

Town of Oakville

Heritage Update

2017 edition

Greetings from the Chair of Heritage Oakville

Welcome to this first issue of the Heritage Newsletter. In it you will find information about a number of projects and activities which affect the heritage of our town.

Oakville is a very special space. Not only are we blessed with a wonderful location, but we also have recreational, cultural and educational resources which are second to none. We have something else that's very special as well: a stock of built heritage which reminds us of our past and grounds our future.

The Province recognizes the value of heritage structures and landscapes and through the *Ontario Heritage Act* permits municipalities to develop processes by which heritage elements may be identified and preserved. Oakville was one of the first municipalities to take advantage of this opportunity and established a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC), now known as Heritage Oakville, to give advice on identifying, protecting and promoting cultural heritage resources that make our town unique.

The *Act* provides for three classes of heritage property identification:

- The most specific of these is a designation of a particular property under Part IV of the *Act*. These are buildings which, because of their architectural features or association with a prominent person or family, need to be protected. Most, but by no means all, of the Oakville Part IV properties are older buildings. These properties are designated under a heritage property by-law which identifies the reasons for the designation and the particular heritage attributes of the property. Such properties are found throughout the town.
- An area or district may also be designated under Part V of the *Act*. The reasons for such a designation include the desire to protect the overall feel of an area and to keep its special flavour intact. There are four such districts in Oakville: two by central lakeshore, one around Trafalgar Road south, and the other in old downtown along Lakeshore Road.
- Thirdly, a property may be "listed". Owners of listed properties may make all kinds of structural alterations without restriction, except for demolition. If demolition is contemplated, the town has 60 days in which to decide if the demolition can go ahead or if the property merits designation under Part IV of the *Act*.

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Designation does not mean no change. Owners of properties covered by Parts IV and V of the Act do need heritage approval to make changes to the outside of their properties. Minor changes such as a new roof, changes in paint colour, landscaping and other minor alterations are handled directly by staff and generally are dealt with in a few days.

More substantial alterations, such as extensions, new structures or alterations to significant heritage features do require a heritage permit in addition to a building permit. Applications start with Heritage Planning staff. There are no fees. Staff will help with the process and there will usually be a site visit, often with two or three Heritage Oakville members present, to be sure that everyone understands the scope and purpose of the work. The purpose is not to stop change,

but to manage it in a way which respects heritage and the changing needs of the current era. Often during these encounters good information based on the experience of staff and committee members is exchanged and improvements are made.

The Heritage Oakville Committee consists of eight community volunteers and two councillors. We meet monthly to review applications with respect to heritage properties. Members may have backgrounds in appropriate disciplines such as architecture, be members of one of the historical societies, be owners of heritage properties, and in all cases, have a love for and appreciation of our heritage in Oakville. The committee makes recommendations to Council. Council then makes all final decisions.

Our meetings are open to the public and are usually held on a Tuesday morning at Town Hall. Notice is given on the town website. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the committee should contact the Clerk's Department at 905 845-6601, ext. 4235 or email townclerk@oakville.ca.

All members of the Committee look forward to working with you to protect and enhance the special heritage legacy which is so much a distinguishing characteristic of our town. ♦



Drew Bucknall

Chair, Heritage Oakville



Lorne Scots Memorial

This past summer, the Parks and Open Space Department worked with Heritage Planning staff on the construction of a new memorial in George's Square, located within the Trafalgar Road Heritage Conservation District. The Lorne Scots Memorial was built to commemorate the Lorne Scots Regiment which celebrated 150 years of service in Canada on September 24, 2016. As early as 1866, soldiers served in the Lorne Scots regiments in the Halton area. The regiment sent officers and soldiers to both world wars, Korea, peacekeeping operations, Afghanistan, disaster relief operations and most recently to Ukraine.

