require that: the land or site be protected from destruction or alteration by development wherever possible; or require the applicant to permit the removal of the archaeological resources by a licensed archaeologist, prior to site grading or construction;

- (f) require that the provisions of the Cemeteries Act and its regulations must be followed when human burial places are encountered during any excavation activity. Such lands shall be evaluated for archaeological and/or historical significance under the Ontario Heritage Act; and
- (g) consider the acquisition of any designated heritage resource where deemed necessary and possible.

### 15.5.3 Alterations and Demolition

All alterations to, or demolitions of, buildings, structures and sites designated "Cultural Heritage", or designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, must receive approval of the local municipal Council. Prior to such permission being given, local Councils shall ensure that any cultural heritage resource to be demolished or significantly altered is documented for archival purposes with a history, photographic record, measured drawings and other available documentation of the heritage resource prior to demolition or alteration, and that such documentation shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

### 15.6 CULTURAL HERITAGE LOCATIONS

*ADDED BY* The "Cultural Heritage" designation is site specific in nature and applies to the  
*OPA # 47* locations as follows:

- (a) Meighen Homestead (Pt. Lots 12 & 13, Con. 2 Blanshard Ward, Township of Perth South);
- (b) Prospect Place (Pt. Lot 21, WMR Con. Blanshard Ward, Township of Perth South);
- (c) Grace Anglican Church (25 William St., Millbank, Mornington Ward, Township of Perth East);
- (d) Brocksden School (Pt. Lots 33 & 34, Con. 2, North Easthope Ward, Township of Perth East);
- (e) Knox Presbyterian Church (Pt. Lot 26, Con. 5, North Easthope Ward, Township of Perth East);
- (f) Fryfogel Inn (Pt. Lot 14, Con. 1, South Easthope Ward, Township of Perth East); and
- (g) St. Patrick's Church (Part of Lot 30, Concession 6 in the Ellice Ward, Township of Perth East).

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