

Bill No. 249
2013

By-law No. C.P.-1284(tb)-___

A by-law to amend the Official Plan for the City of London, 1989 relating to a portion of the Western Counties Health and Occupational Grounds.

The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. Amendment No. 549 to the Official Plan for the City of London Planning Area – 1989, as contained in the text and schedule attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, is adopted.
2. This by-law shall come into effect in accordance with subsection 17(38) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13*.

PASSED in Open Council on June 11, 2013.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – June 11, 2013
Second Reading – June 11, 2013
Third Reading – June 11, 2013

AMENDMENT NO. 549

to the

OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LONDON

A. PURPOSE OF THIS AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Amendment is to (1) to amend section 13.5.5 by adding the Western Counties Health and Occupational Centre Grounds, and as shown on Figure 13-5 , Western Counties Health and Occupational Centre Grounds as a Listed Cultural Heritage Landscape to the Official Plan, and (2) to adopt the Western Counties Health and Occupational Centre Cultural Heritage Plan as Guideline Document pursuant to Section 19.2.2 of the Official Plan and to amend Section 19.2.2 ii) of the Official Plan by adding Western Counties Health and Occupational Centre Cultural Heritage Plan to the list of guideline documents.

B. LOCATION OF THIS AMENDMENT

This Amendment applies to lands located with the Western Counties Health and Occupational Centre; 888 – 944 Western Counties Road (Private Road).

C. BASIS OF THE AMENDMENT

Section 13.5.5 of the Official Plan identifies and sets out the role of cultural heritage landscapes within the City of London. Cultural heritage landscapes are defined areas within the City which are comprised of heritage elements associated with historic events, activities, or people that are valued by Londoners. Conservation of Cultural Heritage Landscapes will be managed through the use of an approved guideline document in Section 19.2.2 of the Official Plan. The guideline document identifies the physical features that are to be conserved and describes opportunities for maintenance, stabilization, interpretation, promotion and conservation.

Section 19.2.2 of the Official Plan enables Municipal Council to adopt guideline documents to provide detailed direction for the implementation of Official Plan policies. The Western Counties Health and Occupational Centre Cultural Heritage Plan describe a three phase approach to the conservation and management of these lands. Phase one would focus on stabilizing the ruins and maintenance of the existing landscape features, provision for public uses, interpretive signage and heritage designation. The second phase would focus on the construction of new paths, a new dock at Walker's Pond, installation of way-finding signs and benches, planting new trees and shrubs and construction of a new parking lot. The third phase would focus on construction of permanent washrooms and a picnic pavilion and capping of the ruins.

D. THE AMENDMENT

The Official Plan for the City of London is hereby amended by adding the following:

- 13.5.5 (i) Western Counties Health and Occupational Centre Grounds
The former Western Counties Health and Occupational Centre Grounds, identified on Figure 13-5 is located east of Wellington Road, north of Southdale and adjoin what is known today as the London Health Sciences Lands.

The Western Counties Health and Occupational Centre Grounds refers to the former use of this site by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a rehabilitation centre for returning World War II veterans, one of only seven such sites in Canada. Over time its uses evolved to include a treatment centre for tuberculosis, a long term care facility for severely wounded and psychologically affected veterans and, by the time of its closure in the 1980s a facility for domiciliary care of veterans. To facilitate this treatment, specialized buildings were erected and landscape features were emphasized for therapeutic purposes. Prior to the rehabilitation

use, the site was noted for its natural heritage features with respect to both its kettle ponds and forest.

19.2.2. ii) (an) Western Counties Health and Occupational Centre Grounds:
Cultural Heritage Plan

Figure 13-5
Western Counties Health and Occupational Centre Grounds