The unveiling of the new memorial took place on September 24 and was attended by Prince Edward, the Duke of Kent and Colonel-in-Chief of the Lorne Scots. Located on the northeast corner of the historic park, the memorial helps to anchor the north end of the park's central pathway which ends on the southwest corner with an information kiosk, gardens and the park's historic drinking fountain. The memorial also acts as an accompaniment to the existing war memorial on the west side of the park. ♦



Lorne Scots Memorial, 2016



The Duke of Kent and Mayor Rob Burton unveiling the new memorial, 2016

Kaitting House Parkette

In July 2009, a devastating fire destroyed most of the Kaitting House, a significant historic farmhouse built in 1848 that was to be designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, restored and incorporated into a new residential subdivision. Heritage consultants assessed the fire damage and discovered an almost total loss. However, it was recommended that a small corner portion of the building, which had been the least affected by the fire, be salvaged. Town staff worked with the owners and heritage consultants to develop a plan to salvage, store, restore and re-erect the wall in a new town-owned parkette, only 50 metres from the original site of the house.

The Kaitting House Parkette, completed in 2014, was designed in a way to reflect the historic layout of the Kaitting farmstead. The curved pathway echoes the original curved laneway which allowed for a clear view of the original farmhouse from Dundas Street. Orchard trees were planted to the east of the salvaged wall as a reference to the historic farm orchard and many of the local street names convey the history of the original farm and its associated families. A historical plaque describes the history of the Kaitting farmstead, the significance of the unique brickwork on the wall and the development of the parkette.



The Kaitting House after the fire

While the loss of the original farmhouse was a significant disappointment for those who worked so hard to save it, the parkette allows for the commemoration of the house. In addition to the tangible salvaged material of the house, the layout of the park and the use of interpretive panels allows future generations to have a better understanding of Oakville's rural past. ♦



The Kaitting House in 1953



Historical plaque in the Kaitting House Parkette

Smith Houses Relocation and Restoration

In 2009, the town designated the two Smith Houses, formerly located at 531-533 Kerr Street, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* to ensure their future conservation. The houses, built in 1911 and in the 1930s, were both constructed of local lakestone and are very rare examples of this type of construction. Formerly part of an 11-acre orchard, the houses were built by the Smith family, first generation Scottish immigrants who designed the homes influenced by both the Arts and Crafts movement and by their ancestral home.

A new development proposal for the construction of two new residential condo towers on the site was approved by Council in 2011. This development included the relocation of the two historic Smith Houses within the site to what is now 68 and 70 Shepherd Road. The relocation and exterior restoration of the homes were completed in 2016. The restored houses remain as important reminders of Oakville's agricultural history and of the Smith family who helped to settle this area of Oakville. ♦



The 1911 Smith Farmhouse, 1987



The 1930s Smith Farmhouse, 1987



Smith Farmhouses during relocation, 2013



Smith Farmhouses after relocation, 2016

*The Smith family in front of the
1911 farmhouse, 1930s*



St. Luke's Anglican Church Redevelopment

Cairn with new retirement home in background, 2016



This significant landmark in Palermo Village was constructed in 1845 and has served the community for over 170 years. The property was designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* in 2010 to conserve the church building, the historic cemetery and a stone cairn constructed in 1945 to celebrate the church's centennial.

The church submitted a development application in 2010 to construct a seven-storey retirement home on the vacant property directly to the west of the site. The project also included the construction of a new parish hall addition to the historic church building. In order to accommodate the addition, while allowing for appropriate traffic circulation and the conservation of the cemetery, approval was given to relocate the church building to the adjacent lot directly to the east.

The historic church building now sits on a new foundation, oriented towards Dundas Street as it always has been. The new parish hall addition provides more space for community events and activities and contributes to the streetscape of Palermo Village. *continued* ▶

St. Luke's



First and Second Street Heritage Conservation District Update

This project, to update the current Plan and Guidelines for the First and Second Street Heritage Conservation District, was launched in 2014. The contract for the proposal was awarded to Fournier Gersovitz Moss Drolet et Associés (FGMDa) Architectes in November 2014 and an extensive public process was initiated early in 2015. Following several focus group meetings, two public meetings, several drafts and input from Heritage Oakville, Town Council approved the new Plan and Guidelines on November 30, 2015. In January 2016, the new Plan and Guidelines were appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. Heritage Planning staff have been working with the Legal Department regarding the two appeals and have had several meetings with the appellants and their lawyers. Discussions are currently ongoing. ♦

