
2.0 STATEMENT OF INTENT

2.1 General Intent

Within the Trafalgar Road Heritage Conservation District, it is the intent of Council to guide and manage physical change and development within the district by:

- adopting the Trafalgar Road Heritage Conservation District Plan;
- determining permit applications for changes and alterations according to the guidelines contained in the Trafalgar Road Heritage Conservation District Plan; and,
- Initiating appropriate public works and improvements that are within the financial capabilities of the Corporation of the Town of Oakville.

It is the intent of municipal council to complement these initiatives by making appropriate amendments to the Town's Zoning By-law and Official Plan.

2.2 Heritage Interests, Property Owner Interests and Community Interests

Council recognizes that within the Trafalgar Road Heritage Conservation District there may be a number of diverse interests. In certain instances these interests may be complementary. Inevitably, others may be in direct conflict. Some owners of heritage property may see themselves as custodians of the family's, community's and the province's heritage with a duty to conserve and protect. Conversely, other property owners may see it as their obligation to

provide comfortable and livable domestic surroundings for themselves and their family.

Council does not seek to give primacy to any one particular interest, but seeks to ensure that any conflict amongst these interests is at best avoided or otherwise minimized.

2.3 Heritage Character

Council recognizes that:

- the Trafalgar Road Heritage Conservation District comprises a unique collection of heritage buildings and landscapes that have resulted from a century and a half of social, economic, natural and physical changes;
- this unique residential heritage character is to be conserved and protected in the process of future change.

2.4 Municipal Authority

Council recognizes that:

- district designation, under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, does not seek the preservation or restoration of a community to a past state, but simply establishes a mechanism for the municipal review and determination of permit applications for changes to, and within, the *built* environment of a designated district;
- it cannot compel, nor does it seek to compel, the restoration of all heritage properties within the district;

2.5 Custodial Responsibility

Council recognizes that:

- owners of heritage property are to be considered the prime custodians of the unique heritage of the Trafalgar Road Heritage Conservation District;

2.6 Management of Change

Council recognizes that:

- many heritage buildings over the past century and a half have witnessed the introduction of a variety of changes to building fabric including additions, at the rear, side and as new upper storeys;
- change in the Trafalgar Road Heritage Conservation District's built heritage and natural environments is to be expected in the future, yet it must be carefully *managed* in a manner that does not adversely affect those environments;
- any proposed change within the District shall be considered within a number of Council approved conservation, design, landscaping and planning guidelines and with consideration of the individual merits of the proposed change.

2.7 Restoration of Heritage Property

Council recognizes that:

- certain property owners will seek to restore their property and Council encourages these owners to seek grant-aid available

for eligible work and by ensuring general conformity with the applicable guidelines in this Plan.

2.8 Alteration of Property

Council recognizes that:

- certain property owners will wish to add to, alter or otherwise change their property to accommodate required living space or new facilities and Council may permit such work provided it is in general conformity with the applicable guidelines in this Plan.

2.9 Determination of Permit Applications

- all residents and property owners within the Trafalgar Road Heritage Conservation District shall be afforded fair and equitable consideration in the determination of permit applications for alterations within the District.