



# The Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake

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**Report To: Municipal Heritage Committee**  
**Subject: Memorandum**  
**Updating the Municipal Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

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## **1. PURPOSE / PROPOSAL**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an outline for a comprehensive update to the Municipal Register.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

Council, at their October 26, 2020 meeting, ratified the following motion as recommended by the Municipal Heritage Committee at their October 13, 2020 meeting:

*1.1 Staff be directed to undertake the process to update the Town's Municipal Register, including the adoption and/or removal of listed, non-designated properties.*

## **3. DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS**

The existing Municipal Register was reaffirmed through Staff Report MHC-19-054, and adopted by Council on January 20, 2020. The Staff Report further noted that Staff anticipated updating the Municipal Register in early 2020. That timeline was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Updates to the Municipal Register will include photographing properties from the public right-of-way, and preparing a brief statement of cultural heritage value or interest based on Ontario Regulation 9/06 criteria.

The Old Town urban area has the most documentation of cultural heritage resources, followed by Queenston and St. Davids. Therefore, Staff will begin with updates to the Municipal Register in the Old Town urban area, followed by Queenston and St. Davids at a later stage. Virgil and Glendale will be assessed subsequently, along with the rural area in general. Staff propose to proceed with the

updating of the Municipal Register as follows:

1. Old Town urban area
2. Queenston and St. Davids urban areas
3. Virgil, Glendale urban areas and rural areas

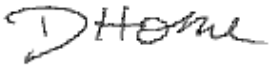
Staff will be recommending that Council adopt the four Heritage Character Areas (recognized as cultural heritage landscapes) that have been identified in the Town's 2019 adopted Official Plan (not yet in full force and effect). The Heritage Character Areas were identified in the Estate Lot Study undertaken by Bray Heritage. The Town's 2019 adopted Official Plan implemented the findings of the Estate Lot Study, and provides a statement of cultural heritage value and list of heritage attributes for these areas, as well as maps of each area. The following four Heritage Character Areas are identified:

- John Street East Summer Homes Character Area
- Queen Street Summer Homes Character Area
- Downtown Character Area
- Old Dock Character Area

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS**

Staff intend to return with a recommendation report to the April 13, 2021 Municipal Heritage Committee meeting.

**Respectfully submitted,**



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ATTACHMENTS