Reverend Jeff Ward has been involved with the redevelopment since its inception and is happy to see the successful completion of project:

“As a Diocese who has been active in Oakville since the late 1700s and a Parish community that has been active since the early 1800s, we are incredibly pleased that we have been able to preserve and improve our heritage faith home, built by some of the earliest pioneers who settled in this area. Our partnerships, including that with the Town of Oakville, will allow us to sustain and grow the ministry of our church in the Palermo area for many generations to come. We are excited by the opportunities to serve the community around us and to meet the evolving needs of the people living here.”

St. Luke’s is a fantastic example of what can happen when we conserve our heritage resources while allowing for compatible growth and change. This new development not only allows for the continuing viability of the heritage building, but supports the long-term sustainability of the church community itself. Sounds like a win-win to us! ♦



Oakville Arena Rehabilitation

In 2016, Oakville Town Council approved a resident-supported plan to revitalize and expand the Oakville Arena while maintaining its historic features. Constructed in 1950, the arena is one of only four remaining arenas in Ontario with a distinctive wooden truss roof system designed by Norman Otto Hipel. The 'Hipel roof' is one of the building's significant features that the community wanted to see conserved.

A new addition to the original arena will allow for the facility to contain an NHL-size ice surface, indoor running track, new seniors' centre, full-size gymnasium, fitness centre, new Kinsmen Pine Room, change rooms and administration offices. The revitalized park will include a double tennis court, to be converted into an ice rink in the winter, a fully accessible playground and outdoor washrooms. Construction will begin in 2017 and the new arena is scheduled to open in the fall of 2018.

The challenge in this complex project has been to meet the diverse needs of different groups within Oakville, all while meeting the many standards and regulations that the town is required to follow. One of these competing needs was heritage conservation and staff are delighted that the revamped facility will include the original arena building and allow it to be used by the community for many decades to come. ♦



Oakville Centennial celebrations in Oakville Arena, 1957



Oakville Arena from Rebecca Street, 1957



Proposed Addition to Oakville Arena

Commemorative Panels in Memorial Park

Still under construction, Memorial Park is an 11-hectare public park in the Oak Park community just southeast of Dundas Street and Sixth Line. The park contains a large storm water management pond, trails, a neighbourhood square, allotment gardens, a playground and a leash-free pet park.

The park has been designed in a way to celebrate Oakville's past and recognize the area's agricultural history. At the east entrance to the park is Trafalgar Memorial which recognizes Trafalgar Township veterans of WWI, WWII and the Korean War. The memorial includes a prominent arch feature and a low garden wall that mimics the outline of the original Trafalgar Memorial Hall that once stood at the southeast corner of Dundas Street and Trafalgar Road. Bricks and stones from the original hall were salvaged during demolition and reused in the construction of the memorial.

Close-up of historical panel in Memorial Park, 2016



In addition to the war memorial, the town has been incorporating other commemorative features into Memorial Park. The most recent additions are two shelters commemorating the park land's former agricultural use. The shelters flank the west and east ends of the allotment gardens, which also helps to recognize the area's rural past. One of the shelters contains barn wood salvaged from a historic barn and both include commemorative panels describing the European settlement and agricultural history of the lands.

