



Municipality of Mississippi Mills

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

4:00 p.m.

E-participation

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<b>A. CALL TO ORDER</b> The Chair to call the meeting to order at 4:XX pm.	
<b>B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF</b>	
<b>C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> Recommended Motion: THAT the agenda be approved as presented.	
<b>D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> Recommended Motion: THAT the minutes dated March 5, 2025 be approved.	3 - 9
<b>E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS</b>	
<b>E.1 Heritage Register - Screening Report</b> Recommended Motion: THAT Heritage Committee recommends that Council receive the preliminary screening reports for information, the first in a series of screening reports for the properties on Municipality's Heritage Register, similar in effect to Attachment A.	10 - 25
<b>E.2 Heritage Permit Application - 77 Little Bridge Street</b> Recommended Motion: THAT Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Council approve the Major Heritage Permit for replacement of historic windows on the subject lands municipally known as 77 Little Bridge Street, Almonte Ward, Municipality of Mississippi Mills.	26 - 29
<b>F. STAFF REPORTS AND HERITAGE APPLICATIONS</b>	
<b>F.1 Heritage Applications Report</b> No updates for this meeting.	
<b>G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES</b> No updates for this meeting.	

## H. INFORMATION AND NEW BUSINESS

- H.1 Old Methodist Church Cemetery** 30 - 53  
The Chair will provide a summary of the attached reports from Keith Blades and Sarah More.

- H.2 Public Information Centre**  
Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, will provide an update on the upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC) scheduled for April 30, 2025. The PIC will provide information about the Secondary Plan for Downtown Almonte and the Public Realm planning projects.

- H.3 Heritage Committee Orientation Refresher** 54 - 69  
Heritage Committee Orientation Refresher for new and returning members.

- H.4 Community Heritage Ontario - Heritage Conference 2025**  
Community Heritage Ontario - Heritage Conference 2025 is Open for Registration

June 19-21, 2025 in Prince Edward County

Early Bird rate until April 30th: \$300 (+ small ticketing fee)

<https://visitthecounty.com/ontario-heritage-conference>

## I. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

## J. ADJOURNMENT

**Recommended Motion:**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at X:XX pm.



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills**

**Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**March 5, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

**E-participation**

Committee Present: Michael Rikley-Lancaster  
Janet Carlile  
Stephen Brathwaite  
Harold McKay  
Sandra Franks  
Jane Torrance

Staff Present: Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services & Engineering  
Melissa Fudge, Planning Technician  
Hayley McCartney, Policy Planner

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Michael Rikley-Lancaster, called the meeting to order at 4:11 pm.

**B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Janet Carlile

**Seconded by** Jane Torrance

**THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by** Jane Torrance

**Seconded by** Sandra Franks

**THAT** the minutes dated January 15, 2025 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**E.1 Heritage Permit Application R01-CUR-24 - 7 Mill Street**

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, presented an overview of the Heritage Permit Application and staff's recommendation. The Chair invited comments from the applicant, committee members and the public.

The following items were discussed:

- Rodrigue Escayola, Solicitor representing the applicant, clarified that the proposed fence is needed to prevent pedestrians from using the private parking lot to access the viewing platform instead of the dedicated riverwalk path, which is causing safety and traffic concerns for the Condo Corporation. Rodrigue Escayola explained that previous attempts to resolve this issue with signage had been ineffective and further requested that the Municipality consider adding wayfinding signage in addition to the proposed fence provided by the Condo Corporation.
- Janet Carlile inquired about the Owner of the viewing platform and the location of the easement to access the platform.
  - Melanie Knight confirmed that the easement is in favour of the Municipality over the private property.
  - Stephen Brathwaite clarified that the viewing platform was funded through both municipal funds and private donations.
  - Rodrigue Escayola explained that the parking lot is owned by the Condo Corporation. In the case of an accident in the parking lot leading to the platform, the Condo Corporation would be liable.



- Janet Carlile asked whether the proposed fence would interfere with emergency vehicle access to the platform.
  - Rodrigue Escayola responded that adequate access could be provided through the neighboring property and suggested that a gate could be installed in the fence to allow for emergency access if needed.
- Janet Carlile also asked if the view of the falls is part of the heritage designation and whether it would be impacted by the proposed fence.
  - Rodrigue Escayola confirmed that the public viewing right is from platform and not from the private property.
- Councillor Torrance raised questions about the egress from the building for residents, specifically whether the back entrance is required for emergency access and requested that this clarification be brought to Council. Additionally, Councillor Torrance noted that barrier-free access from the easement will be required, as the private property has been providing barrier-free access to the platform.

**Moved by** Jane Torrance

**Seconded by** Stephen Brathwaite

**THAT** Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Council approve the Major Heritage Permit to construct a fence on the subject lands municipally known as 7 Mill Street, Almonte Ward, Municipality of Mississippi Mills following consideration of alternate design solutions.

**CARRIED**

## **E.2 Heritage Permit Application R01-BRA-25 - 65 Mill Street**

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, presented an overview of the Heritage Permit Application and staff's recommendation. The Chair invited comments from the applicant, committee members and the public. No one spoke.

**Moved by** Harold McKay

**Seconded by** Sandra Franks

**THAT** Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Council approve the Major Heritage Permit for exterior façade alterations on the subject lands

municipally known as 65 Mill Street, Almonte Ward, Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

**CARRIED**

### **E.3 Heritage Permit Application R01-ARB-25 - 38 Mill Street**

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, presented an overview of the Heritage Permit Application and staff's recommendation. The Chair invited comments from the applicant, committee members and the public.

The following items were discussed:

- Councillor Torrance requested the application to be circulated to the Accessibility Committee for review.
  - Melanie Knight confirmed that the application will be circulated to the Accessibility Committee as requested.
- Sandra Franks inquired if the image shown was of the proposed door.
  - Melanie Knight clarified that the door is conceptual at this stage. The applicant has requested suggestions from the Committee for door manufacturers. As part of the Heritage Permit process, staff will require shop drawings of the door to ensure that its design aligns with the proposed concept.

**Moved by** Jane Torrance

**Seconded by** Harold McKay

**THAT** Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Council approve the Major Heritage Permit to replace the exterior storefront door on the subject lands municipally known as 38 Mill Street, Almonte Ward, Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

**CARRIED**

### **E.4 Heritage Permit Applications**

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, presented a summary of the staff report and recommendation. The Chair invited comments from the committee members. No one spoke.

**Moved by** Stephen Brathwaite  
**Seconded by** Janet Carlile

**THAT** Heritage Advisory Committee recommends to Council to repeal By-law 19-46 which implemented changes to the heritage permit process and reclassified the permit requirements for non-contributing buildings in the Heritage Conservation District, both of which could cause undue impacts to the District.

**CARRIED**

**F. STAFF REPORTS AND HERITAGE APPLICATIONS**

**F.1 Heritage Applications Report**

The Chair advised that the report was provided for information purposes.

**G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

**G.1 38 Main Street East - Dungarvon Building Update**

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, provided an update on the progress, and confirmed that the road had been re-opened and stabilization is almost complete.

**G.2 Old Methodist Cemetery**

The Chair recommended to postpone this item to next month's meeting since Sarah More was unable to attend.

**G.3 Algonquin College - Perth Campus**

The Chair advised that the letter to the Board of Governors/President's Office, Algonquin College and email response was provided for information purposes.

**H. INFORMATION AND NEW BUSINESS**

**H.1 Pakenham Stone Arch Bridge - Rehabilitation Project**

The Chair advised that Lanark County received approval for the proposed work from the Ontario Heritage Trust.

**H.2 Almonte Old Town Hall - Curtainwall Replacement Project**

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, confirmed that the curtainwall replacement is scheduled for this month.

### **H.3 27 Bridge Street - Heritage Permit Application**

Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering, advised the Committee that the property Owner has decided not to pursue the restaurant project at this time due to economic uncertainties.

### **H.4 Heritage Committee Orientation Refresher**

The Chair recommended to postpone this item to the next month's meeting when all members are present.

### **H.5 Alameda - Installation of Dungarvon stone**

Stephen Brathwaite provided an update to the Committee on the proposal. The Alameda Committee is scheduled to present the proposed project to the County on March 11th and to Council on March 18th. The project involves restoring the stones that were removed from Dungarvon, and the Committee is calling the installation the "Dungarvon Folly." The proposed installation will be located at the John Street end of the green space in a manner that would not restrict the parking.

- Councillor Torrance mentioned that the Heritage Committee had expressed interest in preserving the stones and commended Stephen for his vision and efforts to relocate the stones as a representative of the Heritage Committee.
- Stephen Brathwaite confirmed that the drawings could be sent to Melanie Knight for distribution to the Heritage Committee.

## **I. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by** Stephen Brathwaite

**Seconded by** Jane Torrance

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 4:56 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Melissa Fudge, Recording  
Secretary

## THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

### HERITAGE REGISTER REPORT

**DATE:** February 24, 2025

**TO:** Heritage Committee

**FROM:** Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering

**SUBJECT: Heritage Register – Screening Reports**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT Heritage Committee recommends that Council receive the preliminary screening reports for information, the first in a series of screening reports for the properties on Municipality’s Heritage Register, similar in effect to Attachment A.**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

A Heritage Register is a formal listing of properties that Council believes to be of cultural heritage value or interest. Historically, properties on a heritage register could remain on the register for an unlimited period. In addition, there was no limit to the number of properties which could be added to a heritage register.

Recent changes to the Ontario Heritage Act have imposed a two-year time limit for properties to remain on a heritage register. After two years, the property must be removed from a heritage register or notice must be provided for an intention to designate the property. If this process is not followed, the property must be removed from the register and cannot be added back to the register for five years.

For Mississippi Mills, this means that the properties which are currently on the Municipality’s Heritage Register must be evaluated and before December 31, 2026, the Municipality must either remove the property from the Register or provide formal notice of an Intention to designate.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Municipality’s Heritage Consultant, Sally Coutts, has provided a number of screening reports for many of the properties on the Municipality’s Heritage Register. The screening reports contained in Attachment A represent the first step in a process to evaluate properties to determine if they are eligible for designation and subsequently, designate properties currently on the Municipality’s Heritage Register.

The next steps for these properties include completing the full assessment, with the possibility of including more properties if requested, and preparing full Cultural Heritage

Evaluation Reports (CHER) and Statements of Cultural Heritage Value (SCHV) for each eligible property. These reports will be presented to Heritage Committee before the end of the period prescribed by Section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**SUMMARY:**

The screening reports contained in Attachment A, include six out of the fourteen properties to be evaluated as part of the Heritage Register project. The screening reports are the first step in the process to evaluate the properties for designation. No action is needed at this time, Heritage Committee will be provided the full reports for these properties before the end of 2026.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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Director of Development Services and Engineering

Attachments:

Attachment A – Screening Reports

## Ontario Regulation 9/06 Assessment

Address: Almonte Baptist Church, 207 Reserve Street

Date: Autumn 2024

Prepared by: Sally Coutts

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### Executive Summary

The Almonte Baptist Church, 207 Reserve Street, is located on the northeast side of Reserve Street across from the Ottawa Valley Rik Trail. The Baptist Church was initially organized in Almonte in 1864, and early services were held in a private house and then in the Temperance Hall. Tenders for a stone church were called by James Thomson in 1867, who held the plans at his office. Constructed in 1868, the first service in the Church was held on January 1, 1869.

Almonte Baptist Church is a simple gable-roofed stone structure with a symmetrical front façade, featuring an entrance door flanked by two tall, multi-paned pointed arch windows. In 1927, a wooden portico with stone foundations that matched the stone of the front façade was completed and a church hall was added. The church was one of several prominent stone buildings constructed in Almonte in the late 1860s that still



stand today. Other notable examples constructed at the time include the Doctor's House, Holy Name of Mary Roman Catholic Church and the former Church Street School. Local architect Andrew Bell designed a number of these structures, but no evidence linking him to Almonte Baptist has been found.

Almonte Baptist Church is associated with the growth of the Baptist Church in the Ottawa Valley, where the first Baptist missionaries arrived in 1815 from Scotland. Initially some early the Baptists were evangelists, while others established congregations. In 1888, the two groups formed the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec.

**The property has cultural heritage value for its design, associative and contextual values. It meets four of the nine criteria for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.**

## Ontario Regulation 9/06 Assessment

Address: Royal Canadian Legion (former Bank of Montreal, built as Merchants' Bank),  
100 Bridge Street

Date: Autumn 2024

Prepared by: Sally Coutts

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### Executive Summary

The Royal Canadian Legion, former Bank of Montreal, is located on the west side of Bridge Street near the heart of downtown Almonte. The building was constructed in 1874 to serve as the Merchants' Bank of Canada's Almonte branch. In 1922, the Merchants' Bank merged with the Bank of Montreal and the building served as a branch of that bank until a new bank was constructed on Mill Street. The Legion purchased the building in 1947 when the demand for services for veterans of the Second World War was high.

The Merchants' Bank was designed by local architect Andrew Bell, who was responsible for many stone buildings constructed in Almonte in the 1860s and 1870s. As designed, it featured an impressive mansard roof typical of the Second Empire style that was popular with banks in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The building now features a smaller standing seam metal roof. Other features of the style include the round arched windows with keystones, voussoirs and stone sills, the darker stone stringcourse and the bracketed eaves.

**The property has cultural heritage value for its design, associative and contextual values. It meets at least four of the nine criteria for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.**

## **Ontario Regulation 9/06 Assessment**

Address: Ruins, Appleton Mill,

Prepared by: Sally Coutts

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### **Executive Summary**

This parcel of land is associated with the Teskey family who arrived in Ramsay Township from Ireland in 1823. Joseph Teskey, the eldest son was granted land near the falls in what is now Appleton and soon, along with his brothers, had established grist and sawmills. In 1862, Robert Teskey constructed a four storey stone woollen mill which produced tweeds and blankets. The mill operated well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but was severely damaged by fire in July 1950. At this point, no meaningful evidence of the former mill building remains.

The property does not have cultural heritage value for its design, associative and contextual values. It does not meet the minimum of two criteria of the nine criteria required for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

**Ontario Regulation 9/06 Assessment**

Address: Church Street School, 149 Church Street

Date: Autumn 2024

Prepared by: Sally Coutts

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## **Executive Summary**

The former Church Street School (S.S. 13), now the Church Street Apartments, is located on the east side of 100 Church Street, Almonte, set back from the street and surrounded by the former school's grounds. The original school was built in 1868 to the design by Andrew Bell and altered in 1932 through the construction of a two-storey addition to the front of the original building and the removal of its distinctive belfry. After its closure in 1970, the school was converted to apartments.

The school's original design was typical of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century Ontario schools constructed after the era of one room schools. It was designed by architect Andrew Bell, who was responsible for many stone buildings constructed in Almonte in the 1860s. When completed, the building was two storeys in height with a high hipped roof and a central frontispiece with a gabled roof, topped with a belfry. The Almonte Gazette noted has "a front projection for hall and staircase 20 x 12, surmounted by a handsome belfrey." Unlike one-room schools, this type of 19<sup>th</sup> century Ontario school featured single grade classrooms that had large windows, high ceilings and blackboards. By the 1920s, the school had become overcrowded and was expanded in 1932 through the removal of the front portion of the school and its replacement with a two storey, flat roofed structure that roughly doubled the size of the building. The school closed in 1970 and was later converted to an apartment building.

**The property has cultural heritage value for its design, associative and contextual values. It meets at least four of the nine criteria for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.**



**Ontario Regulation 9/06 Assessment**

Address: The Doctor's House, 103 Queen Street

Date: Autumn 2024

Prepared by: Sally Coutts

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## **Executive Summary**

The Doctor's House is located at 103 Queen Street near the north end of the Queen Street Bridge that crosses the Mississippi River in downtown Almonte. It was constructed in 1868-69 for Dr. William Mostyn, a medical doctor born in 1836 in Roscommon County, Ireland who emigrated to Canada in the 1850s and later attended medical school at Queen's University, graduating in 1858. He moved to Almonte immediately after graduation and practiced there until his death in 1881. As was typical of the era, Dr. Mostyn ran a solo practice, with offices in his house which had built specifically for that purpose. Until recently, the Doctor's House had been exclusively owned by doctors since its construction. It remains well known in Almonte for its traditional occupants.

The Doctor's House was constructed of limestone quarried on the site. The building is a two-storey structure comprised of two distinct parts; the private residence that faces Queen Street and the office wing to its rear, where the medical offices were located. The residential section is a large two storey structure with a shallow hipped roof, with paired cornice brackets, soffits and frieze. Its three-bay front façade features a side entrance distinguished by a flat roofed enclosed portico with a wide cornice with brackets, multipaned transom windows and 18 over 1 windows in the double entrance doors. The second storey features round-arched, six pane windows with stone voussoirs and lintels, while the ground floor has rectangular windows. The building is an example of the Italianate style, and features the low-pitched flat roof, round arched windows, and elaborate brackets associated with the style. The enclosed portico is a common feature of the larger houses of Almonte, but is not a common feature of Italianate houses elsewhere in the province.

**The property has cultural heritage value for its design, associative and contextual values. It meets five of the nine criteria for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.**





### **Executive Summary**

The Settler's Cabin is a small one and a half storey log structure with a gable roof and an off-centre front entrance featuring a portico. The cabin includes three fixed, four paned windows: two located in the gable ends and one on the main floor. An open, shed-roofed storage area is attached to one side of the building.

The cabin was originally constructed on Lot 15, Concession 11, Ramsay Township. It was dismantled in 1983 and reconstructed there, opening to the public in 1985.

The Settler's Cabin is an interesting example of a typical early cabin build by Lanark Counties first settlers. It is a valuable part of the North Lanark Museum, where it serves to illustrate pioneer life. **However, because it has been dismantled, moved and reconstructed, it has lost much of its context and meaning. As a result, it does not meet the criteria for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.**

## **Ontario Regulation 9/06 Assessment**

Address: St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, (Holy Name of Mary Church), 134 Bridge Street, Almonte

Date: Autumn 2024

Prepared by: Sally Coutts

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### **Executive Summary**

Holy Name of Mary Church is located on the west side of Bridge Street. Lanark Counties earliest Roman Catholic settlers arrived in the area in 1823 from southern Ireland, as part of the Peter Robinson settlers, a group of emigrants sponsored by the Imperial government as a poverty relief program. In 1842 Father John Hugh McDonough, a local Roman Catholic priest who served the Lanark County population, decided to establish a church Shipman's Mills (present day Almonte). Daniel Shipman, a prominent landholder donated one and a half acres of land for the church and a frame building was soon completed. It burnt down in 1868 and by the next year, a committee to rebuild the church had been established and an architect, Andrew Bell, was hired. Tenders were opened on April 27, 1869 and the firm of Willoughby and Oakley was awarded the construction contract. Construction was slow and although the cornerstone was laid in 1869, the church was not completed until 1873.

Architect Andrew Bell was born in Toronto in 1835. He graduated from Queen's University in 1866, but was already practicing architecture in Almonte, designing the Rosamund Woollen Mill for James Rosamund by 1863. For many years he was one of Almonte's leading architects, building many of its earliest stone buildings and advertising his services regularly in the Almonte Gazette.

Holy Name of Mary Church is a good example of the Gothic Revival churches built throughout Ontario in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Churches of the era borrowed from the Middle Ages, incorporating elements such as the square bell tower, pointed lancet windows and doors with tracery and contrasting stone hood moulds, and small buttresses that are found here. The church was constructed of locally quarried stone that is rough cut and laid in even courses.

As an excellent example of a small Gothic Revival Ontario church, incorporating many elements of that style. It was designed by prominent local architect Andrew Bell, for the local Roman Catholic population. **Because of its style, architect and history, the property meets at least four of the nine criteria for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.**



## Ontario Regulation 9/06 Assessment

Address: Snedden House, 198 Church Street, Almonte

Date: Autumn 2024

Prepared by: Sally Coutts

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### Executive Summary

The Snedden House is located on the north east side of Church a one-and-a-half storey stone structure, constructed in 1866. It has a medium pitched side-gable roof with a central gable above the main entrance. As is typical of houses of this type, the front façade is three bays wide and there is a large round arched window within the central gable. Historic photographs show that the bargeboard trim did not exist in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and instead the buildings cornice and soffits were simpler in design. The building features large four-over-four rectangular windows on the ground floor with stone voussoirs and sills, and the front door has a rectangular transom with a diamond-shaped muntin pattern. The centre gable plan and three bay composition identify the structure as an Ontario Gothic Revival cottage, popular throughout the province from the 1860s until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Built in wood, brick or stone, Ontario cottages were usually one and a half storeys, had classical proportions, large rectangular windows, a central gable, prominent voussoirs and frequently featured front door transoms.

The Snedden House was originally built for William and Jane Snedden, members of a prominent local farming family. They moved from Ramsay Township to this property. It was one of the earliest houses in this part of Almonte, and was a well-known local

landmark as Church Street was on one of the entrances to town from the south. Its location on a corner lot continues to contribute to its landmark status.

As an excellent example of the Gothic Revival Ontario cottage, that was built by members of the prominent Snedden family, the property has cultural heritage value for its design, historical and values. Its corner location makes it a landmark within its residential neighbourhood. **It meets at least four of the nine criteria for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.**

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

## STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** April 2, 2025

**TO:** Heritage Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Melanie Knight, Director of Development Services and Engineering

**SUBJECT:** **Heritage Permit Application R01-CAD-25 – 77 Little Bridge Street**

**OWNER/APPLICANT:** Paul Cadieux & Catherine Wright-Cadieux

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that Council approve the Major Heritage Permit for replacement of historic windows on the subject lands municipally known as 77 Little Bridge Street, Almonte Ward, Municipality of Mississippi Mills.**

### **PURPOSE AND EFFECT:**

The purpose and effect of Heritage Permit Application R01-CAD-25 is to seek approval for replacement of historic windows at 77 Little Bridge Street. The building features a total of 29 historic windows on its exterior façade, and to date, 12 windows have been replaced. The property owners are planning to gradually replace the remaining windows by replacing one to two windows each year.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The subject property is located on the north side of Mill Street, at the junction of Mill Street and Little Bridge Street and is individually designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act and is also strongly contributing within the Almonte Downtown Heritage Conservation District (Part V of the Act); By-law 10-1990 which individually designates the subject property is provided by Attachment A.

The existing building, referred to as the 'Doc Kelly Building', was constructed some time between 1883 and 1886 and is a fine example of the Italianate style of architecture. The building is a two (2) storey residential building and includes features such as arched windows with square and rounded heads, large eave brackets, a verandah and a variation in setback.

Figure 1 below shows an aerial image of the subject property.

**Figure 1: Subject Lands**



**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:**

The property owners have already replaced 12 of the 29 historic windows and plan to replace one of two windows each year until all are replaced. All of the windows on the front of the building, with the exception of two windows, have been replaced. The intent is to replace the remaining two windows on the second floor and one window on the back of the house, as shown in Photos 1 and 2 below.





*Photo 1. Front Elevation – The windows circled in the photo will be replaced.*



*Photo 2. Back Elevation – A close up of window to be replaced.*



**EVALUATION:**

**Heritage Conservation District Plan**

All properties within the Heritage Conservation District (HCD) are designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act and are subject to the HCD Plan. Any exterior alterations to these properties require a Heritage Permit.

According to Section 5.3.1 of the HCD Plan requires a Major Heritage Permit for new or replacement of historic windows and doors.

Section 4.4.5.4 of the HCD Plan suggests that if original or historic windows and doors are beyond repair, replacements should match the original in design, size, shape, dimension, profile and glazing pattern. Consistent with previous window replacements, the new windows will match the existing ones in materials, style, size and detailing.

