



## Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

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**REPORT #:** CDS-23-201 **COMMITTEE DATE:** 2023-09-06  
**REPORT TO:** Municipal Heritage Committee **DUE IN COUNCIL:** 2023-09-26  
**SUBJECT:** Ordnance Boundary Stones – Work Plan - Update

### 1. RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully recommended that:

- 1.1 The Municipal Heritage Committee provide input to Staff regarding a pilot project to restore one Ordnance Boundary Stone (#32) and install a large interpretative bronze-cast plaque for the Ordnance Boundary Stones in Simcoe Park.

### 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council previously approved a work plan for the conservation and commemoration of the Ordnance Boundary Stones (the “OBS”) in 2021.
- The Plan included preparation of a budget to plaque the stones and to develop a plan to recognize the cultural heritage value of the OBS and physically protect the OBS.
- Two Municipal Heritage Committee members have proposed a pilot project for restoration of one OBS and installation of a large interpretative bronze-cast plaque.
- Municipal Heritage Committee input to Staff is requested on the pilot project.

### 3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to gain input from the Municipal Heritage Committee (the “MHC”) regarding a pilot project to restore one OBS (#32), and install a 24”x30” bronze-cast plaque in Simcoe Park to commemorate the history of the OBS.

### 4. BACKGROUND

The MHC at their meeting on May 11, 2021, recommended the adoption of a plan for the conservation and commemoration of the OBS (see **Appendix I** for Staff Report MHC-21-028). Recommendations included:

- 1.1.1 Heritage Staff research and prepare a proposed budget to plaque the stones;
- 1.1.2 Heritage Staff prepare a plan to repair the broken stone located at the corner of Simcoe Street and Prideaux Street under the supervision, and in coordination with, a certified Ontario Land Surveyor;
- 1.1.3 Heritage Staff map the OBS on the Town's internal GIS program and create an internal process to protect the OBS which may be impacted by development or maintenance activities; and
- 1.1.4 Heritage Staff develop a plan to recognize the cultural heritage value of the OBS and physically protect the OBS in Town policy or otherwise as appropriate.

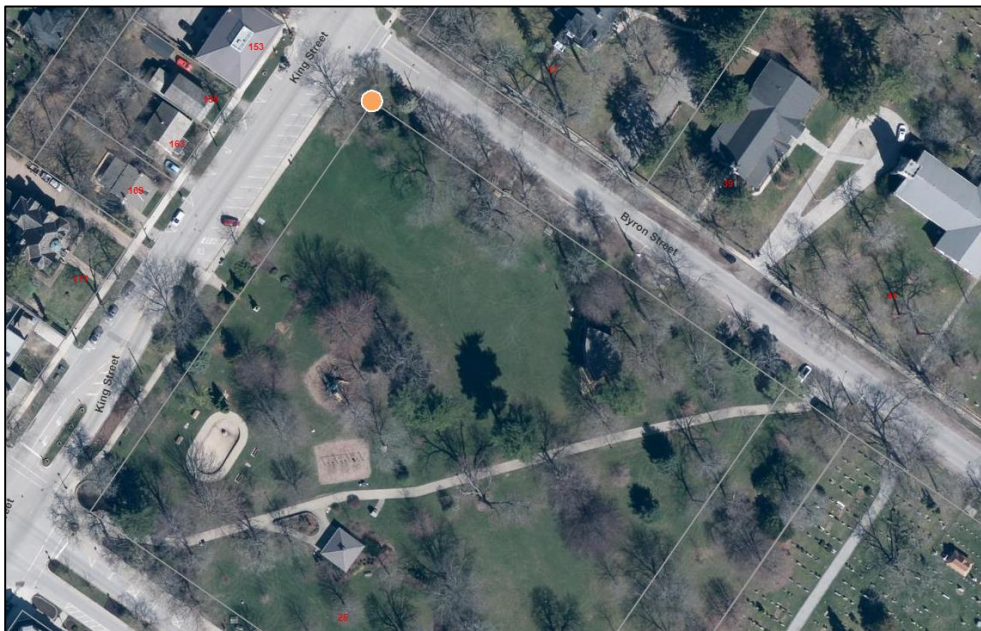
Staff provided an update to the MHC on June 14, 2022 regarding the OBS plan and costs for plaques (see **Appendix II**).

At the July 12, 2023 MHC meeting a pilot project proposal was brought forward by two MHC members under New Business to form a working group for the raising and restoration of two OBS. The committee discussed and it was recommended that the Committee direct staff to set up a walking tour so that the committee could see the existing context of the OBS and become familiar with the history. The MHC undertook a tour of the OBS on August 11, 2023, under the guidance of Dr. Ted Rumble, resident expert and Richard Laroque, retired Land Surveyor.

After the August tour of the OBS, Dr. Rumble and Alex Topps prepared a revised proposal for consideration by the MHC (attached as **Appendix I**) to restore one OBS and install a large interpretive plaque.

### 5. DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS

The proposal from Dr. Rumble and Alex Topps recommends restoration of OBS #32, which is located on Town property at the northwest corner of Simcoe Park on the corner of Byron Street and King Street (see **Figure 1**). The stone is physically located within the Town garden-bed. Restoration would include the cleaning, placement of a concrete base and replacement of the stone by a licensed Land Surveyor.



**Figure 1** – Simcoe Park with approximate location of OBS #32 shown as orange dot

Anticipated costs include:

Restoring and Cleaning for one stone	\$350
Installation of a protective decorative barrier around one stone	\$1150 for solid steel; or \$1275 for solid aluminum
Cost to construct one large interpretive bronze-cast	\$3000 (not including mounting)

plaque 24x30 inches in size	hardware or installation costs)
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The restoration of one stone is anticipated to provide an understanding of the practical logistics and actual costs associated with restoration of additional stones in future. Total projects cost would be more than \$5000. Budget would need to be required from Council for this project.

## 6. STRATEGIC PLAN

The content of this report supports the following Strategic Plan initiatives:

### Pillar(s)

1. Protect Distinctive Community Assets

### Objective(s)

1.1 Preserve unique community elements

### Tactic(s)

1.1 b) Support residences and businesses in protecting their valuable heritage assets

## 7. OPTIONS

7.1 Option 1: Provide input to Staff regarding the proposal to restore one Ordnance Boundary Stone and install a large commemorative plaque (**Recommended**)

## 8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs for the restoration of one boundary stone and construction of one large plaque would be approximately \$4700 before HST. The cost for installation of the large plaque has not been included here.

## 9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS

The input of the MHC will be considered by Staff and provided to Council through the meeting minutes.

## 11. CONCLUSION

MHC input is requested on the pilot project proposal for the restoration of one OBS and the installation of a large interpretative plaque to commemorate the OBS.

## 12. PREVIOUS REPORTS

- MHC-21-028 - Proposed Plan for the Ordnance Boundary Stones

## 13. APPENDICES

- **Appendix I** – MHC-21-028 - Proposed Plan for the Ordnance Boundary Stones
- **Appendix II** – Memorandum - Heritage Comments Regarding Ordnance Boundary Stones Project
- **Appendix III** – Project Proposal for Restoration of One Stone and Plaque

Respectfully submitted:

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