In 2017, a new public washroom is to be constructed in the park and staff are currently working on the design for a mural to be installed on one of the exterior walls of the structure. The 'word mural' will incorporate words and names of themes, people, places and events associated with the area's First Nations and European settlement history. ♦

Shelter in Memorial Park with historical panel, 2016



Heritage Grant Program

In 2016, Heritage Planning staff successfully implemented the third and final year of the Heritage Grant Pilot Program. Staff received more than 40 inquiries about the program. Following the program deadline, 23 complete applications were received with over \$138,000 in requested funding for projects that cumulatively valued over \$370,000. Along with staff, a working group of Heritage Oakville members reviewed the applications and recommended the distribution of \$80,000. Ultimately all 23 of the received applications were recommended to be funded in whole or in part. *continued* ▶

Recipient of the Heritage Grant Program 226 William Street



This significant property contains a historic two-storey brick home built in the early 1870s. The house was used as the rectory for St. Jude's Anglican Church for over 100 years until the current owners purchased it in 1979. The owners had a desire to remove the 1940s enclosed front porch and reconstruct the original porch from the 1870s. A new porch was designed based on physical and photographic evidence in order to return the house to its original 1870s appearance. In 2014, the owners received a heritage grant to complete the work, which is shown in the photos below. ♦



In November 2016, Heritage Planning staff prepared a report to the Budget Committee on the success of the Heritage Grant Pilot Program, which included an analysis of the impact of the funding and survey responses from program participants. The report also requested that the Heritage Grant Program be continued and funded through the town's operating budget. In December 2016, Oakville Town Council approved the continuation of the Heritage Grant Program and increased the annual budget from \$80,000 to \$90,000. ♦

Recipient of the Heritage Grant Program 126 Lakeshore Road East



Before restoration of building, 2009



After restoration of building, 2015

Constructed in 1883, this two-storey brick commercial building forms the westerly part of what is known as the Romain Block. The building historically contained John Barclay's general store on the ground floor and the masonic lodge on the upper floor. The Italianate-style building includes many ornate details from this period, including a strongly articulated parapet cornice supported by paired brackets, a dentilled cornice above the original shop front, a central pediment and supporting pilasters and a roof parapet with a date marker and signage.

The owners received a heritage grant in 2015 for the restoration of these significant architectural elements. The work also included the reconstruction of the missing vase details on the roof parapet, the recreation of the original signage in the parapet and the restoration of failing brickwork. The results of this restoration work are fantastic and help to improve the overall streetscape. Staff are hopeful that these changes inspire other property owners to take advantage of the heritage grant program and improve their historic commercial buildings in the downtown core. ♦

