

3.0 Review and Interpretation

3.1 Review of Activities in the District

3.1.1 Activities subject to review

In accordance with Section 42.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the Goal and Objectives, Policies, and Design Guidelines in this document will be used to review the following types of activities in the District, other than those exempted in Section 3.1.2, below:

- The erection, demolition, or removal of any building or structure, or the alteration of any part of a property other than the interior of a building or structure, other than activities described in Section 3.1.2, below. (A 'Structure' is anything built that is intended to be permanent, such as outbuildings, fences, signs, and infrastructure items such as utility boxes.)
- All matters relating to the City of Vaughan Official Plan, and the regulation of zoning, site plan control, severances, variances, signage, demolitions, building relocation, and planning, urban design and other related studies.
- All municipal public works, such as street lighting, signs, landscaping, tree removal, utility locations, and street and infrastructure improvements.
- All activities of the municipal and regional governments.

The review of activities in the District will primarily focus on work or projects visible from the public realm (i.e., front and visible side elevations of property.)

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3.1.2 Activities exempt from review

In accordance with Section 41.1 (5)(e) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the following classes of alterations that are minor in nature, are not required to obtain a heritage permit, and are not subject to review under this Plan:

- any interior work;
- repair to roof, eavestroughs, chimneys; re-roofing using appropriate material listed in Section 9.8;
- caulking, window repair, weatherstripping, installation of storm doors and windows;
- minor installations, including small satellite dishes, lighting, and flagpoles;
- fencing, patios, garden and tool sheds, gazebos, dog houses and other small outbuildings that are not readily visible from the street;
- planting, and removal of vegetation. Note that removal of trees with 200mm in diameter or larger is regulated by the Private Property Tree Protection By-Law No 185-2007.
- Extension of residential parking pads other than in front or flankage yards.
- Ramps and railings to facilitate accessibility, gates installed for child safety.
- Temporary installations, such as basketball nets, planters, statues, seasonal decorations.
- Repair of utilities and public works, installation of public works that are in compliance with the Guidelines.

To avoid mis-interpretation, owners must consult with Cultural Services staff, and obtain a heritage clearance letter for the above listed activities.

3.2 Contexts for Interpretation

Provisions of the District plan should be considered within the contexts of:

- The Ontario Planning Act,
- The Provincial Policy Statement, and
- Overall municipal objectives and goals.

In accordance with Section 41.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Council may not pass a by-law for any purpose that is contrary to the objectives set out in the Plan. And, in the event of a conflict between the Plan and a municipal bylaw that affects the District, the Plan prevails to the extent of the conflict.