



## REPORT

**REPORT TO:** Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

**REPORT FROM:** Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** November 28, 2020

**REPORT NO.:** PD-2020-0061

**RE:** Endorsement of the Use of Parks Canada's *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*

### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2020-0061, dated November 28, 2020, and titled "Endorsement of the Use of Parks Canada's *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*" be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the use of Parks Canada's *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*, as amended from time to time, as an official document guiding planning, stewardship and conservation approaches for all listed and designated cultural heritage resources within the Town of Halton Hills.

### BACKGROUND:

Parks Canada's *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* ("*Standards and Guidelines*") was initially published in 2003 through the Historic Places Initiative to promote the support and further the goal of heritage conservation. The *Standards and Guidelines* was created as a tool to provide clear and consistent methodology for built heritage, archaeological resources, and cultural landscapes. In 2010, the second edition of the *Standards and Guidelines* was published, expanding upon and clarifying the original 2003 edition.

As the benchmark for heritage conservation in Canada, the *Standards and Guidelines* reflects internationally accepted standards, while the guidelines identify technical approaches for specific resources and materials. Several municipalities throughout Ontario have adopted the *Standards and Guidelines* (including the City of Peterborough, City of Brampton, and City of Toronto), while other municipalities (including the City of London, City of Burlington, and City of Kingston) reference the *Standards and Guidelines* and/or use it as a guiding document to protect cultural heritage resources within their jurisdiction.

The General Standards in the *Standards and Guidelines* are summarized below, while a full excerpt can be found in Appendix A:

- Conserve the heritage value of an historic place;
- Conserve changes to an historic place that may have become important over time;
- Conserve heritage value using minimal intervention;
- Recognize each historic place as a physical record of its time;
- Find a use for an historic place that requires minimal or no change to character-defining elements;
- Protect and stabilize an historic place until subsequent intervention is undertaken;
- Evaluate the condition of character-defining elements to determine most appropriate and gentlest intervention possible;
- Maintain and repair character-defining elements and replace in kind where required; and,
- Interventions should preserve character-defining elements and be compatible with the historic place.

The 2010 edition of the *Standards and Guidelines* can be viewed here:  
<https://www.historicplaces.ca/media/18072/81468-parks-s+g-eng-web2.pdf>.

#### **COMMENTS:**

The *Standards and Guidelines* will ensure clear and transparent decision-making for staff, Council, developers, and property owners and will complement the Town's existing heritage policy framework. Should Council endorse the use of the *Standards and Guidelines* for the Town, it will be referenced for any applications appealed to the Local Area Planning Tribunal for cultural heritage resources within the Town.

Should Council approve the recommendations in this report, the *Standards and Guidelines* will be consistently consulted as part of the development review process and other heritage programs for heritage resources within the Town.

## **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This report directly aligns to the following values in the Strategic Plan 2019-2022:

### Preserve, Protect & Promote our Distinctive History

To preserve the historical urban and rural character of Halton Hills through the conservation and promotion of our built heritage, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeological resources.

### Achieve Sustainable Growth

To ensure that growth is managed so as to ensure a balanced, sustainable, well planned community infrastructure and services to meets the needs of its residents and businesses.

The report is also closely linked with several Focus Areas/Priorities, including Shaping Growth.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

## **CONSULTATION:**

Heritage Halton Hills and staff from Planning and Development were consulted in the preparation of this report.

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

No public engagement was required as part of the preparation of this report.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life. The endorsement of the use of the *Standards and Guidelines* will further the Town's goal of protecting significant heritage buildings and resources. This report supports the Cultural Vibrancy pillar of Sustainability and the theme of Valued Heritage Legacy. In summary, the alignment of this report with the Community Sustainability Strategy is Good.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

The *Standards and Guidelines* will be identified on the Heritage Planning page on the Town's website and will be referenced in future comments for development applications.

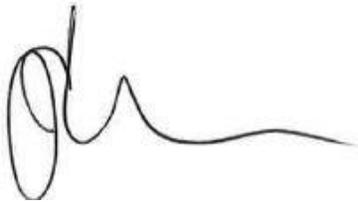
**CONCLUSION:**

Staff request that Council endorse the use of Parks Canada's *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* as an official document guiding planning, stewardship and conservation approaches for all listed and designated heritage resources within the Town of Halton Hills.

Reviewed and Approved by,

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Bronwyn Parker, Director of Planning Policy

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John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning and Development

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be "Chris Mills".

Chris Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer