

## WHAT IS A HERITAGE COMMITTEE?

A volunteer committee appointed by Council for the purpose of advising on matters pertaining to the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The Heritage Committee's role is to encourage the important preservation of built heritage resources and historic neighbourhoods.

In addition to acting as an advisory body to Council, the Heritage Committee endeavours to promote heritage conservation by offering a number of services to the community such as support for education about local heritage, support for local heritage conservation initiatives, review of applications affecting heritage properties and the preservation of heritage resources.

## WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT DESIGNATION?

For more information about the Dutton Dunwich Heritage Committee or if you are interested in how to designate your property, contact the Municipal Office at:

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## TESTIMONIALS

**1** "We purchased this home in 2010. At the time we knew very little of the house's history, we just knew it had good bones. The beautiful porch, the detailed staircase, the pass through cupboards and the original pine floors. The house was the home of a Canadian soldier, Ellis Wellwood Sifton, who fought in WW1 and received the Victoria Cross for gallantry in the face of the enemy. The locals of Wallacetown still know the home as Welch's Orchards. Many people remember working on the farm or going there to pick apples. It represents small rural living in Elgin County. If we don't preserve our history for the next generation, who will? By protecting the house with the designation, future generations will always be able to see the beauty of our past". **April Paton, Sifton Homestead, 29436 Talbot Line.**

**2** "The process for heritage designation was very easy. It is good to know that our heritage buildings can be protected for future generations to see and enjoy". **Colin McGugan, the McGugan Hotel, 8987 Coyne Road.**

**3** "When I saw this building abandoned in 2015, I had to do something about it, and bought Iona's last remaining store, which was built in 1888, interestingly, the same year that my grandfather was born up the road. He would have shopped here as a kid. The exterior of the building needed extensive restoration, especially to the masonry work. I came to realize that it was an example of the **Moorish Revival** style, very exotic for a small hamlet in rural Ontario. I had seen similar buildings in Seville, Spain. Protecting the building by designation ensures subsequent generations can appreciate this piece of architecture inspired by 14th century Moorish Spain". **Laurence Grant, Lumley & Co. Store, 8979 Iona Road.**

**4** "I bought this **Classical Revival** building in 1982 because I recognized the architectural value of this historic house - Iona's first post office. I was looking throughout Elgin County for a place to call home, and found it in a hamlet where my grandfather was born in 1888. Restoring the building was not enough though. I wanted to ensure that its integrity would remain intact long after I was gone, and its designation under the Ontario Heritage Act was the way to achieve this". **Laurence Grant, William Harris House, 8947 Iona Road.**

**5** "The Hall is owned by a community not-for-profit board who appreciates this fine example of locally crafted **Classical Revival** that once served as a Freewill Baptist Church. It is one of two well preserved **Classical Revival** structures in Iona, both of which are now protected for future generations by designation under the Ontario Heritage Act". **Laurence Grant, Iona Community Hall, 8851 Iona Road.**

**6** "Owning a designated heritage home has created an increased sense of pride of ownership and civic responsibility. I believe a city or town's heritage should be a sense of pride. It honours the past, while allowing the future to evolve. Dutton Dunwich Heritage Committee works hand in hand with Ontario's Heritage Act, local citizens and politicians. They advise council and act as a resource on heritage issues while preserving a valuable legacy of the past". **Victoria Spencer, Lucas House, 29480 Fingal Line.**



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Classical Revival



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Moorish Revival  
1888



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Classical Revival  
1888

## INTRODUCTION

The Ontario Heritage Act enables municipalities to designate properties of cultural heritage value or interest.

Once a property is designated, it gains public recognition as well as a measure of protection from demolition or unsympathetic alteration.

Designation helps to guide future changes to the property so that the heritage attributes of the property can be maintained.



## WHAT IS DESIGNATION?

Heritage Designation is a method of conserving significant buildings, properties or features. Part IV and Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act give Municipalities the power to designate individual properties or entire districts with the objective of retaining a legacy for appreciation by present and future generations.

Designation of an individual property is achieved through a municipal by-law passed under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act and registered on property title.

The intent of the by-law is to identify and protect heritage features of a property.

## WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR DESIGNATING A PROPERTY?

Contact the Municipality to discuss designation and how it would work for your property.

Advise the Heritage Committee in writing of your willingness to have your property designated.

Committee evaluates the property to determine eligibility for designation.

The Committee will then undertake the following:

- Prepare a research report on the heritage attributes of the property;
- Submit a report to Council requesting a resolution authorizing designation;
- Preparation of a notice;
- Submit to Council a designation by-law;
- Provide notice of passing of by-law;
- Registration of the designation by-law;



## APPLICATION TO DESIGNATE

To request to designation property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, submit the following information:

- Property Address
- Estimated date of construction
- Historical name of building
- Name of current property owner (s)
- Contact information

## WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR DESIGNATING A PROPERTY?

**Architecture** – an outstanding, typical or rare example of an architectural style.

**History** – an early example of a building or type or association with a person, event or movement important to the community.

**Context** – a landmark, or part of a distinctive group of buildings

## WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF HERITAGE DESIGNATION?

### Designation Does:

- Recognize and reinforce the cultural value and community appreciation of heritage properties
- Provide protection against demolition and other inappropriate changes to heritage properties.
- Provide basic qualification criteria for access to government programs of financial assistance in the event that they become available.
- Enable property owners to receive a special plaque commemorating the designation.



## DESIGNATION DOES NOT

- Impose obligations or expenses beyond those expected of any property owner;
- Restrict the use of a property.
- Restrict changes to the interior unless components of the interior have been requested for designation.
- Prohibit additions and alterations. The purpose of designation is to help guide change to ensure that the significant heritage features of a building as listed in the designation by-law are maintained while allowing for upgrading to modern day needs.
- Restrict the sale of a property;
- Negatively impact property values. (Recent studies have shown that in most cases designation actually has a positive impact on property values, by providing a greater sense of neighborhood stability).

## WHAT DOES DESIGNATION COST?

There is no cost to the property owner to apply for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