J. Barclay's General Store, 1897

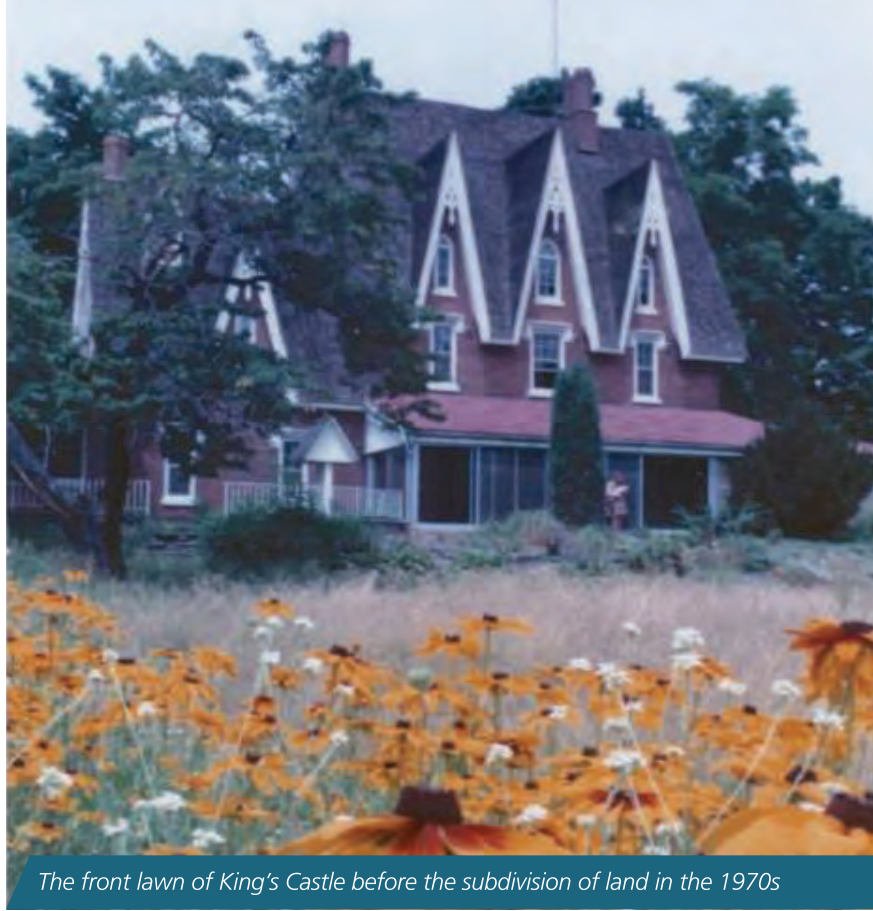


King's Castle

When asked if I would write about our experience in owning a heritage house, I thought "How appropriate!" as we were just coming up to the fourth anniversary of owning this special home.

How time flies when you're busy getting a new slate roof installed; all new wood storm windows built; all the brick repaired and repointed; every square inch of the wood trim taken back to the bare wood, repaired as required and repainted; removing glass block windows and replacing them with historically accurate windows; lining the chimneys for safe use; and renovating the third and fourth floors!!

We have the privilege of living in a home that was named by one and all, soon after it was built, as "King's Castle" after William McKenzie King, who built the house in 1854. Mr. King was the nephew of the founder of Oakville, William Chisholm, and in fact, was raised by the Chisholms as his father, a captain, died in the War of 1812 and his mother soon after that.



The front lawn of King's Castle before the subdivision of land in the 1970s



Replication of storm windows

The house has had some notable inhabitants, including Thomas Chisholm and family, the Postans and the Merrys. Herbert Merry, who went on to become a Councillor and Reeve of Oakville for many years, immortalized his time growing up in King's Castle by writing the book "God Is in the Attic" recounting many wonderful stories of living here.

Another notable family that lived here from 1897 until 1902 were the McAuslands who owned a stained glass company which is still in existence today. Our leaded glass window over the front door was in need of some TLC and knowing that the McAuslands had lived here, I called up the fifth generation McAusland operating the company today – Andrew – and told him his great grandfather's window needed some attention. He was so excited, he arrived from Toronto about 20 minutes later!



Kerry and Terry, the owners,



Painting of King's Castle

One of the great things about living in a heritage house – is that not only does the house have lots of character, but you also get to meet lots of characters as well! Invariably, when I'm working out in the front garden, people stop to talk, ask questions about the house or, my favourite, – tell me about their relationship to the house and its former inhabitants.

If you'd like to see pictures of our home and follow the renovations, King's Castle has its very own Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kingscastle1854> ♦

- Kerry and Terry, owners of King's Castle



in front of King's Castle

We've also had the pleasure of meeting members of the last three families who have owned King's Castle – including Arnya Banfield – who moved here around 1945 when she was just two years old. Her father, Arnold Banfield, was one of the people involved in the start of the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

We are simply caretakers of this wonderful historic home. We take our job seriously. We have to. It seems lots of people know and love King's Castle and are not afraid to give us their opinion!



Scaffolding during restoration

CLC Lands

In 1952, the Canadian Government acquired 16 acres of land at the northwest corner of Rebecca Street and Dorval Drive to construct military housing. Known as Surrey Park, the 75 residential units were built for the growing military staff of Ortona Barracks, a Canadian Department of National Defence facility located at the northeast corner of Bond Street and Kerr Street. The Ortona Barracks' main building on Bond Street, which still stands today, was initially built in 1910 as an orphanage operated by the Independent Order of Foresters. The Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps occupied the building in 1943 and in 1946, it was designated as the headquarters for the Canadian Army's Central Command.

