





Heritage Places 2.0 – A Description of Potential Heritage Conservation Districts in the City of London


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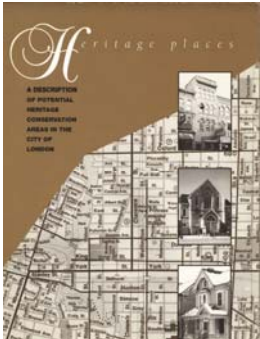
Background + Follow-Up

- **2018** – heritage community input and update to original *Heritage Places* (1993)
 - preparation of draft *Heritage Places 2.0: A Description of Potential Heritage Conservation Areas in the City of London*
- November 12, 2018 – PEC
 - PPM public participation meeting
 - proposed by-law and draft guideline document **BE RECEIVED**
 - comments received from PPM **BE CONSIDERED**
 - draft *Heritage Places 2.0* **BE CIRCULATED** for feedback
 - final guideline document to be brought before a future meeting of PEC for adoption as a Guideline Document to The London Plan
- **2019** – feedback and revisions to *Heritage Places 2.0* (draft (2018))
 - scheduled for August 12, 2019 PEC, adoption of by-law
 - policy 1721 _4 of *The London Plan* be deleted and replaced with the revised policies attached to this report




Overview

- 1993 — OP guideline document
- primary reference to identify candidate areas for potential HCDs
- (14) areas originally identified
 - not originally prioritized
 - amended, expanded, consolidated, re-prioritized: (ex. Downtown, SoHo, Riverforks as part of Stanley-Becher, Ridout Restoration)
- (10) areas have since been designated as HCDs




Council Direction

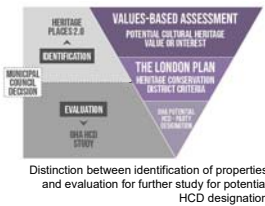
- At its meeting on January 17, 2017, Municipal Council directed Civic Administration to review the prioritized list of potential heritage conservation districts in the City, as well as update the current *Heritage Places* guideline document.
- Adoption of an updated *Heritage Places* guideline document requires an amendment to the City's Official Plan, *The London Plan*.


 **Approach – ‘Reset’ of Heritage Places**

- March 2018 – Letourneau Heritage Consulting Inc. (LHC)


Objectives:

- Review Policy Context – Update background component of Heritage Places to reflect the 2014-PPS, OHA and *The London Plan*
- Consult with Heritage Community
- Develop criteria for identification and prioritization of areas in the for potential HCD designation
- Prepare a prioritized list for further study and consideration as potential HCDs
- Prepare characterization studies of areas identified




 **Heritage Community Input**

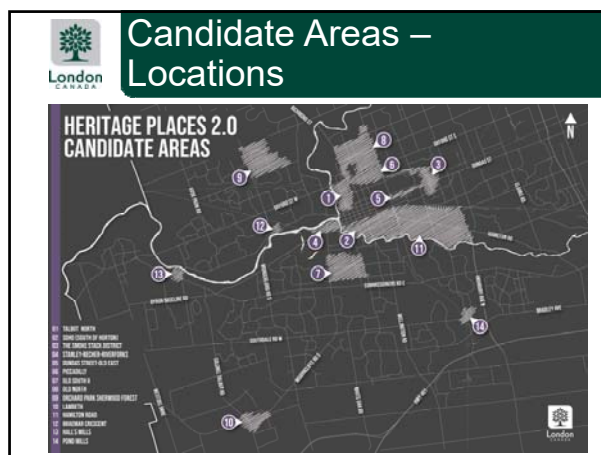
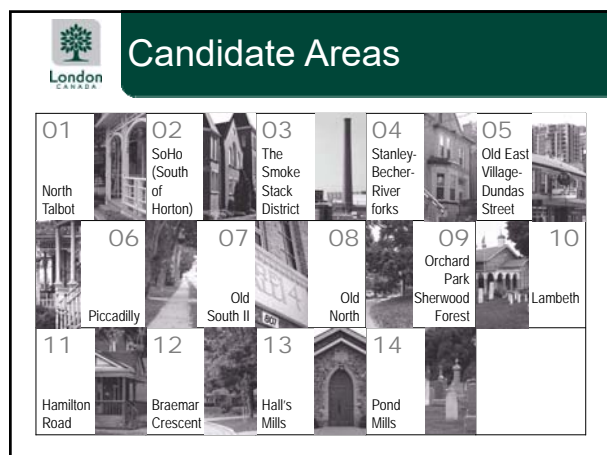
- Invite input from nearly (50) members of London's heritage community
 - Identification of candidate areas for consideration as potential HCDs in London, along with what factors should be considered in the prioritization process
- Representatives from :
 - ACO London; Downtown London; HLF; the LACH; London Heritage Council; London Planners Council, Middlesex Historical Society; Urban League and neighbourhood associations
- Three (3) roundtable discussions and informal interviews
 - One (1) roundtable – during June meeting of the LACH
 - Opportunity to provide input via email or phone
- Over thirty (30) participated in the consultation process

 **Identification of Areas**

- Values-Based Assessment derived from:
 - 1) *Ontario Heritage Act – Ontario Regulation 9/06*
 - 2) *The London Plan*
 - 3) *Ontario Heritage Tool Kit and The Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*
- Values used to identify candidate areas
 - Historical/Associative Values
 - Physical/Design Values
 - Contextual Values
 - Other values include:
 - Spiritual Values
 - Educational and Scientific Values
 - Natural Values
 - Archaeological Values
 - Social Values

 **Prioritization Criteria**

- Prioritization criteria derived from review of other municipalities' practices, previous staff reports and consultation with the members of the heritage community
- Prioritization criteria:
 1. Results of **values-based assessment** of candidate area
 2. **Potential for change** within candidate area
 3. **Community preparedness** or readiness/willingness to initiate and engage in an HCD Study process
 4. **Appropriateness** of HCD designation as **planning tool**
 5. **Other factors** such as previous Municipal Council direction, recognition of City planning priorities and implications of planned future initiatives.



Considerations

- Outcome not an evaluation or recommendation of areas for designation
- Identification and recognition that areas have potential heritage significance which merits further study
- Prioritization not a measure or reflection of perceived cultural heritage value or interest or significance of area
- Areas not being recommended for designation, but may be recommended for further evaluation by Council decision to undertake HCD Study under OHA
- The identification and further prioritization of candidate areas will help to manage community expectations and staff resources by providing clarity in scheduling of future work and transparency and fairness to the nomination process.

HERITAGE PLACES 2.0

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