

## 4.0 Heritage Alteration Permits

As the number of heritage designated properties in London grows, so does the number of Heritage Alteration Permits processed annually.

Table 1: Heritage Alteration Permit applications by Year

Year	Number of Heritage Alteration Permit applications requiring a decision by Municipal Council	Number of Heritage Alteration Permit applications processed under the Delegated Authority By-law
2007	7	N/A
2008	11	N/A
2009	22	N/A
2010	29	N/A
2011	30	N/A
2012	32	N/A
2013	32	N/A
2014	35	N/A
2015	23	20
2016	18	42
2017	8	73
2018	13	70
2019*	12	84

\* Year to date

These numbers represent only actual Heritage Alteration Permit applications. They do not include situations where property owners contact the Heritage Planner to inquire *if* a Heritage Alteration Permit application is required. If the proposed work is deemed to be a repair or maintenance of heritage attributes using similar materials, advice has been given that no Heritage Alteration Permit application is needed.

## Analysis

### 5.0 Review of Delegated Authority By-law

#### 5.1 Review of “Conditions for Referral”

The LACH plays an important role in protecting London’s cultural heritage resources. As a volunteer advisory committee to Municipal Council, the volume of Heritage Alteration Permit applications (if not subject to delegated authority) could quickly overwhelm the LACH’s work. Within the Delegated Authority By-law, “Conditions for Referral” were developed to ensure that only Heritage Alteration Permit applications that require consultation with the LACH are sent to the LACH.

The “Conditions for Referral,” as defined in the Delegated Authority By-law are:

- a) A complex application for a Heritage Alteration Permit;
- b) Considerable sensitivity or contention regarding an application for a Heritage Alteration Permit;
- c) An application which fails to achieve acceptable heritage planning process or practice;
- d) An application for a Heritage Alteration Permit which fails to achieve policies or guidelines of a Heritage Conservation District Plan and Guidelines (if applicable);
- e) Where refusal of an application for a Heritage Alteration Permit is recommended by the City Planner; and/or,
- f) Where an owner requests consideration of an application for a Heritage Alteration Permit by the LACH.

Over past four years, the “Conditions for Referral” have required consultation with the LACH for seventy-four (74) of three hundred and sixty-three (363) Heritage Alteration Permit applications, representing approximately 20% of the total number of Heritage Alteration Permit applications. Most Heritage Alteration Permit application that comply with the policies and guidelines of the applicable Heritage Conservation District Plan are