By-law 10-1990 identifies the Italianate architectural style, including features such as the round-headed windows, within the Statement of Significance.

Staff are of the opinion that the proposed work is consistent with the Heritage Conservation District Plan and preserves the heritage value of the property.

**SUMMARY:**

Having reviewed and assessed the proposed Heritage Permit application, Staff are satisfied that that proposal is consistent with the Heritage Conservation District Plan.

Respectfully submitted by,

Approved by,



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Melissa Fudge  
Planning Technician

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Melanie Knight  
Director of Director of Development  
Services and Engineering

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Attachment A – By-law No. 10-1990

**Old Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery (or Burial Ground) + 2025 Update by Keith Blades  
(aka The Cemetery on the Ninth Line or the Canada Pioneer Methodist Cemetery)**

5716 County Road 29, Mississippi Mills, Lanark County, Ontario, Canada

South West 1/2 of Lot 13, Concession 9, Ramsay Township, Lanark County, Ontario

By Sarah More for the Municipality of Mississippi Mills' Heritage Committee

February 2025

**Statement of Significance:**

17 August 2025 will mark the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Crown Patent of this lot and concession being assigned to Robert Mansell, (c1775-1847) a Methodist tanner on the 8<sup>th</sup> Line of Ramsay Township. In 1845, he bequeathed one acre to the Trustees of the Methodist Connexion [Church] shortly before being buried there, with his wife, and other probable family members. Several notable Pioneers have found their final resting place here, including The Shipman Family, who founded Almonte, and The Teskey Family, who founded Appleton.

**Dates:**

1827 (first two burials) - 1947 (final burial before being declared abandoned)(27)

**Style:**

Cemetery

**Current Owner:**

Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills

**History:**

Prior to European settlement, this land was occupied by Algonquin Anishinaabe since time immemorial.

On 17 August 1825, a Crown Patent for 100 acres in Lot 13, Concession 9, Ramsay Township was assigned to Robert Mansell, tanner. His will, dated 25 November 1845, bequeathed one acre to the Trustees of the Methodist Connexion [Church].(18)

1925: The Methodist Church amalgamated and became the United Church.(19) *The Wesleyan Methodist burial ground was in continuing use until church union in 1925...It was declared abandoned in 1947 by the Ontario Government Cemeteries Branch...From its founding in 1965, The North Lanark Historical Society has taken an interest in the cemetery, and many members of the Society made an effort to clean up the plots and restore in part, the headstones and memorials.*(29)

The cemetery was deeded to the United Church of Almonte, "in whose hands it remains [1971]."(2)

"After the [re-]dedication in July [3 August 1980], the cemetery will be turned over to Ramsay Township which has agreed to maintain it in the fashion [Jean] Steel and [Dawn] Leduc [of the North Lanark Historical Society] feel the early settlers deserve."(26)

Jan 1998: The Townships of Ramsay, Pakenham, and the Town of Almonte amalgamated to form the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.(20)

**Re-Construction History and Current Status:**

Beginning in 1965, the North Lanark Historical Society, under the leadership of Steel and Leduc, with

numerous Volunteers, spent quite a bit of time and money caring for this cemetery.

1969-1979: Renovation led by Jean Isabel Steel (1921-2001), Dawn H. Leduc (1930-2007), and Marc Leduc.(22,23)

8 March 1978: “North Lanark Historical Society Receives Grant For Pioneer Cemetery Restoration.”  
(see full article under Images)

31 May 1978: “Renovations Underway At Old Methodist Cemetery.”  
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19 Jul 2022: “Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery and Private John Donohoe Sr.”  
(see full article under Images; courtesy of John Dalgity & Rob Madore of the Almonte Legion)

Around 2022, it was discovered that War of 1812 Veteran, John Donohoe, Sr., is buried in the cemetery. Almonte Ward Councillor, John Dalgity, representing Municipal Council, collaborated with Rob Madore, representing the Almonte Legion. As a result, the Almonte Legion agreed, as a 2023 Bicentennial project, to open a designated account to receive donations to repair the several stone corner posts which have fallen into disrepair. Approximately \$20,000 is needed to repair the stonework. Donations can be dropped off at the Almonte Legion or e-transferred. Questions can be directed to [info@rcl05240.ca](mailto:info@rcl05240.ca) .(32) John Dalgity also spoke with a stone mason who said the granite stones used were too heavy for their purpose and recommended using a different type or style.(33)

The 15 February 2022 Committee of the Whole Agenda, Minutes, and Video are available online.(35)

In February 2025, Joe Muller, Assistant Registrar of the Ontario Burials Unit, directed me to the Public Register of the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (successor of the Ontario Government Cemeteries Branch). It twice lists the “Old Methodist Cemetery” under the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.(34) Unfortunately, it lists no additional information or pictures. Mr. Muller added his office has no additional information or pictures, either. The cemetery is not designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

3 February 2025: Additional repair work is needed according to Almonte’s Keith Blades, Heritage Consultant. Brush and small trees are beginning to obscure markers. Mature trees are contributing to the worsening condition of markers. Assembled during the 1979 restoration, *The masonry piers are currently partially collapsed, and the fence and gates are heavily rusted. The marble markers corralled into the concrete cairns are becoming increasingly deteriorated as a result of the incompatibility between the respective materials.*(31) (Please find Mr. Blades’ PDF report with pictures attached.) Please note page 6, note 5: *It is understood further documentation may be available on the MVTM database.* This should read the North Lanark Regional Museum according to Michael Rikley-

Lancaster, curator of the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum (MVTM).

**Notable Features & People:**

Lot 13, Concession 9, Ramsay Township includes:

1 acre (in 1845) to the Trustees of the Methodist Connexion [5716 County Road 29], and 10 acres (in 1884) for Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery [5604 County Road 29], and 2 acres (in 1902) for the Union Almonte and Ramsay Contagious Hospital property [behind Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Fairbairn Bros. St. & King St., Almonte].(1)

About 180 epitaphs have been found and photographed. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be an original plot map. (This is confirmed by the United Church of Canada Archives in Toronto and the Regional Archives in Ottawa.) Jackson Brown and Dwayne Wilson, from the North Lanark Regional Museum in Appleton, were kind enough to share Jean Steel, Dawn & Marc Leduc's 1971 notebook of each epitaph they found. Unfortunately, I am unable to interpret their shorthand notes.

"J.F. Chatterton -- a congenial C.P.R. conductor, whose friends and fellow employees erected a large monument in his memory."(2)

"John C. Doherty -- also listed among the Emigrants of 1823."(3)

Sarah (Corry) Doherty (died 19 Apr 1872, age 57), wife of William Doherty & daughter of Sergeant Major William H. Corry (1795-1813) of the 6th Enniskillen Dragoons(4)

John Donohoe, Sr. (died 29 Mar 1857, age 88), War of 1812 Private(5)

Elizabeth (Foster) Drynan (died 9 Sep 1910 age 90 yrs) (obituary says 88 yrs), mother of John Drynan, Reeve of Almonte(6)

Eliza Jane (Dulmage) Dulmage (1826-1907), wife of Lawrence Dulmage & daughter of Col. Philip Dulmage EU, Grandniece of Barbara Heck, Founder of [American] Methodism(7)

"Lawrence Dulmage -- who is listed among the Emigrants from the south of Ireland who embarked on board the Hebe July 8, 1823."(3)

Miss Sarah Elizabeth Dulmage (1849-1947), daughter of Lawrence & Eliza Jane Dulmage & niece of John Dulmage, UE, killed 1812 at Battle of the Windmill. Hers' is the latest recorded monument in this cemetery.(8)

Robert Mansell (died 4 Aug 1847 age 72 yrs), married to Susannah, both natives of England. He donated the land for the cemetery. He had a Tannery on 8<sup>th</sup> line.(9)

"Thomas and Robert Mansell -- who came over in 1821 from the British Isles. The same Robert Mansell who willed the property to the Methodist Chapel in 1845."(2)

"Matthew McFarlane -- an early settler on the 9<sup>th</sup> Concession in Ramsay."(2)

"Edward Mitcheson -- who was another mill builder in Almonte in 1840."(2)

Susannah M. Morris (died 16 Dec 1827 age 25 yrs), married to Alex Morris & possibly the daughter of Robert & Susannah Mansell. She was one of two burials in 1827, the other being Marion, wife of

Matthew McFarlane. Susannah & Marion were the first burials in this cemetery.

“Ester Jane Noxon -- wife of Allen Noxon, M.D.”(2)

Lucina L. (Rose) Raines (2 Sep 1849 - 14 Apr 1923) married to Dr. Thomas William Raines (Almonte's first dentist), & Granddaughter of Daniel Shipman (Founder of Almonte)(10)

Thomas William Raines (7 Jan 1833, Alabama - 14 Nov 1898, Almonte), married to Lucina L. Rose, Father was a Methodist Minister, Parents were English. “...could well be... the first dentist in Almonte, and whose name may still be seen above the door of Donald Campbell's office.”(3,11)

“Edwin Ernest Rea -- son of James Rea, who is listed as a [Peter] Robinson Settler in 1823.”(3)

Catherine (Shipman) Rose (10 Apr 1823, Elizabethtown - March 23, 1897, Almonte), wife of Henry R. Rose & daughter of Daniel Shipman.(12)

John Scott (died 5 Jul 1892 age 81 yrs) born Glasgow, married to Mary Patterson. He was the 1<sup>st</sup> railway agent in Almonte & a County Councillor.(13)

Daniel Shipman (died 3 Oct 1853, age 62 yrs, 1 mo, 6 days), married to Prudence Boyce. He was an American Loyalist and the Founder of Almonte. “Came to what is now known as Almonte in 1823. In 1838, he outsmarted ten armed men of the Carleton Militia, who were searching for two men supposed to have escaped in the Prescott battle from the stone windmill fortress of the defeated invaders and rebels, who Shipman was falsely accused of hiding.”(3,14,16)

“Thomas Smart -- first settler in Ramsay in the year 1821, and his wife, Lois Buell who may be related to W.O. Buell, who fought and won a court case for the “McNab” in Perth 1843.”(2)

Albert Teskey (4 Apr 1887 age 73 yrs), married to Marion Hart, son of John Teskey Sr. One of the Founders of Appleton, Ramsay Reeve, Justice of the Peace for 30 years.(15,16)

John Teskey (died 28 Mar 1879 age 71 yrs), son of John Teskey Sr. & one of the Founders of Appleton.(16)

John Teskey Sr. (26 Mar 1854 age 86 yrs), one of the Founders of Appleton.(16)