After the Barracks closed in the early 1970s, the 75 homes continued to be occupied by members of the Canadian military until the last residents left in 2009. The Canada Lands Company acquired the land from the Department of National Defence in 2010 and a new plan of subdivision and rezoning applications were approved in 2012 for the construction of 62 single detached lots and 62 townhome units, along with a 1.2 acre central park, Ortona Park. To commemorate the history of the site, a new plaque with information on the site's history will be installed on the northwest corner of Rebecca Street and Dorval Drive. ♦



Aerial view of the former DND lands



The Ortona Barracks building in its original use as an orphanage



Ortona Barracks facility in the 1960s

Coach House Project

The Oakville Museum Coach House was constructed for Alan Chisholm c. 1899 as part of a major renovation of the landscape and grounds at Erchless Estate, the home of Oakville's founding family. The designers of the Coach House, Dick and Wickson, were a leading Toronto architectural firm. Frank Wickson, served as president of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and was responsible for high-profile commissions such as Timothy Eaton Memorial Church and the original Toronto Reference Library. The Coach House is the best preserved example of the then fashionable Art and Crafts style in Oakville.

The Coach House was used variously as a carriage house, garage, and residence, and even housed Dr. Juliet Chisholm's pediatrics practice in the middle of the 20th century. Its most recent use as artifact storage for the Museum was made largely redundant with the construction of new compact storage at the Queen Elizabeth Park Cultural and Community Centre (QEPCCC), leaving the opportunity to redevelop the Coach House and bring it into public use.

In June of 2016, the town engaged TCI consultants to assist staff at the Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate in developing a Re-use Plan for the Coach House Building. The consultants were tasked with reviewing the current situation at the Oakville Museum, synthesizing the results

Heritage Permits

In 2016, 60 heritage permit applications were processed, of which 51 applications were delegated to staff for approval. Staff also completed a five-year review of the Heritage Delegation By-law, approved in 2011. Staff and a working group of Heritage Oakville members reviewed the 2011 by-law and procedure document and recommended several minor revisions to the document. These changes were approved by Council at the end of 2016 and allow for the continuation of what has been a successful and efficient delegated approval process. ♦

and recommendations of a number of studies, leading public consultations and eventually recommending a preferred use. TCI worked with the stakeholder groups and undertook additional research to flesh out the preferred use in a report. The report includes high-level cost estimates for capital work and annual operating budget for the preferred use. A final version of the report has been received and will be taken to a public meeting for feedback this winter. A staff report and recommendations based on the study are planned to be presented to council in early spring. If approved, capital funding would enable renovations to commence in 2018. ♦



View of coach house from Erchless Estate, 2016

Cultural Heritage Landscape Strategy Implementation

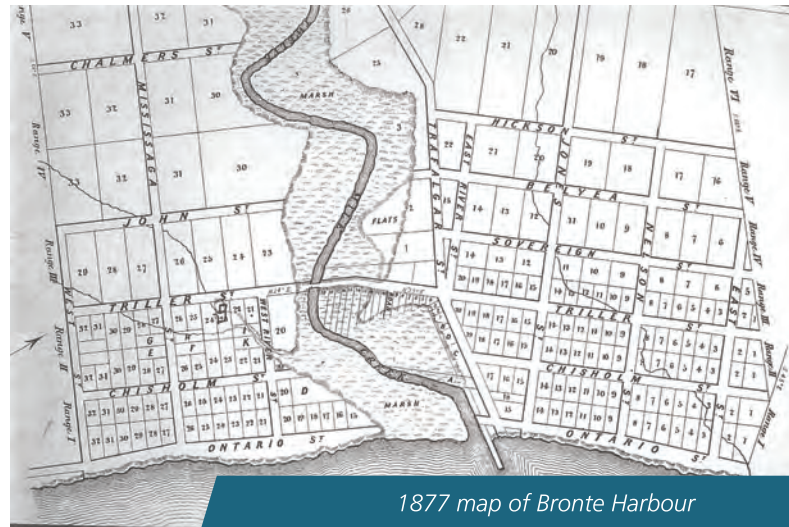
So, what exactly is a cultural heritage landscape? To sum it up, a cultural heritage landscape is the recognizable and significant imprint of human settlement and activities on land over time. While any landscape that has been deliberately modified by humans is a cultural landscape, only those cultural landscapes that have a deep connection with the history of the community and are valued by the community can be identified as 'cultural heritage landscapes'.

