

5.0 PROPOSED CULTURAL HERITAGE LANDSCAPE POLICIES

Definitions

1. A cultural heritage landscape is a defined geographical area of heritage significance which has been modified by human activities and is considered to be of cultural heritage value or interest. Such landscapes involve a grouping of individual heritage features such as structures, spaces, archaeological sites, natural elements, which together form a significant type of heritage form distinctive from that of its constituent parts. Cultural heritage landscapes may include designed, organically-evolved, and/or associative sites which may include, but are not limited to: parks, hamlets, settlement centres, sacred sites, industrial complexes, distinctive rural roads, urban streetscapes, main streets, nineteenth and twentieth century residential neighbourhoods, and farmsteads.
2. Cultural heritage landscapes may include properties already listed on the City's Heritage Register of Cultural Heritage Resources, properties designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, properties contained within the City's Inventory of Cultural Heritage Resources, Areas of Cultural Heritage Character, as well as sites that have not yet been identified.

Identification

3. The City will prepare and maintain an inventory of cultural heritage landscapes and significant cultural heritage landscapes contained therein may be included in the City's Register of Cultural Heritage Resources.
4. Cultural heritage landscapes included in the City's Register of Cultural Heritage Resources will be incorporated into the city's GIS system and corresponding heritage layer.
5. The City recognizes that the identification of cultural heritage landscapes is an on-going process and there may be sites that have not yet been inventoried, included in the City's Register of Cultural Heritage Resources, or designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Evaluation

6. The City shall develop guidelines for evaluating the significance of cultural heritage landscapes. Criteria for determining significance are specified in this Plan.

Protection

7. The City may by by-law designate cultural heritage landscapes under Part IV or V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
8. Cultural heritage landscapes listed on the City's Register of Cultural Heritage Resources are subject to demolition control as specified under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The City of Vaughan shall also ensure that such resources are not adversely impacted during projects subject to the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Planning Act*.

9. The City will ensure that significant cultural heritage resources, which have been newly identified or inventoried, and which are not included in the City's Register of Cultural Heritage Resources, are appropriately assessed, evaluated, and protected during the course of *Environmental Assessment* studies and *Planning Act* applications.
10. The City may use parkland dedication provisions to secure a cultural heritage landscape.
11. The City will work with other agencies and adjacent municipalities as required in managing cultural heritage landscapes.

Areas of Cultural Heritage Character

12. To support continued protection of cultural heritage landscapes, the City may recognize Areas of Cultural Heritage Character, such as hamlets, mill sites, older residential neighbourhoods, or man-made landscapes, where designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act* may not be appropriate.
13. The City may identify Areas of Cultural Heritage Character through secondary plans, block plans, area planning studies, or zoning by-laws.
14. The City will develop guidelines for Areas of Cultural Heritage Character to identify the area's cultural heritage value, corresponding heritage attributes, geographical boundaries, and corresponding conservation objectives.
15. The City will include recognized Areas of Cultural Heritage Character on the City's GIS system and heritage layer.
16. The City may require a Heritage Impact Statement as set out in this Plan when a proposed development has the potential to adversely impact the heritage values of a recognized area of cultural heritage character.
17. The City will develop design guidelines for recognized Areas of Cultural Heritage Character to support identified conservation objectives. These guidelines shall be used by landowners, both public and private, when proposing new development in such areas to ensure that the area's heritage character and contextual values of the area is maintained.
18. The City will ensure that maintenance of the heritage character of Areas of Cultural Heritage Character will be given due consideration in any public works or infrastructure project or assessment that may be undertaken.

Integration of Cultural Heritage Landscapes into the Planning Approval Process

19. City staff will review secondary plans, block plans, zoning-by law amendment applications, and development applications to determine if a Cultural Heritage Survey is required. The Archaeological Master Plan, Register of Cultural Heritage Resources, and Inventory of Cultural Heritage Landscapes, and local information will be consulted to determine if a cultural heritage survey is required.

20. The Cultural Heritage Survey will be the responsibility of the proponent and must be undertaken by a qualified heritage consultant.
21. At a minimum, the Cultural Heritage Survey will identify cultural heritage resources and their level of heritage significance on the subject lands. As part of this assessment, cultural heritage landscapes and Areas of Cultural Heritage Character may be identified;
22. As part of the Cultural Heritage Survey, recommendations regarding preferred conservation options and requirements for a Heritage Impact Statement will be identified.
23. When development is proposed on or adjacent to a cultural heritage landscape not designated under the *Ontario Heritage*, but on the city's Register of Cultural Heritage Resources or recognized as an Area of Cultural Heritage Character, the applicant shall submit a Heritage Impact Statement, as outlined in this Plan.
24. When development is proposed for a property adjacent to a cultural heritage landscape on the Register of Cultural Heritage Resources, adjacent to a recognized Area of Cultural Heritage Character, or within a cultural heritage landscape listed on the City's Cultural Heritage Landscape Inventory, the applicant shall:
 - a. Demonstrate the proposal's compatibility with the conservation of the registered cultural heritage landscape, Area of Cultural Heritage Character, or inventoried cultural heritage landscape; or
 - b. Submit a Heritage Impact Statement as set out in this plan if City staff believe that there is the potential for adverse impact on the adjacent heritage resource or inventoried cultural heritage landscape from the proposed development.
25. Heritage Impact Statements are subject to staff review and where it is determined that a cultural heritage landscape will be adversely affected, the City of Vaughan may impose conditions of approval to ensure the long-term conservation of the resource.

