

Cultural Heritage Resource and Public Art Policies

Proposed Vaughan Official Plan



Memorial Hall, Vellore



Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill

Scope of Work

- Unterman McPhail Associates, together with Wayne Morgan Heritage Planner, was retained to:
 - Draft cutting edge cultural heritage resource and public art policies for the City's draft official plan

Policy Development Process

- Review:
 - recent official plan policies in other municipalities
 - Provincial policies – Heritage Act & PPS
 - Vaughan heritage resource inventory
 - Existing Vaughan heritage policies and procedures
- Input from:
 - Vaughan culture and recreation staff
 - the public through OP open houses

Policy Highlights

- Cultural Heritage Resources are important and will be part of the community's future:
 - Vaughan has a wealth of heritage resources:

Individual Residential Properties



Capner House, 10072 Islington Ave.

Agricultural development



Dalziel Barn, 7060 Jane Street

Selection of types of Heritage Resources in Vaughan:

Heritage Conservation Districts



Centre Street, Thornhill

Cultural Heritage Landscapes



Remnants of village of Patterson, Major Mackenzie Dr

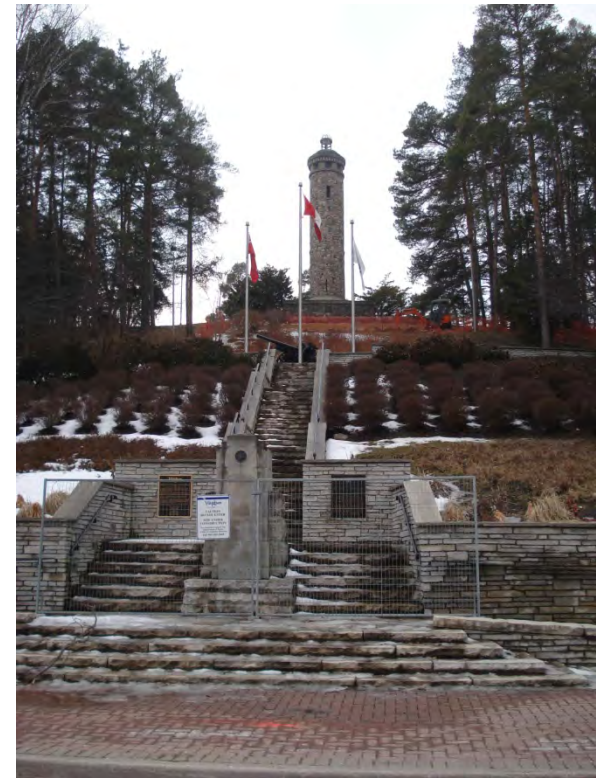
Selection of types of Heritage Resources in Vaughan:

Monuments

Cemeteries



Maple Cemetery, Major Mackenzie Dr



Memorial Hill, Woodbridge

Selection of types of Heritage Resources in Vaughan:

Commercial Properties



Dominion Exchange, Woodbridge

Institutional Properties



Maple Train Station, Station Street, Maple

Policy Highlights

- Supports and Reinforces Council's powers under the Ontario Heritage Act:
 - Listing properties in the Register
 - Delays demolition for Council to consider designation
 - Designation of Individual properties
 - Manage change to those properties
 - Development of minimum maintenance standards
 - Designation of Heritage Conservation Districts
 - Entering into Heritage Easement Agreements

Policy Highlights

- Conservation of Cultural Heritage Resources is part of the Planning Process:
 - Planning applications must consider impact on heritage resources
 - Surveys to identify heritage resources may be required for large developments
 - Heritage Impact Assessments required on or adjacent to heritage resources
 - Council may secure protection and conservation of heritage resources through planning approvals
 - Obtain financial securities from applicant

Policy Highlights

- Reinforces Heritage Conservation Districts:
 - Heritage Character Statements part of OP:
 - Public and private works in District must respect and compliment the District heritage character
 - OP recognizes District Plans and Guidelines:
 - Approvals in Districts will be consistent with District Plan and Guidelines
 - Demolition permits issued only when Council is satisfied replacement conforms to the District Plan

Policy Highlights

- Provides Opportunities to Conserve Cultural Heritage Landscapes:
 - Cultural Heritage Landscape defined:
 - Areas of heritage significance modified by human activities valued by community – may include buildings, structures, spaces, archaeological site and natural elements; e.g., parks, gardens, mainstreets, roadscares, cemeteries, railways, industrial complexes



Example: MacDonald House, 121 Centre Street, Thornhill

Policy Highlights

- Provides Opportunities to Conserve Heritage Character Areas:
 - Heritage Character Areas:
 - Areas such as hamlets, mill sites, older residential neighbourhoods and man-made landscapes where designation under the Heritage Act may not be appropriate but have heritage character
 - Council may require heritage impact assessments for development in heritage character areas
 - Council will develop design guidelines for such areas

Policy Highlights

- Defines Good Heritage Conservation Practice
- Requires alterations/development on or adjacent to heritage resources to conform to good practice:
 - International charters
 - Parks Canada’s Standards and Guidelines
 - Ministry of Cultures 8 guiding principles
 - Respective Heritage Conservation District Plans

Examples:



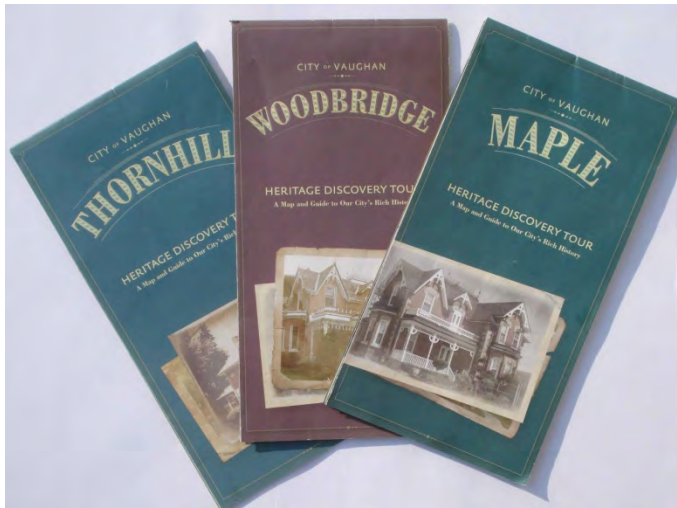
Octagonal House, Maple



Wallace House, Woodbridge

Policy Highlights

- Encourage Public Awareness:
 - Plaquing
 - Involvement of public in decisions
 - Publications
 - Publicly accessible data base
 - Naming of roads and city facilities



Policy Highlights

- City will be a good steward of its own Heritage Resources :
 - Preparing and implementing conservation strategies for each resource
 - Maintaining resources in a state of good repair
 - Securing heritage easement agreements on sale of resource
 - May acquire in whole or part heritage resources



Armstrong House, Thornhill



Noble House, Maple

Policy Highlights

- Encourage provision of public art in publicly accessible places:
 - Promote public art which includes:
 - Murals, paintings, sculptures, foundations, lighting displays, banners, plaques, memorials, gateways, walkways and pavement design
 - Promote Public Art Fund
 - Encourage inclusion of public art in all significant private sector developments
 - Consider including public art as part of infrastructure projects

Policy Highlights

- Prepare management plans for Public Art and the conservation of Cultural Heritage Resources.

Summary

- Adoption and implementation of the proposed policies will provide Council with the tools to conserve its cultural heritage resources and to initiate securing public art