

## 3.0 Heritage Character and Heritage Statements

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### 2.4.2 Objectives for Heritage Buildings

To retain and conserve the heritage buildings identified in the District Plan on Map 4, found on page 8.

To conserve heritage attributes, distinguishing qualities or character of heritage buildings and avoid the removal or alteration of any historic or distinctive architectural feature.

To correct unsympathetic alterations to heritage buildings.

To undertake the restoration of heritage buildings based on a thorough examination of archival and pictorial evidence, physical evidence, and an understanding of the history of the local community.

### 2.4.3 Objectives for Non-Heritage Buildings

To retain and enhance complementary characteristics of non-heritage buildings.

To encourage improvements to non-complementary buildings so that they further enhance the heritage character of the District.

### 2.4.4 Objectives for Landscape/Streetscape

To facilitate the introduction of, as well as conservation of, historic landscape treatments in both the public and private realm.

To preserve trees and mature vegetation, and encourage the planting of species characteristic of the District, where possible. Native urban-tolerant trees are preferred; however, non-indigenous species with compatible forms and characteristics should be allowed in recognition of the harsher urban conditions that now exist.

To introduce landscape, streetscape, and infrastructure improvements that will enhance the heritage character of the District.

### 2.4.5 Objectives for New Development

To ensure compatible infill construction that will enhance the District's heritage character and complement the area's village-like, human scale of development, while promoting densities sufficient to secure the District's future economic viability.

To guide the design of new development to be sympathetic and compatible with the heritage resources and character of the District while providing for contemporary needs.

### 2.4.6 Objectives for Community Support

To foster community support, pride and appreciation of the heritage buildings, landscapes, and character of the District, and promote the need to conserve these resources for future generations.

To facilitate public participation and involvement in the conservation of heritage resources and further development of the District.

To offer assistance and incentives to individual heritage property owners to encourage the use of proper conservation approaches when undertaking improvement projects.

### 2.4.7 Business/Tourism

To work with owners in the Commercial Core to maintain a progressive and competitive business environment while at the same time protecting the heritage attributes of the District that make the area a unique and distinctive shopping environment.

To acknowledge that the Heritage District is an asset that contributes to the commercial success of the District and the larger municipality.

## 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 below). In particular, as it relates to the review and approval of a Heritage Permit application:

- 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, and building relocation.
- 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.

#### 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 outbuildings that do not require a Building Permit and are not readily visible from the street;
- planting, and removal of trees smaller than 200mm caliper, measured at 1.5m above the ground, and any other vegetation on private property;
- Extension of residential parking pads other than in front or flankage yards;
- Ramps and railings to facilitate accessibility, gates installed for child safety that are located in such a manner as to not be visible from the public domain;
- Temporary installations, such as basketball nets, planters, statues, seasonal decorations; and
- Repair of utilities and public works, installation of public works that are in compliance with the Guidelines.

### 3.2 Contexts for Interpretation

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

- 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 Heritage Conservation District Plan. 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.

