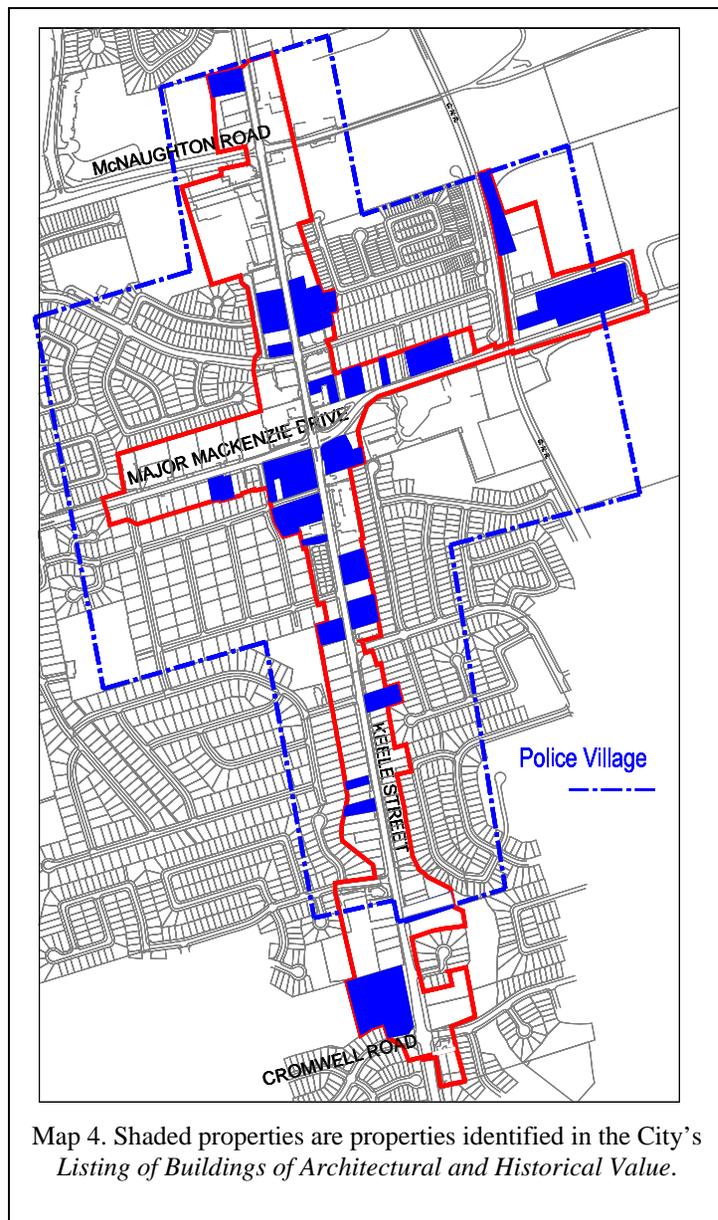


2.0 Heritage Character and Heritage Statements



2.1 Heritage Resources

Within the District there are 51 properties that are identified in the *City of Vaughan Heritage Inventory*. These are all shown as shaded on the map to the left. They provide a general outline of the shape of the old village settlement, which was mostly located along the main roads of Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive. Some of these properties have been researched, examined, and evaluated, and have also been recognized in the *City of Vaughan Listing of Buildings of Architectural and Historical Value*.

The establishment of the Police Village of Maple in 1928 recognized the status of a small but significant settlement, much like what is shown in the 1936 map on page 5. The village didn't grow much in the next 20 years, and a 1955 map shows only a few more buildings added to the south and on Railway Street. The west side of Keele south of Church Street remained largely unbuilt. In the southwest quadrant, Church, Naylor, Jackson, Welton, Oldfield, and Gram Streets were laid out, but only the first blocks of Church and Jackson had houses on them. Even in 1955, most of the land within the Police Village was rural.

There are four properties in the Village of Maple Heritage Conservation District that are individually designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act:

- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 9860 Keele Street,
- Beaverbrook House, 9995 Keele Street,
- Saint Stephen's Anglican Church, 10111 Keele Street,
- Maple Cemetery Vault, 2000 Major Mackenzie Drive.

In addition, the Maple railway station, at 30 Station Street, was designated federally in 1993, under the Heritage Railway Protections Act.

Note: Refer to the Record of the District's Built Form, published in a separate volume, for detailed descriptions of individual properties.

2.0 Heritage Character and Heritage Statements

2.2 Statement of Heritage Value

The Village of Maple is one of four 19th century settlements in the City of Vaughan that could have been considered more than a hamlet. (Two of these, Thornhill and Kleinburg-Nashville, have been made Heritage Conservation Districts.) The Ontario Huron and Simcoe Railway, the first railway in Canada, provided the opportunity for its modest prosperity. The core of the village was always small, with some outlying houses and businesses spaced out along the main roads on the outskirts. Today, Maple has many newer buildings, which have filled in the spaces between earlier ones, and in some cases replaced them. Nonetheless, there is a wealth of 19th and early 20th century buildings, and the character of a village remains evident. Newer development has tended to make design reference to heritage styles, with mixed success. To ensure that existing heritage resources are preserved, and that new development authentically enhances the village character, a Village of Maple Heritage Conservation District is proposed. The proposed District consists of the historic block of Church and Jackson Streets, and properties along the two main roads, roughly to the extent of the old Police Village.

The Village of Maple Heritage Conservation District is a distinct area in the City of Vaughan, characterized by a wealth of heritage buildings, and with many newer buildings that respect the scale and site plan characteristics of a historic village. The heritage character, shown in Sections 4.1 through 4.8 of this Study, is worthy of preservation.

2.3 Statement of Heritage Attributes

The overall heritage attributes are described in the examination in Section 4 of the Study. The heritage attributes of individual buildings are described in the Record of the District's Built Form. The Study and the Record are part of this Plan, but are published in separate volumes.

2.4 Statement of Objectives in Designating the District

2.4.1 Overall Objective

To ensure the retention and conservation of the District's cultural heritage resources and heritage character, and to guide change so that it contributes to, and does not detract from, the District's architectural, historical, and contextual character.