In January 2014, the Town of Oakville adopted the Cultural Heritage Landscapes Strategy, which set the foundation for the identification and evaluation of cultural heritage landscapes. It also developed a formal process for addressing the conservation of cultural heritage landscape resources in the Town of Oakville and recommended that an inventory of potential cultural heritage landscapes be undertaken.

The implementation of the Cultural Heritage Landscapes Strategy was broken into three phases: inventory, research and assessment, and, finally, implementation of protection. Phase One: Inventory was carried out in 2015 by a team led by Laurie Smith Heritage Consulting. The inventory investigated 65 properties and provided recommendations and a priority level for each property. In February 2016, Town Council approved Phase Two: Research and Assessment for the eight properties that were identified as 'high priority' in Phase One. Phase Two has been ongoing since the spring of 2016 and it is anticipated that the research and assessment reports for those eight properties will be presented to Town Council in 2017.

The high priority properties include two town-owned properties: Bronte Bluffs and Bronte Harbour. Bronte Bluffs is an elevated, forested park that overlooks Bronte Harbour and Lake Ontario. The park serves as a connection between the Sovereign House and Bronte Harbour. The Bronte Harbour was completed in 1856

and developed as a shipping depot, first for lumber and wheat, and later for a successful fruit-growing industry. Both sites have played significant roles in the community for centuries, including for the Anishnaabe prior to European settlement, and continue to be landmarks and gathering places within Bronte Village. ♦



1877 map of Bronte Harbour



1908 postcard of Bronte Harbour



Bronte Harbour, 2016

Oakville Trafalgar High School



Current view of the vacant school

The former Oakville Trafalgar High School (OTHS) is located on the former Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital lands south of Macdonald Road between Reynolds Street and Allan Street. These lands will be undergoing a redevelopment over the next four years with plans to retain and incorporate the historic high school building. The overall concept for the redevelopment includes a new community centre, park, potential housing and medical uses.

The former high school building was designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in 1994. Built in 1908, the two storey brick building was

designed by Chapman and McGiffin Architects and constructed by Carson and Elliot Builders of Oakville. An example of the Collegiate Gothic style, the building's original symmetrical front façade is defined by three prominent stepped gables, large sections of windows and a central entrance. Original details such as stone coping, exposed wood eaves and stone sills and lintels still remain.

Several additions were added to the original building, starting with the extension of the building to the rear in 1923. In 1947, large symmetrical wings were added to the north and south of the building and in 1952, another extension was made to the south. A new gymnasium, library resource centre and more classrooms were constructed in the 1960s. In 1992, the school took up residence in a new building on Devon Road and the original school building was purchased by the hospital. The building has remained vacant since it was closed and in 2001, most of the additions were demolished, leaving the original 1908 structure and 1923 addition which remain today.

A structural review and building condition assessment of the former school was conducted to determine the structural feasibility of including all or part of the building as part of the new community centre. Overall, the building was found to be in good condition with no structurally significant damage, distress or deterioration. Further review will be required during the design phase of the new community centre to fully determine how best to conserve and incorporate the heritage building into the new development, as well as the costs associated with this work.

For more information on the project, visit the town's website at oakville.ca and search "former hospital". ♦



After construction of the original school, 1909



After construction of the 1940s extensions, 1950s

Outreach Programs

Heritage Easement Agreement Workshop

In July 2016, Heritage Planning staff, along with Legal Services staff, hosted a workshop on Heritage Easement Agreements for the Ontario Heritage Planners' Network. The half-day session focused on the process and content typically used in Oakville for these important legal documents. The workshop was an opportunity for municipalities to share advice, learn from others and improve current practices.

Presentation to Real Estate Board

In September 2016 and January 2017, staff made a presentation to the Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board on heritage properties, specifically the legislation and requirements that impact the sale of properties listed and designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. There has been very positive feedback from these presentations and staff plan to continue working with the Board in the future.