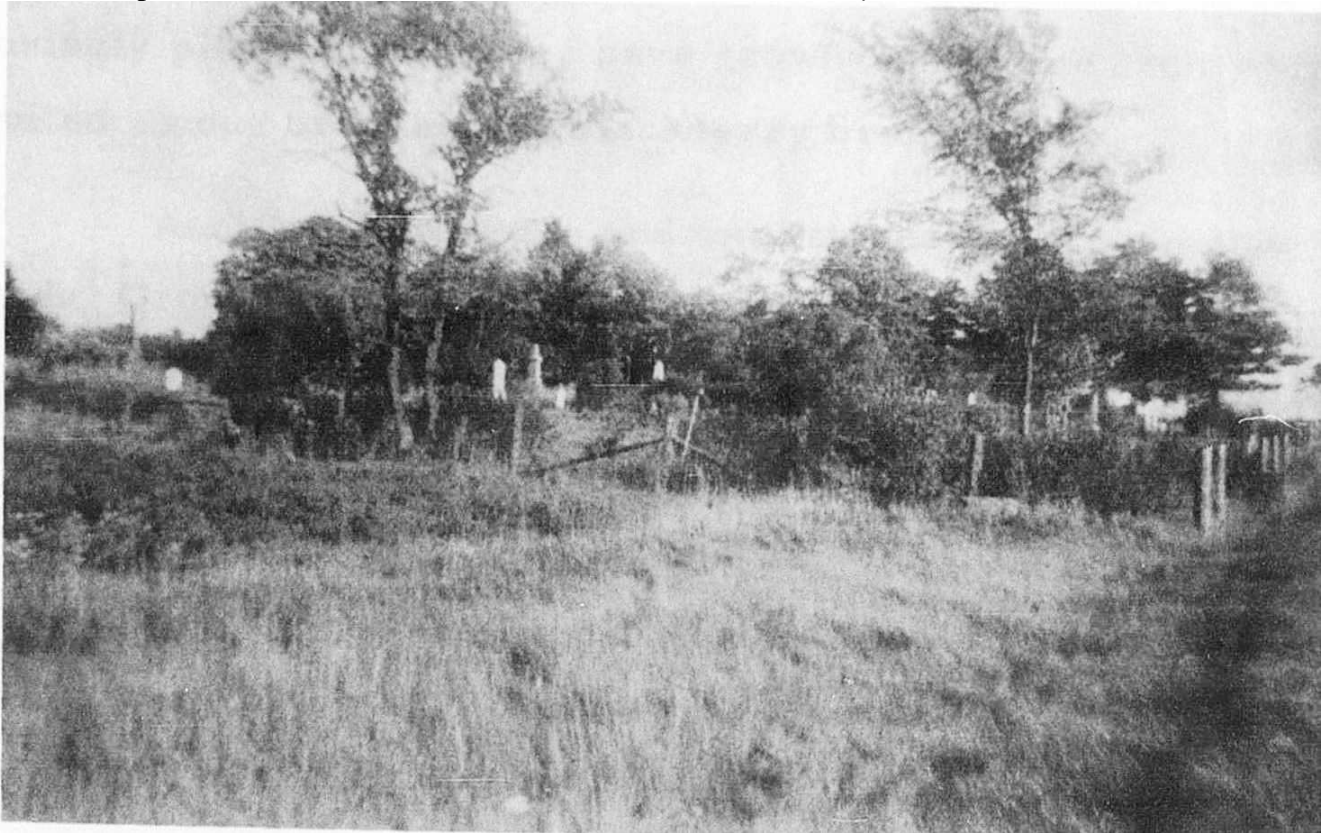
“John Teskey Sr., John Teskey Jr., and Albert Teskey -- who all arrived in Upper Canada in 1823, with the Peter Robinson group. These men settled and developed the town now known as Appleton.”(3)  
Joseph Teskey (2 Jan 1866 age 67 yrs), one of the Founders of Appleton.(16)

William H. Tomlinson (1824, Co. Carlow, Ireland - 27 Sep 1896 age 72 yrs), millwright, married to Sophia Teskey, sis/o Rufus & J.A.(17)

## Images



July 1971 by Jean Steel, Dawn Leduc, and Marc Leduc.  
First cover photo of their book, *Canada Pioneer Methodist Cemetery*



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First cover photo of their book, *Canada Pioneer Methodist Cemetery*

# North Lanark Historical Society Receives Grant for Pioneer Cemetery Restoration

The North Lanark Historical Restoration Group, under the auspices of the North Lanark Historical Society, have been notified by the Hon. Monique Begin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, that, under the New Horizons projects, the group will receive a \$22,612 grant to restore the old Methodist Cemetery on Highway 29.

The Restoration Group plan to begin work on the cemetery as soon as weather permits, and hope to have it complete by fall, creating an historical landmark between Almonte and Carleton Place. The funds have been allocated to repairing and putting new bases on larger monuments, cementing the slab stones into walls, and building a wrought

iron and field-stone-post fence and gates. A smaller fund for incidentals is held by the Society and contributions will be gratefully received.

For several years, the North Lanark Historical Society had tried to whip up interest in this Cemetery, and made brave attempts at cleaning it up, without making much headway. They found a dogged champion in Jean Steel, who took up the cause in 1971, when she recorded the inscriptions on the tombstones, and who has never let up her efforts to return this burying ground to a respectable state. During the last two years, she and a handful of young boys have devoted all their spare moments to clearing out brush and lilacs,

filling ground hog holes, and digging up and cleaning sunken stones.

In 1976, Miss Steel formed the Restoration Group, consisting of Jean Steel, President; Gladys Kellough, second signing officer; Viola Reid, third signing officer and Annie Paterson, Beth Kirkland, Marguerite and Fritz Vontobel, Victor Kellough, Howard Sadler, Rev. R. McRae as directors. As a group, they applied to New Horizons, and were deemed worthy of help.

Miss Steel has been working in close conjunction with Ramsay Council on this project and has been accorded their complete cooperation. Council will assume responsibility, with continued help from the Society, for the ongoing upkeep of the Cemetery once it has been restored.

New Horizons enables retired people to create projects of their own choosing. It offers grants to groups of retired people who undertake activities for the benefit of themselves and others in their community. The accent is on local needs as seen by older people and on their willingness to meet such needs.

## Church Women Observe World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer was held in St. John's Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 3rd at 2 p.m. with an attendance of approximately 75 representing the churches of Almonte.

Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, Mrs.

Mrs. H. Brown conducted a panel discussion on the program theme, which was prepared by the Women of Canada, "Community Spirit in Modern Living". Those taking part were Miss M. Moir, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. J. Elgood, Sister St. Clare and Mrs.

~ 8 March 1978, front page, *The Almonte Gazette* (courtesy of Mrs. Fran Cooper, 6 January 2025) <https://gazette.mvtm.ca/display-pdf?ref=1978-03-08-01>





North Lanark Historical Society members Mabel Kellough, left, and Jean Steel proudly display a cheque in the amount of \$15,000 recently received from the Ministry of National Health and Welfare, as the first portion of a New Horizons grant totalling \$22,612 which the Society will use to restore the old Methodist Cemetery on highway 29 just south of Almonte. Work already started at the site will continue as soon as weather permits and is expected to be completed this summer.

~ March 15, 1978, front page, *The Almonte Gazette*  
<https://gazette.mvtm.ca/display-pdf?ref=1978-03-15-01>



# Renovations Underway At Old Methodist Cemetery

by--SUSAN HANNA

The next time you drive south on Hwy. 29, take a look at the old Methodist Cemetery. It's changing.

Under a New Horizons grant the North Lanark Historical Society and Ramsay Twp. council are renovating the Wesleyan Methodist Burial Grounds, which were in use from 1823 until 1947.

Chairman of the grant committee, Jean Steel, says Ramsay Twp. had applied for two grants to restore the cemetery previously, but was turned down. So, she says, a group of senior citizens applied to the Ministry of Culture and Recreation under the New Horizons grant program for senior citizens, on the basis that the cemetery was historical and was an eyesore.

Due to neglect and vandalism, Miss Steel says, the cemetery was overgrown with grass, roots and trees, and many stones were buried, knocked down or broken.

But it has been a long battle. The abandoned cemetery has been a thorn in the side of the Historical Society for several years, says Miss Steel.

Seventeen years ago, Historical Society member George Dunfield worked on restoring the cemetery with a student laborer each weekend. Six years later a group from the Society restored the grave of one of Almonte's first settlers, Daniel Shipman.

Miss Steel and another Society member, Mrs. Dawn Leduc, with her three sons, had been working when they could on restoring the site.

Later, Miss Steel and Mrs. Leduc spent time in Scotland. During their visit they met a couple who recorded graves and researched the histories of the

deceased. Upon their return Miss Steel and Mrs. Leduc say they realized that no one in this area was recording cemeteries, so they decided to record the Methodist burial grounds. As a result of this work, says Miss Steel, they began to push for funds to restore the cemetery.

The two women are overseeing the work, and say they have found 19 grave stones that "haven't seen daylight since 1930". There are 118 stones in all says Mrs. Leduc.

Besides the grave of Daniel Shipman the cemetery includes the plots of the Teskey Bros. who founded Appleton, and of T. W. Raines, Almonte's first dentist, says Mrs. Leduc.

The cemetery used to be a farm owned by Robert Mansell, says Mrs. Leduc. On his death he willed the land to the Methodist Church, she says.

The New Horizons grant came through last March, and preparations are underway now for the installation of wrought iron gates and fence by Gerry Branje of Hilltop Welding. Cars will be able to drive into the cemetery and park, but the laneway will not be circular, says Mrs. Leduc. Four pillars, covered with fieldstone will mark the entrance, she says, and each will have a plaque mounted on it. One will name the cemetery, one will name the former owner, one will name those responsible for the restoration and one will name some of the more notable graves in the cemetery.

The larger monuments, says Mrs. Leduc, usually were erected to mark the grave of a family's patriarch. Most of these stones are still standing and only need to be cleaned. The rest of the

family members buried have smaller stones, she says, which have often been broken or buried. These will be restored and mounted in a small cement wall to be placed by the large family monument, says Mrs. Leduc. Families will be grouped together.

Single stones will be mounted together in a separate wall. All the stone work, she says, will be done by Mel Foster.

It is hoped that flower beds will complete the renovations, which the two overseers hope will be completed by the summer's end. The site will then be turned over to Ramsay Twp. after a rededication ceremony, says Mrs. Leduc.

Miss Steel and Mrs. Leduc wish to credit those who have spent time restoring the burial grounds. Special thanks are extended to Hoffman Concrete in Ashton for a donation of concrete, to Ramsay Twp. for donations of fill and use of machinery, to Bob Sadler who donated four bags of pre-mixed cement, to Joe Kelly who cut down the large trees in the cemetery, and to the Drummonds for the use of their machinery.

After doing extensive research on those buried in the cemetery, the two women are experts on the site and on the history of the deceased. They say they feel very personally involved in the work. Miss Steel says she has learned so much about those buried there that "they are all my friends".

And on one point both women agree. After years of work and frustration, the long-awaited restoration of the Wesleyan Methodist Burial Grounds is to them, "a dream come true".

~ 31 May 1978, front page, *The Almonte Gazette*

<https://gazette.mvtm.ca/display-pdf?ref=1978-05-31-01>



Many of the headstones in the Wesleyan Methodist Burial Grounds were broken or buried before renovations began to restore the site under a New Horizons grant. Directors of the operations, Dawn Leduc (shown above) and Jean Steel found 19 new stones that had been buried since 1930. They have been cleaned with muriatic acid to restore their color and will be repaired.

~ May 31, 1978, page 3, *The Almonte Gazette*  
<https://gazette.mvtm.ca/display-pdf?ref=1978-05-31-03>

## Renovations Are Continuing At Methodist Burial Grounds

Work is progressing steadily on the Wesleyan Methodist Burial Grounds, and North Lanark Historical Society President, Jean Steel, says renovations should be completed by late fall.

Under a New Horizons grant, the NLHS and Ramsay Twp. council are fixing up the cemetery which was in use from 1823 until 1947 and holds the graves of several of Almonte's historic settlers.

The land has been cleared of grass and weeds and several old, buried stones were unearthed. Now, fill has been added and a wrought-iron fence and gate has been erected.

Miss Steel says topsoil is now needed before grass can grow around the stones. "We also

need volunteers" she says, "to help fix up the stones". Such work would involve cleaning the stones with muriatic acid, or doing some putty-work, filling in cracks in the base of the stones.

Much of the final stone-work, such as putting groups of family stones together, mounted in cement, has been done by Mel Foster.

Groups from other townships have visited the site, expressing interest in doing similar renovations in their own historic cemeteries. Some have even approached Mr. Foster about doing the stone-work.

After renovations are completed, a re-dedication ceremony will turn the care of the cemetery over to Ramsay Twp.

~ 23 Aug 1978, front page, *Almonte Gazette*, (courtesy of Mrs. Fran Cooper, 6 January 2025)

<https://gazette.mvtm.ca/display-pdf?ref=1978-08-23-01>

Mel Foster (1918-2003)

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Activity around the Wesleyan Methodist Burial Ground on highway 29 has ceased for the winter months, following considerable work carried out during the summer and fall. All construction work has been completed, awaiting only the warming winds of Spring so that final landscaping can be done. Restoration work was done under a \$22,612 New Horizons Grant from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. Official re-dedication of the long-neglected pioneer cemetery will take place when weather permits, probably in May of 1979.

~ January 17, 1979, page 13, *The Almonte Gazette* (courtesy of Mrs. Fran Cooper, 6 January 2025)  
<https://gazette.mvtm.ca/display-pdf?ref=1979-01-17-13>



*Jean Steel and Dawn Leduc turn research program into 10-year cemetery restoration*

— Mary Cook photo

# Cemetery benefits from research

By Mary Cook

*Citizen special correspondent*

**CARLETON PLACE** — If you're looking for a challenge for the next 10 years, you might consider what Jean Steel and Dawn Leduc took on in 1969.

They accidentally started restoring an abandoned cemetery. Accidentally, because their original intent was to simply link up English, Scottish and Irish settlers from the valley with their ancestors from the homeland.

However, when their research took them to the Wesleyan Methodist burial grounds dating back to 1827 on the highway between Carleton Place and Almonte, they became so involved in the history of the people buried there that they could not leave the cemetery in the condition in which they found it.

It was closed as a cemetery in 1947, and years neglect took its toll. Steel and Leduc found broken stones, most of them buried so that they were completely hidden. Weeds several feet high, lilac and fruit trees, once planted to offer shade and protection, years later were nothing but brambles and brush with rotten fruit everywhere.

The cemetery offered a haven to skunks and groundhogs, and more than once the two women

fell down the holes in their attempts to unearth the stones.

But by this time they had developed an attachment to the place, and moved out from their Ottawa homes to a spot within a few miles of the cemetery. They found the graves of Daniel Shipman, founder of Almonte, and of Joseph Teskey, founder of Appleton; and by the time they were to complete their mountainous task 10 years later, they had uncovered 112 tombstones.

As well as finding a few remains, they also unearthed old coffin handles and a steel plate from the casket of Robert Teskey, a son of Appleton's founder.

Most of the tombstones have now been imbedded into several large stone structures. Since there was no official plan to the plots, it was impossible to put the stones back where they were originally. "We don't consider that important," Steel said. "As far as we are concerned this is all consecrated ground."

We are considering the entire cemetery. When we finished with the tombstones and a Carleton Place undertaker kindly took care of any remains we came across, we had a burial service, and in July we plan a dedication service of the finished cemetery."

As soon as word got around that the cemetery was being restored, descendants of those buried there began to show up from all over the country.

"We had relatives from as far away as New York and Washington. And they were all so pleased at what we were doing that without exception they gave us donations for our work and for the future of the graves."

By 1977, the two women had poured countless hours and their own money into the project, and realized that it was going to take many more dollars than they personally could afford.

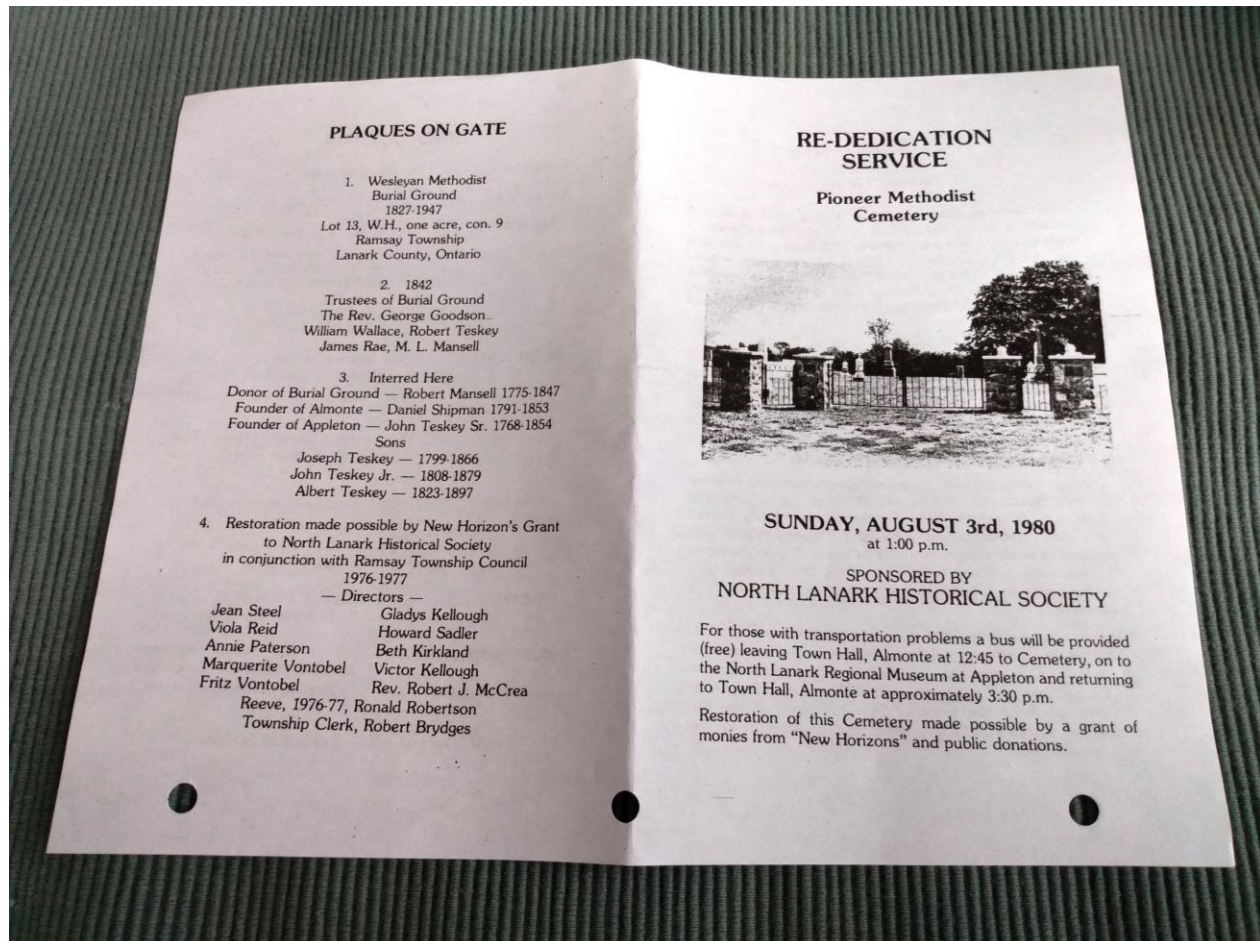
They applied for a New Horizons grant and received \$22,617. The bulk of the money has gone on stone work and fencing the entire property with a wrought iron fence and swinging iron gates.

"Everything has been unbelievably expensive," Steel said, "but we have a bit of money left which we will use for the final landscaping."

After the dedication in July, the cemetery will be turned over to Ramsay Township which has agreed to maintain it in the fashion Steel and Leduc feel the early settlers deserve. "People like those buried at Wesleyan made the history of this valley."

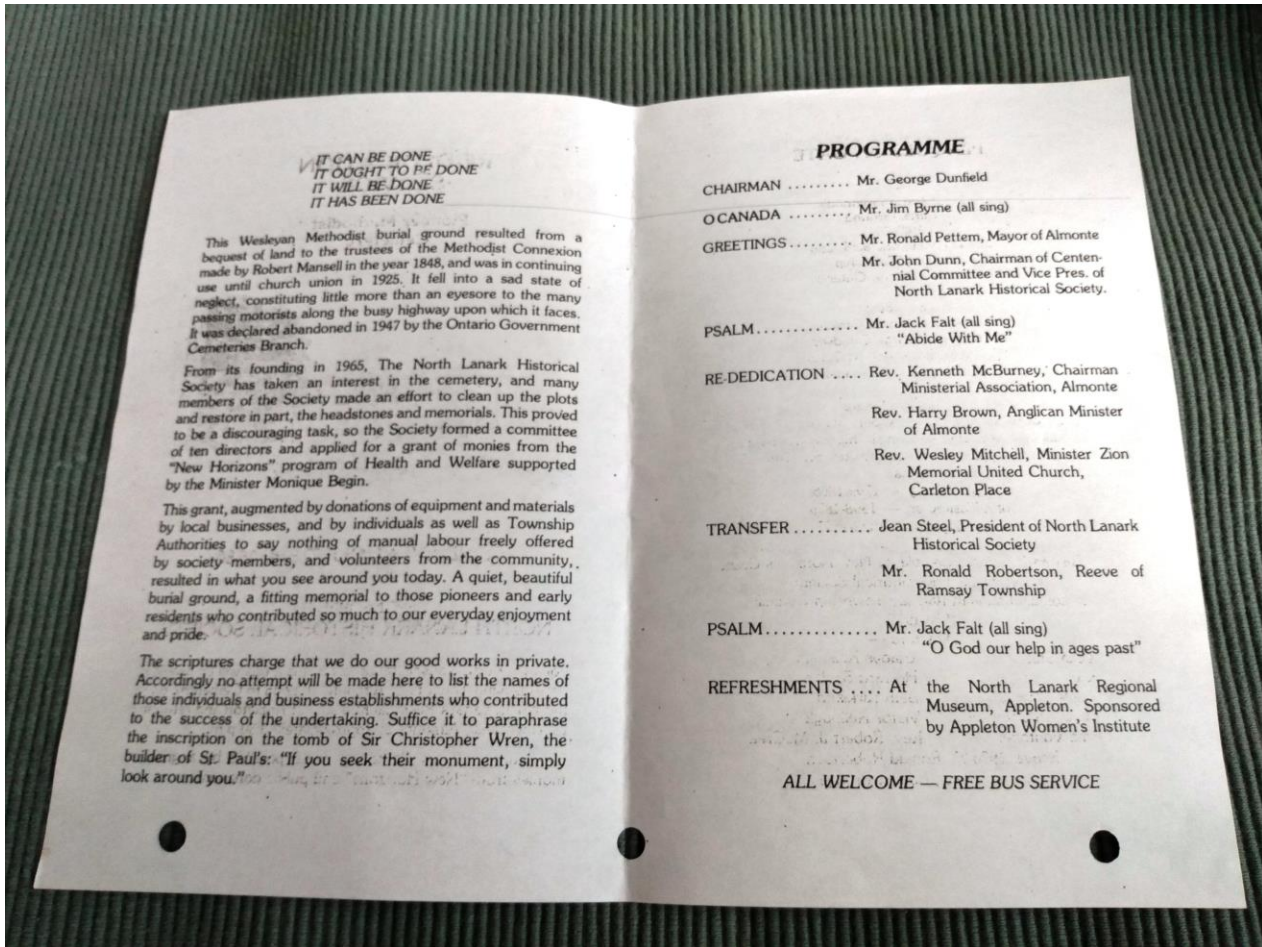
~ The Ottawa Citizen, June 26, 1979, page 3

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## Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery and Private John Donohoe Sr.

July 19, 2022

*On May 14, 2022, a special ceremony was held at the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery on County Road 29, just south of Almonte. The ceremony included the unveiling and dedication of a plaque recognizing a Veteran of the War of 1812, Private John Donohoe Sr.*

*Private Donohoe was a member of the King's 8th Regiment, his grave site is located in this cemetery and was recently recognized, marked and remembered by the **Canadian Regiment of Fencible Infantry**. The ceremony included local dignitaries, Canadian Fencibles, the North Lanark Historical Society, local Branch 240 President Rob Madore, Donohoe family members and guests.*

*The cemetery itself opened in 1827, it also contains the remains of many early settlers of Upper Canada including Daniel Shipman, founder of Almonte, and Joseph Teskey, founder of Appleton to name just two.*

*The cemetery was closed in 1947 and over time fell into disrepair. In 1979, Jean Steel and Dawn Leduc spearheaded a drive to restore the cemetery in which many headstones were preserved by placing them in concrete.*

*The cemetery is fenced and contains several stone corner posts which have now fallen into disrepair. The Canadian Legion, Local Branch 240 wishes to raise funds to repair the posts for years to come*



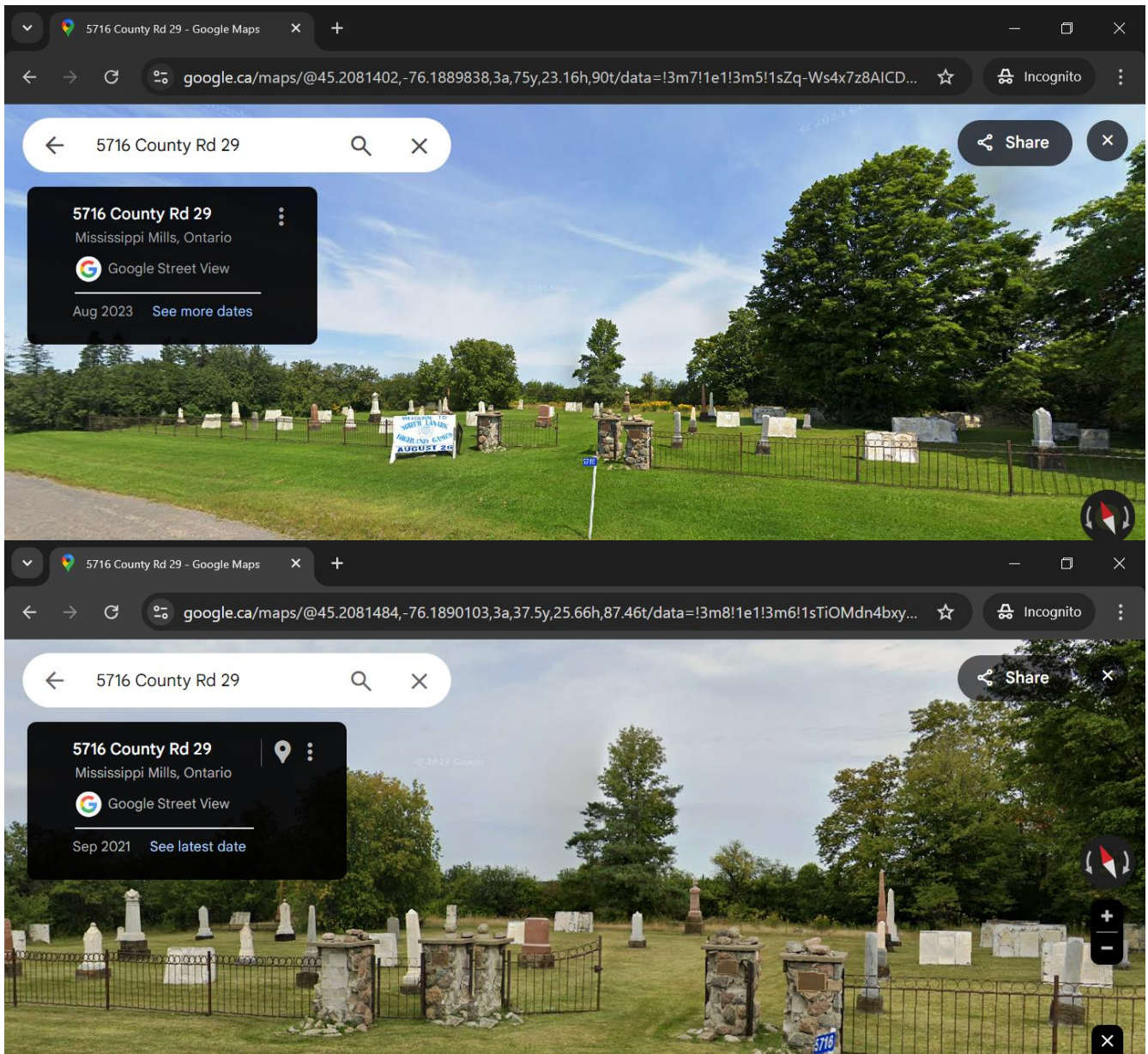
and hopes to complete this project for the 200 year Bi-centennial which will be held in the summer of 2023. Costs are anticipated to be approximately \$20,000 to repair the stonework.

**How you can help:**

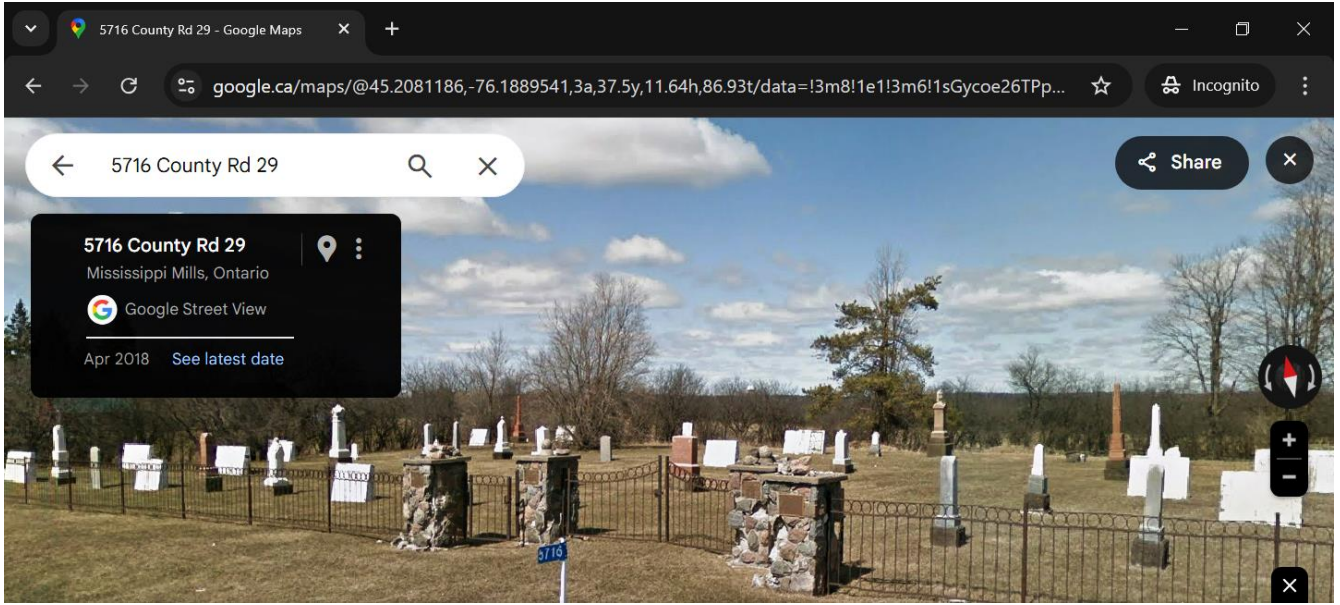
Donations to the project can be e-transferred to [donations@rc105240.ca](mailto:donations@rc105240.ca) or dropped off at the Branch. We appreciate any and all contributions to this project for not only Veterans' of wars past as well as the founding fathers of our community that are laid to rest there.

For any questions, please contact [info@rc105240.ca](mailto:info@rc105240.ca).

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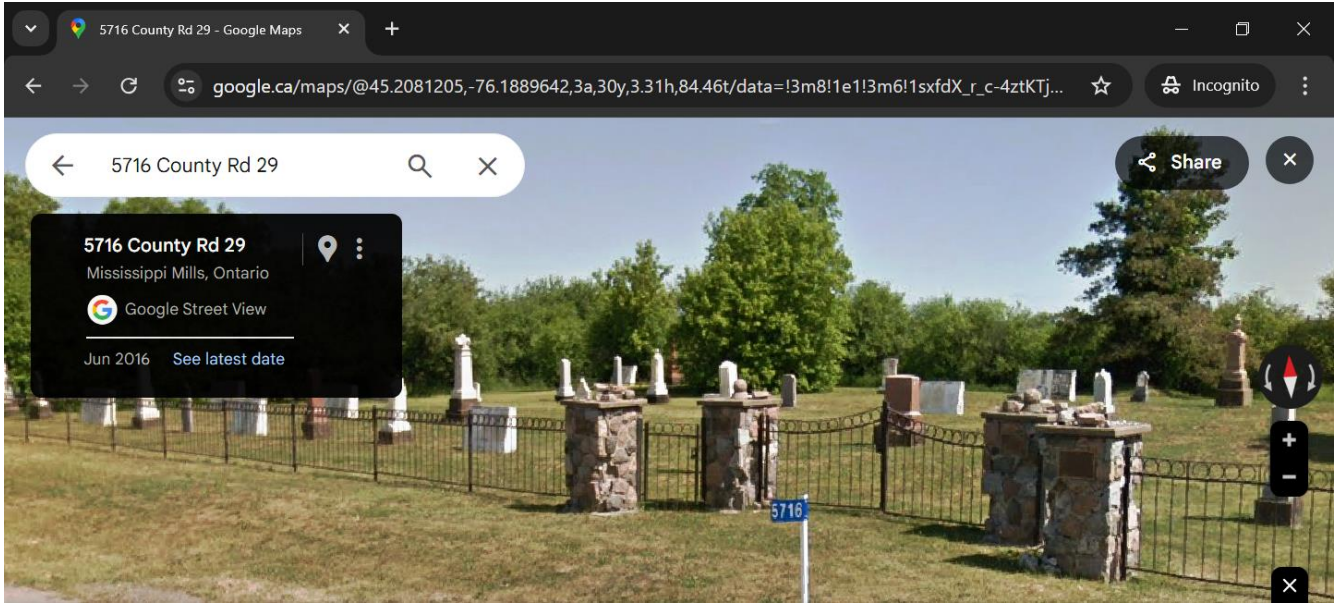










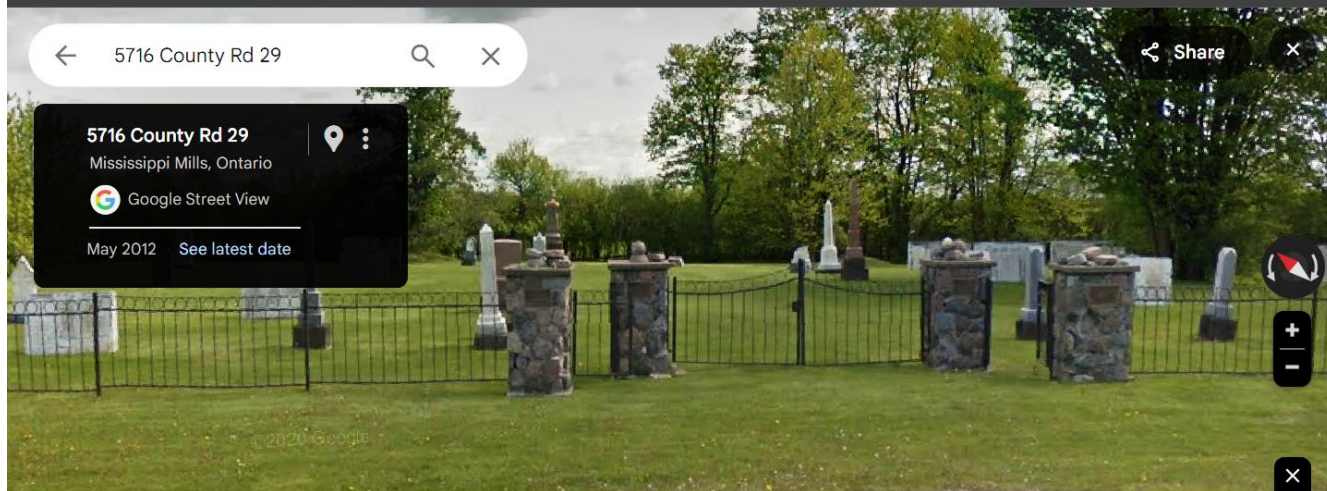
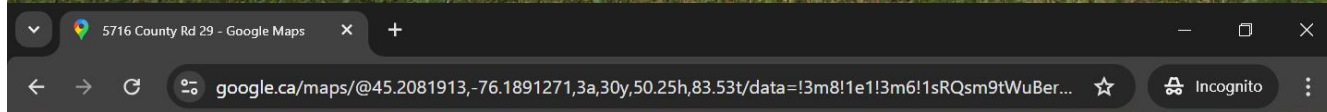




