

HALDIMAND COUNTY POLICY No. 2006-03

Subject:

Heritage Haldimand Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee Designation Criteria and Sub-Criteria.

Purpose:

To provide Haldimand County Council with a checklist used by Heritage Haldimand (LACAC) for determining whether or not a property is designation-worthy.

Policy:

The Heritage Haldimand Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) is mandated to advise Council on all matters concerning the preservation of properties/sites/districts/features that are historically sensitive to any cultural identity of Haldimand County. The listed Criteria are the guiding principles for which this committee will meet the terms of its mandate to Council. Heritage Haldimand will review and propose amendments to the criteria in order to meet any future scenarios that might arise. The amendments will be presented to Council for approval.

The property/site/district/feature must have an owner dedicated to its preservation who shows a clear interest in heritage and is applying for designation for no other motive. The site must be able to stand on its own merit.

The property/site/district/feature must have the ability to be occupied or visited, meeting fundamental principles of safety.

A property/site/district/feature must exhibit one of the following (4) four Criteria and must meet at least one of the subsequent Sub-criteria (A-C) to be considered for a Heritage Designation.

Criteria:

1. Having a documented history of being part of an original settlement and/or natural history of the County. For example:
 - A person, family or community may have built or occupied a building, structure or property that had contributed to the history of the local community and/or County, etc. through industry, trade, culture, military or politics.

Or,

2. Having architecture that pertained to a certain era in Ontario's history for which there are known to be few examples remaining. For example:
 - Used unique construction techniques.
 - Used materials that contributed to the development of the community.
 - Having a known architect/builder of importance to the Community's history.

Or,

3. Having archaeological remains either excavated or in the process of excavation by an approved or established scientific body/institution (i.e., Ministry of Culture, Archaeology Branch).

Or,

4. Having a cemetery/burial ground of historic/cultural importance to the community or the County.

Sub-criteria:

And,

- A. Having a 'visual point of reference'. A designation-worthy feature must have a major portion of its original structure/architecture/form visible and intact. (Note: Buildings undergoing renovation will not be considered for designation until the renovation is completed.)

Or,

- B. Having archaeological remains that are confirmed, documented, and preserved.

Or,

- C. Having a street appeal relating to Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act (Heritage Districts).
 - Neat and orderly appearance.
 - Well maintained.
 - Architecture complementary, if not comparable, to the neighbourhood.
 - Landscaping complementary, if not comparable, to its surroundings.