If anyone is interested in Heritage Planning staff providing a presentation on heritage policies and processes, please contact staff. We are more than happy to share information to groups and organizations.

National Trust for Canada Conference

From October 20 to 22, 2016, staff attended the National Trust for Canada's annual heritage conference in Hamilton, Ontario. Titled "Heritage Rising", the conference explored the cutting-edge of heritage thought and practice, including Indigenous heritage, rural revitalization and climate change. The event was its biggest ever, with over 500 participants, including architects, professionals, trades, planners, government representatives, heritage organizations, volunteers, university instructors and students. Susan Schappert also represented the Town of Oakville on a panel discussing the role of municipal heritage planning in communities and society.

Ontario Heritage Conference

Held in Stratford and St. Mary's, Ontario from May 12 to 14, this annual provincial conference was themed "Preserving Heritage in a Changing World." Staff attended a number of speaker sessions and tours in both towns with other heritage professionals.

Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards

Every year, staff participates in nominations for the annual Ontario Heritage Trust awards. Awards were presented at Queen's Park in February 2016 and among the recipients was the St. Dominic Elementary School Grade 7 History Class. These students produced a collection of oral history interviews that they conducted with veterans in their community. The group also held a ceremony at Bronte Veteran's Park to present the book to veterans and to unveil a plaque commemorating VE Day.

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Touring the Cotton Factory, a former industrial building transformed into a creative industries complex, at the National Trust for Canada Conference in Hamilton





Harry Barrett with Drew Bucknall, Chair of Heritage Oakville, 2016

Lieutenant Governor's Award for Heritage Conservation

This significant award is given by the National Trust for Canada each year to honour outstanding achievement in heritage conservation at the provincial/territorial level. It recognizes an individual's, group's or corporation's efforts in the conservation of historic places over many years. For the 2016 award, staff worked with the Oakville Historical Society to nominate Harry Barrett, a six-term mayor for the Town of Oakville who was instrumental in the conservation of the town's waterfront lands, the Erchless Estate and Oakville's historic residential neighbourhoods. Harry has had a profound impact on heritage conservation in Oakville and has been a source of inspiration and determination for generations of locals who strive to conserve Oakville's history.

It gave both staff and Heritage Oakville members great pleasure to see Harry receive the award. As a member, chair and vice-chair of Heritage Oakville for many years, Harry has continually invested his time and efforts in his community. Congratulations, Harry! ♦



Harry Barrett with members of Heritage Oakville and staff, 2016

Heritage Oakville Committee

The mandate of Heritage Oakville is to advise Council on the identification, conservation and promotion of heritage resources in Oakville. The committee reviews and makes recommendations on planning and development applications for heritage properties including alterations, removal or demolition. The committee also promotes heritage conservation through the support of heritage designations, heritage policy matters and public awareness of Oakville's historical resources.

The committee is currently made up of the following members:

Drew Bucknall, Chair

Geri Tino, Vice-Chair

Russell Buckland

Kerry Colborne

Robert Ferguson

Councillor Marc Grant

George Gordon

Daniela Hampton-Davies

Councillor Nicholas Hutchins

Michael Reid

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Heritage Planning Website

You can also visit our website at oakville.ca and search "heritage planning" to find information on the following:

Heritage Grant Program

Information on how to apply for a heritage grant

Heritage Register

Outline of the different types of heritage properties, including links to the town's Heritage Register

Heritage Conservation Districts

Information on Oakville's four heritage conservation districts

Heritage Permits

Information and application forms for heritage permits

Heritage Oakville Committee

Overview of the committee, its members and meeting information

Heritage and Environmental Sustainability

Information and resources on heritage and the environment

Heritage and History

Information on heritage trails, memorials, cairns and resources for completing historical research

Heritage Planning Studies

Various heritage studies and policies

Heritage Mapping

Link to heritage layers in GIS mapping system



Palermo Cemetery with a new metal fence installed in 2016



Palermo Schoolhouse with new wood doors installed in 2016