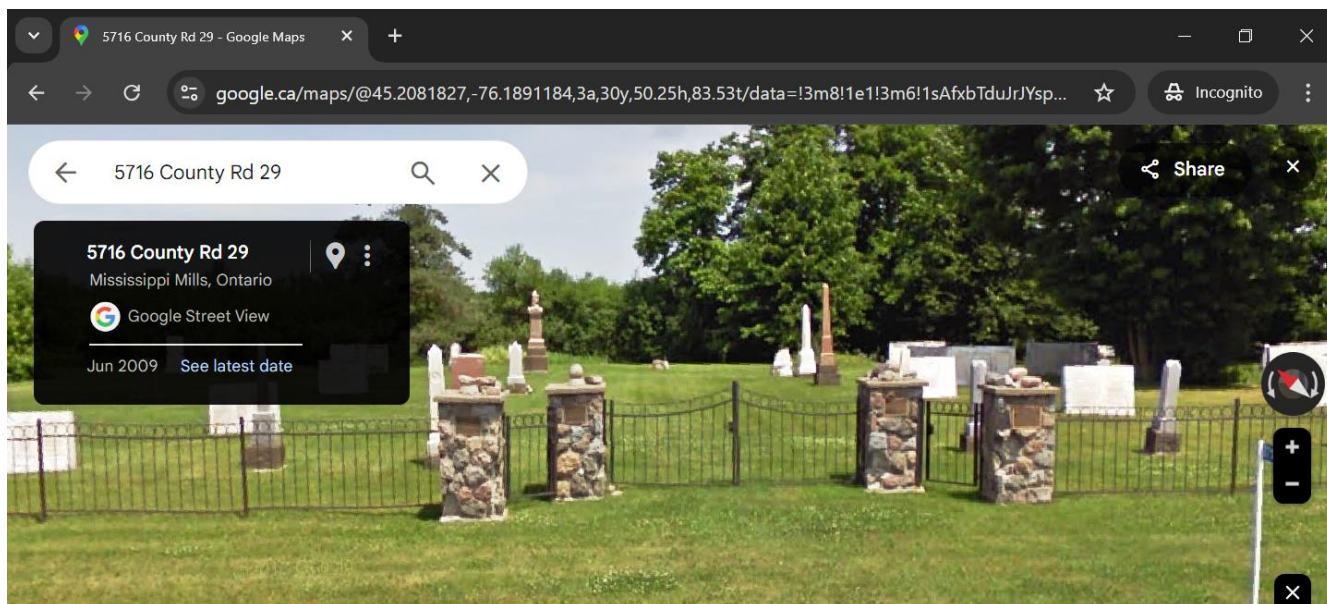




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# Heritage Committee Orientation Session

*Thank you to our new and returning members for stepping forward to volunteer as members of the Heritage Committee!*



# Agenda

1. What is Heritage Planning?
2. Heritage Planning – Bills 109 and 23
3. What are Heritage Designations?
4. What are Heritage Permits?
  - a) Major Heritage Permits
  - b) Minor Heritage Permits
5. What is the Heritage Committee?
6. Committee Composition and Division of Responsibilities
7. Meeting Dates/Times and Venue
8. Resources Online

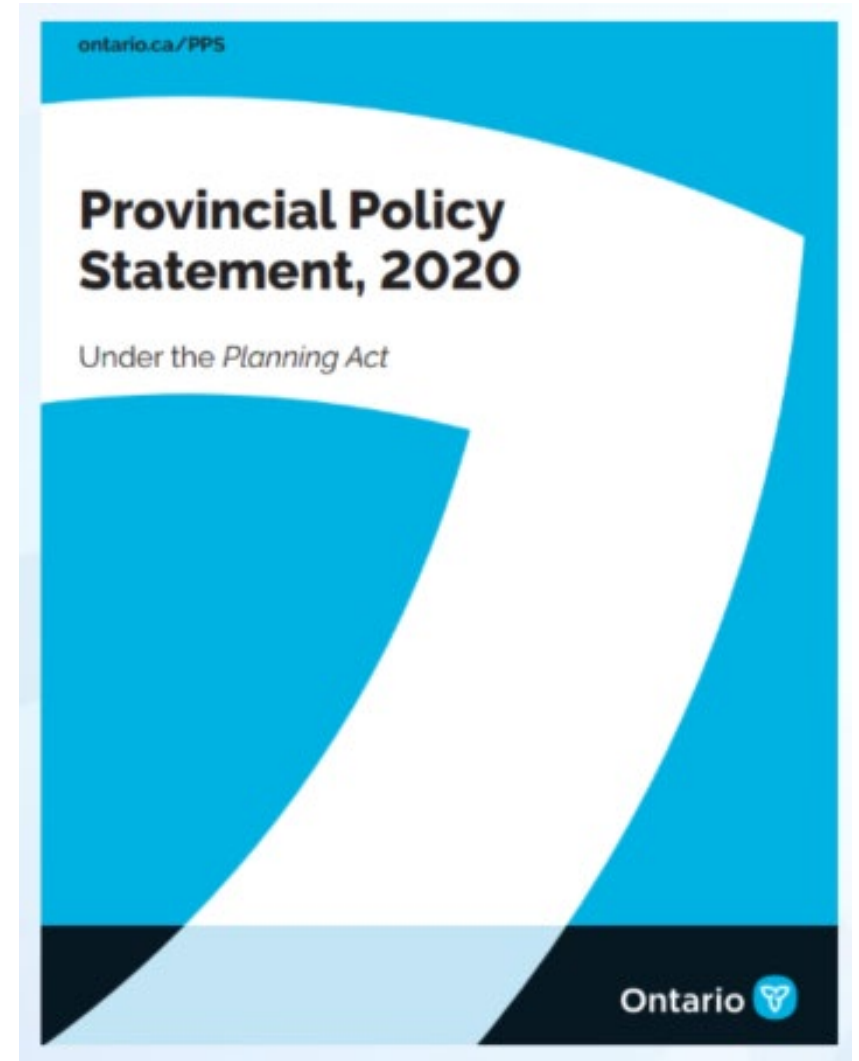


# What is Heritage Planning?

- Ontario Heritage Act and O. Reg 9/06
- Provincial Policy Statement 2020
- Section 2.6 of the Provincial Policy Statement addresses Cultural Heritage and Archaeology:

*“Significant cultural heritage resources shall be conserved”*

- Anticipate changes in 2023 which will affect the Heritage Planning Framework in Ontario
- Official Plan policies reflect the policies of the Provincial Policy Statement





# What is Heritage Planning?

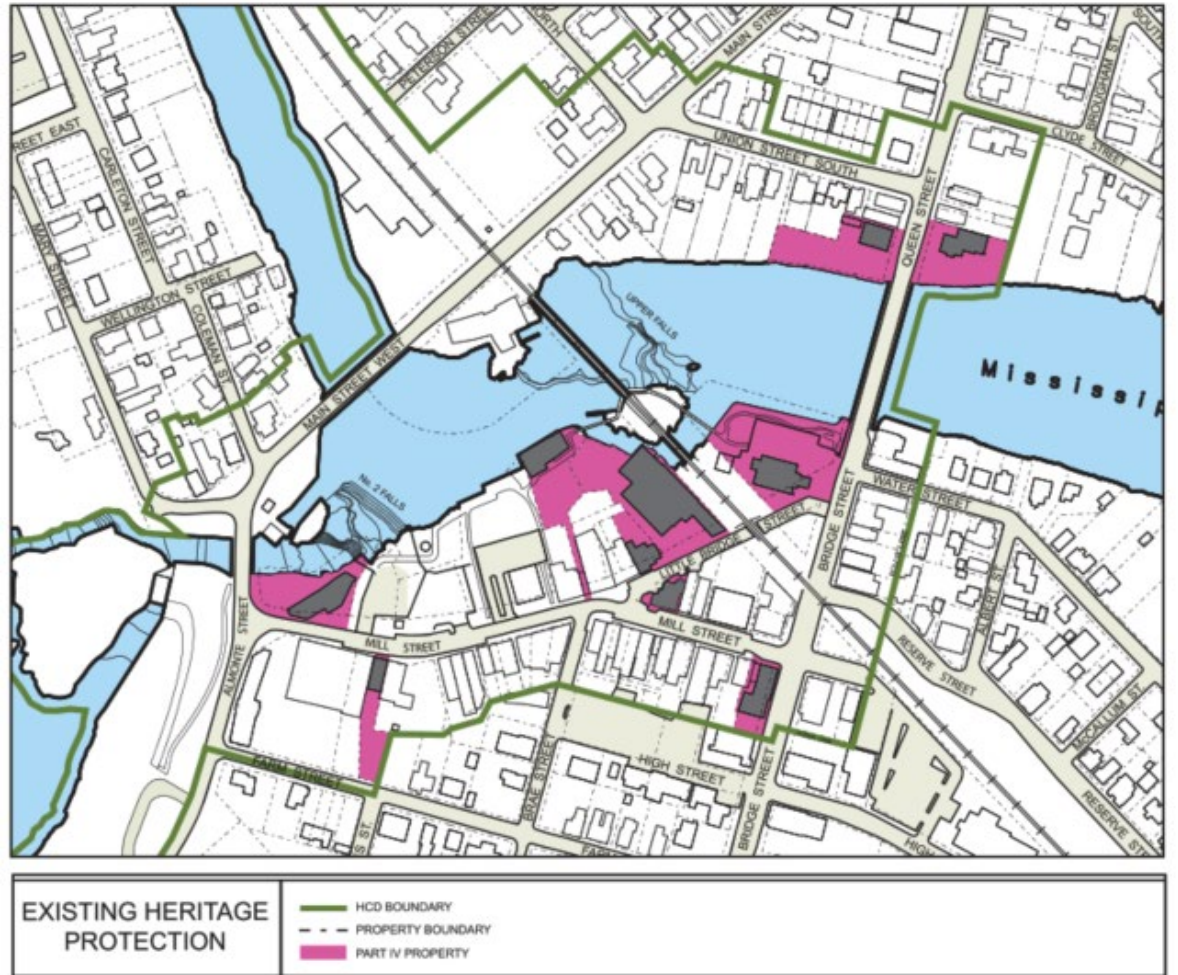
- Processes under the Ontario Heritage Act (Heritage Act)
  - Listing properties
  - Designating properties
  - Heritage Permits
- Planning Act applications that involve or are adjacent to heritage resources
- Policy development (Official Plan, Zoning By-law)
- Building permit review and approval (listed and designated properties)
- Financial incentives (Heritage Grant Program, Heritage Tax Relief Program)
- Public Education
- Plaques and awards



