

Chapter

8

CULTURAL HERITAGE

MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON OFFICIAL PLAN

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8.1 GOAL

- 8.1.1 To promote cultural achievements, foster civic pride, strengthen the local economy and enhance the quality of life for Clarington residents in the preservation, restoration and utilization of the Municipality's *heritage resources*.

8.2 OBJECTIVES

- 8.2.1 To conserve and enhance cultural *heritage resources* including:
- structures, *sites* and *streetscapes* of cultural, historic and/or architectural significance
 - *significant* archaeological and historic resources
 - *significant* landscapes, vistas and ridge-lines
- 8.2.2 To support community efforts and events that celebrate the culture and heritage of the Municipality.

8.3 POLICIES

- 8.3.1 The Municipality, with the advice and assistance of the Clarington Heritage Committee (CHC), will:
- a) prepare and maintain an inventory of *heritage resources*;
 - b) support the *conservation* of *heritage resources* listed in said inventory;
 - c) designate any such heritage resource pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
 - d) identify or designate a group or groups of heritage properties as a Heritage Conservation District or heritage zone, giving particular attention to the Bowmanville historic downtown;
 - e) assist property owners in obtaining funding for heritage *conservation* projects;
 - f) consider the *conservation* of resources of archaeological value pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and
 - g) undertake the periodic review of the CHC's structure and mandate.

- 8.3.2 Where a structure or district is designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* or a structure is recognized on the *heritage resources* list, the Municipality will:
- a) allow alterations, renovations, additions or repairs provided the proposed changes are compatible and consistent with the building and the surrounding area in terms of building materials, colour, height, scale and design including windows, doors and roof lines;
 - b) discourage the demolition or the inappropriate alteration of a heritage resource;
 - c) require infill buildings to be compatible and consistent with the surrounding buildings and *streetscape* in terms of building materials, height, width, scale, colour, setback and design including windows, doors and roof lines;
 - d) prepare urban *design guidelines* governing the alteration, *development* or *redevelopment* of districts or neighbourhoods; and
 - e) consider the *conservation* of such structures and landscapes in the placement or modification to *infrastructure*.
- 8.3.3 Wherever possible, heritage structures should be retained for the original use and in their original location. Where the original uses cannot be maintained, the adaptive reuse of heritage structures will be supported. If no other alternative exists for maintaining structures in their original location, consideration may be given for the relocation of the structure.
- 8.3.4 In making decisions on the placement or modification of *infrastructure*, the Municipality will seek to identify and conserve significant structures, *sites* and *streetscapes* of cultural, historic or architectural significance and *significant* landscapes, vistas or ridge-lines. In addition, the Municipality will encourage provincial, regional and other public agencies to implement this provision.
- 8.3.5 In achieving its cultural heritage objectives, the Municipality will:
- a) promote public awareness and appreciation of cultural *heritage resources*;
 - b) encourage the private sector to support the *conservation* of *heritage resources*;
 - c) support and promote the Bowmanville and Clarke Museums;
 - d) restore, rehabilitate, enhance and maintain Municipally-owned heritage properties;

- e) amend the Demolition Control By-law to implement the policies of this Plan with respect to heritage structures; and
- f) consider in co-operation with the development industry, the *development* of a heritage subdivision to accommodate the relocation of heritage structures which cannot be incorporated into new developments.

8.3.6 In consideration of landscapes, vistas and ridge-lines, the Municipality has identified the following areas of importance:

- a) the heritage downtowns of Bowmanville, Newcastle and Orono;
- b) the Lake Ontario waterfront, particularly the lands east of Bond Head;
- c) the Oak Ridges Moraine, particularly those lands within the Ganaraska *watershed*; and
- d) the Lake Iroquois Beach.

8.3.7 The Municipality will undertake a study to identify *significant* landscapes, vistas and ridge-lines but in the interim, require development proponents to identify such areas affected by an application.

8.3.8 Where *development* will cause an impact to *archaeological resources* or areas of archaeological potential, an archaeological assessment will take place in accordance with provincial guidelines. *Significant archaeological resources* that are located on the *site* of any proposed *development* will be conserved through either removal and documentation, or preservation *on-site*, to the satisfaction of the Municipality and the Province. The proponent is required to consult with First Nations peoples when human remains are discovered that are believed to be of native origin.