

Heritage Burlington

Planner Update: October 14, 2020 (virtual)

1. Notification, re: proposed new regulations under the Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108)

- The Province's *Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choice Act* received Royal Assent on June 6, 2019, amending 13 different statutes that impact land use planning processes.
- The proposed new regulations under the *Ontario Heritage Act* associated with amendments made through Bill 108 has now been made available for consultation and review. These proposed regulations are available here: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1348>. The commenting deadline is November 5, 2020.
- As outlined in the above link, the new regulations propose several changes to the existing *Ontario Heritage Act*, including the following matters:
 - Principles that a municipal council shall consider when making decisions under specific parts of the OHA
 - Mandatory content for designation by-laws
 - Events which trigger the new 90-day timeline for issuing a notice of intention to designate and exceptions to when the timeline would apply
 - Exceptions to the new 120-day timeline to pass a designation by-law after a notice of intention to designate has been issued
 - Minimum requirements for complete applications for alteration or demolition of heritage properties
 - Steps that must be taken when council has consented to the demolition or removal of a building or structure, or a heritage attribute
 - Information and material to be provided to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) when there is an appeal of a municipal decision to help ensure that it has all relevant information necessary to make an appropriate decision
 - Housekeeping amendments related to amending a designation by-law and an owner's reapplication for the repeal of a designation by-law
 - Transition provisions
- **Heritage Burlington is asked to:**
 - **Review the proposed regulations related to Bill 108 amendments to the *Ontario Heritage Act* at the link provided above.**

2. FYI, re: LaSalle Park Plaque Removal

- Heritage Burlington is advised that a plaque is to be removed from LaSalle Park (photos attached for reference).
- LaSalle Park is owned by the City of Hamilton and is operated by the City of Burlington. The plaque in question was erected in 1923 by the Wentworth Historical Society, when Aldershot was still in East Flamborough Township, several decades before Burlington assumed operational responsibility for the park.
- The 1923 plaque does not add much value or significance to the park, namely as it does not provide much detail, and there is a provincial plaque in the parking lot near the North Shore Blvd East driveway entrance to the park. The provincial plaque is in a more prominent area, provides greater detail, and uses more inclusive language.
- Further, the 1923 plaque is in an inaccessible low-traffic area of the park. For accessibility reasons, this is not an area where Burlington staff would recommend putting any new plaque or interpretive display.
- Following formal contact with Hamilton, the City intends to proceed with the removal of this plaque. The plaque will be documented before it is removed.

3. Follow up consultation, re: Development Application for 2107 Old Lakeshore Road and 2119 Lakeshore Road

- The City has received an application to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to permit a 27-storey building with retail commercial space on the ground floor, 150 units above, five levels of underground parking, and outdoor amenity areas on the second floor and rooftop, which was discussed at the previous meeting in September. Application details can be accessed here: <https://www.burlington.ca/en/services-for-you/old-lakeshore-burlington-inc-2107OldLakeshoreRd.asp>
- Committee members were asked to provide comments, if any, at the next meeting.
- **Heritage Burlington is asked to:**
 - **Provide any comments on the subject application and/or pass a motion authorizing the Chair to provide written comments to staff on behalf of the Committee.**

4. Update, re: Inventory properties over 100 years old

- At the previous meeting, the committee further discussed the potential to proceed with considering all Inventory-listed properties older than 100 years old be placed on the City's Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Resources. The prioritization would be on properties within the City's downtown.
- Staff note that the vast majority of "B" and "C" properties listed on the Inventory already meet the criteria of being over 100 years of age. In the downtown area, for example:
 - There are approximately 142 "B" properties in the City's downtown, of which approximately 125 are over 100 years old.
- Staff will bring further materials to the meeting to facilitate the discussion.