# What is Heritage Planning?

## Heritage Planning is not:

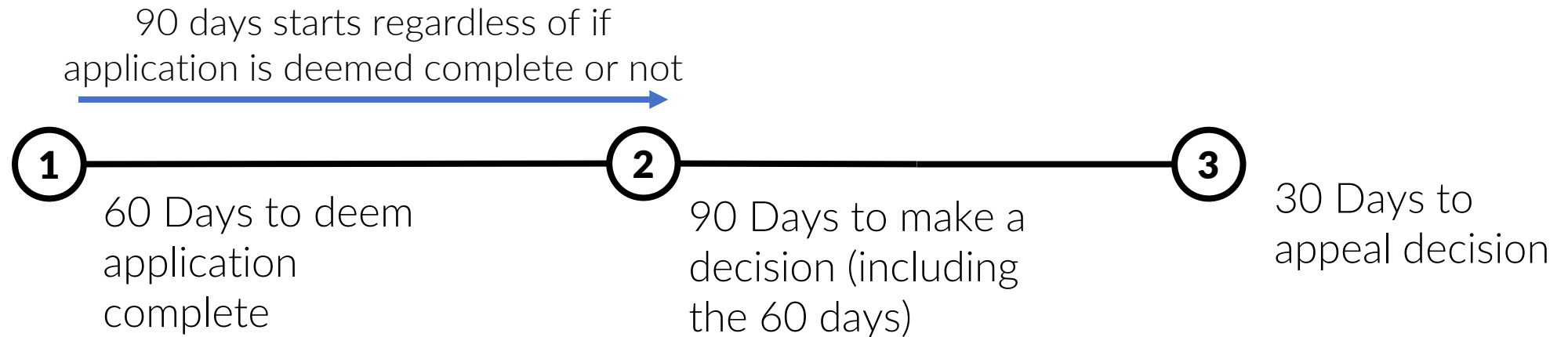
- An attempt to freeze a property to make it undevelopable
- A requirement to open private property to the public
- A tool to prevent development or infill in established neighbourhoods
- A way to regulate the use of a building





# Heritage Planning – Bill 109

- Legislative changes to the Heritage Act
- If decision is not made within 90 days, the heritage permit application is considered automatically approved



# Heritage Planning – Bill 23

- Legislative changes to the Heritage Act
- A two-year time limit on listed properties (Heritage Register)
  - If not designated within two years, must be removed from the Register and cannot re-list for five years
- Properties **must be listed prior** to the receipt of a Planning Application in order to be **designated**
- New criteria for designations

Kitchener-Waterloo

**Thousands of heritage properties risk losing protection under Bill 23, including more than 300 in Cambridge**

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Niagara heritage properties face risk following Bill 23

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Turner addresses concerns about heritage-designated houses

By Kirk Winter February 13, 2023

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**Heritage properties need not be sacrificed for housing growth**

Ontario's push for density just stripped away heritage protections. Yet, attractive options exist to stimulate housing without loss of heritage.

by Ken Grafton, Marc Denhez

February 7, 2023

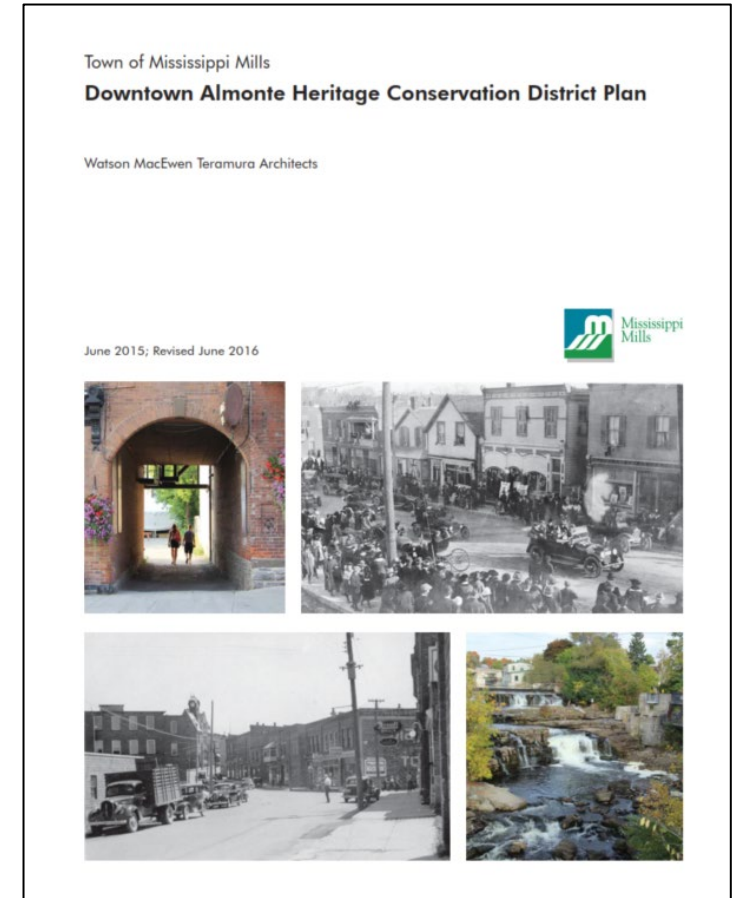
# Heritage Planning – Bills 109 and 23

## Bill 109 and 23

- In light of these changes, Planning staff will bring forward a subsequent report to Heritage Committee outlining:
  - next steps for staff to formalize/modify the current heritage review processes;
  - suggested workplan items for the Committee to consider taking on (review of Heritage Register, recommendations on properties to move forward to designate etc.)

# What are Heritage Designations?


- Heritage Register – “listed” properties
- Part IV designations – Individual Property Designations
- Part V designations – Heritage Conservation Districts
- Can be designated under both Parts of the Heritage Act





# What are Heritage Permits?

- Formal permit application process for review and approval
- Can be at the Planning stage (related to a Planning Act application) or at the Building Permit stage
- Two types of Heritage Permits – Major and Minor
- Staff are currently working on updating the website and developing a formal heritage application form and minimum submission requirements




**HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION FORM**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date the Application is Received by Municipality:  
Date the Application is Deemed to be Complete by Municipality:


IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL PLANNER FOR ASSISTANCE.

1. Registered Owner's Name:



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**Property Owners Guidelines for Heritage Conservation District**



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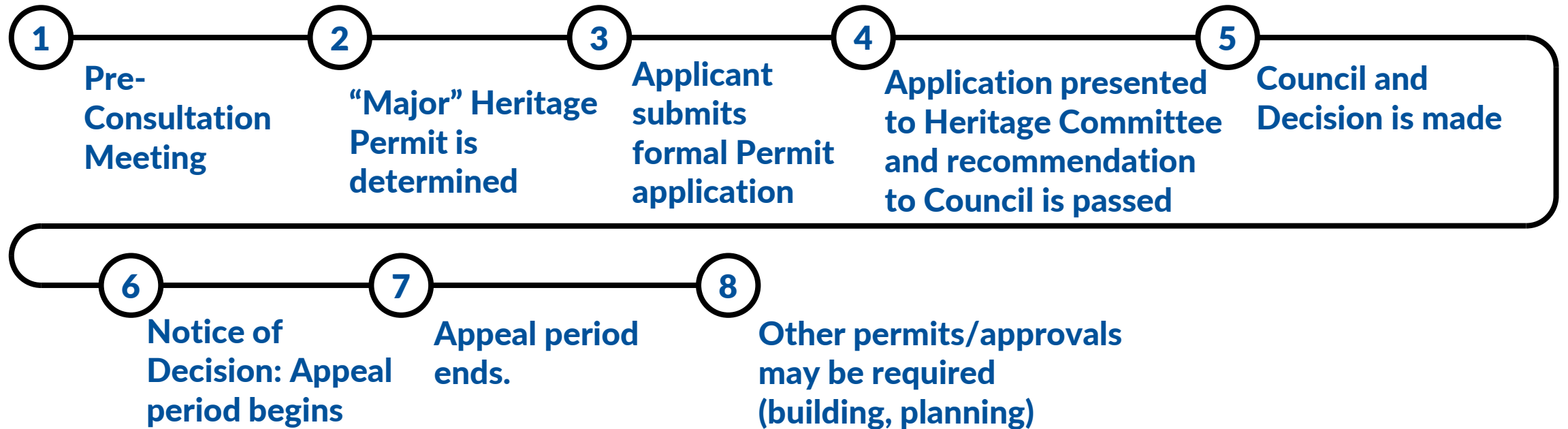


# What are Heritage Permits?

## Major Heritage Permit (Committee/Council approval)

- New or replacement of historic cladding materials for both walls and roofs, historic windows or doors
- Alterations/Removal of heritage attributes including architectural decoration and other character defining elements (porches, balconies, parapets, etc....)
- Relocation or demolition of a building or structure
- New construction or replacement of porches, chimneys, roofs, walls, character elements
- Replacement or major alteration of storefront
- New commercial signage or awning installation
- Additions that will be visible from the street or the river
- New building construction in a heritage conservation district or on a designated property
- Projects that do not conform with Guidelines

# Process for Major Heritage Permit



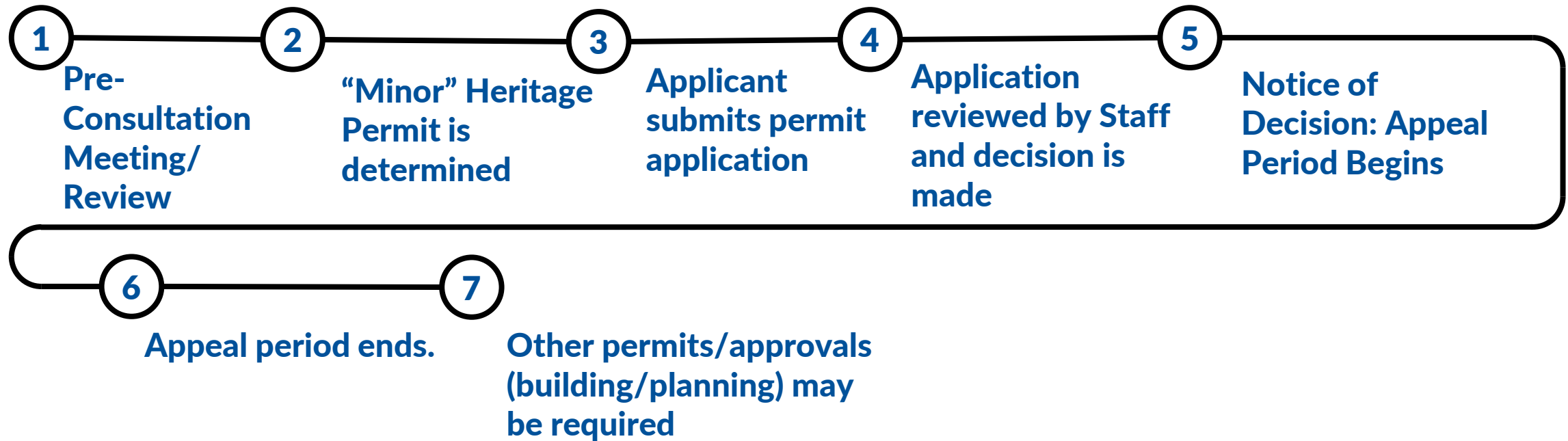
# What are Heritage Permits?

## Minor Heritage Permit (Delegated to Staff)

- Minor repair
- Replacement of existing commercial signage
- Masonry cleaning, repointing, foundation repairs, chimney repairs
- Alterations to non-contributing resources
- New or extended fences
- New or extended parking areas
- Permanent Exterior lighting installations
- Installations of TV or mechanical equipment that's visible from street or river
- Planting or removal of trees in public right of way or adjacent to river
- New alterations to existing hard landscaping



# Process for Minor Heritage Permit



\*\*Note: if decision cannot be made by Municipal Staff, the Permit will need to follow “Major” process.\*\*



# What is the Heritage Committee?

- Independent decision-making committee appointed by Council to make recommendations to Council on Heritage Permits and recommend actions related to heritage conservation within the Municipality
- The Heritage Committee derives its jurisdiction from the Ontario Heritage Act
- The Heritage Committee does not make decisions regarding...
  - *Private disputes between neighbours*
  - *Forestry and urban tree issues, including tree cutting and removal (unless included within a property designation)*
  - *Rights to a view*



# Committee Composition and Division of Responsibilities



## Committee Chair (1)

Committee Member selected by their peers to Chair meetings



## Committee Members (6)

Reviews the recommendation reports and votes to approve or refuse major permit applications; grant funding exceptions, promotion of heritage and cultural conservation within the Municipality; undertake heritage projects.



## Heritage Researcher (1)

Provides heritage research support

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## Planning Department



Provides administrative support to Committee.

Receives and processes the applications, prepares recommendation reports for each of the files that the Committee considers; the Municipality's planners and building staff are available to answer the Members' questions on any of the files.