

Official Policy Documents

Provincial

- [Ontario Regulation 9/06](#) Criteria for determining whether a property is of cultural heritage value or interest, worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.
- [Ontario Heritage Toolkit](#). A series of guides on the heritage conservation process for municipal councils, municipal staff, Municipal Heritage Committees, land use planners, heritage professionals, heritage organizations, and property owners.
- [Ontario Heritage Act](#) Provisions related to archaeology and built heritage protection.
- [Provincial Policy Statement](#) Provides provincial policy direction on land use planning.
- [Ontario Heritage Property Guidelines](#) A guide to municipalities for by-laws to designate properties of cultural heritage value or interest.
- [Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe](#) A policy document that outlines the challenges of growth, including public open space, agriculture, cultural heritage resources, mineral aggregate resources, conservation and climate change.
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Region of Waterloo

- [Region of Waterloo Official Plan](#) The region's Official Plan guiding or directing growth and change for the next 20 years (dated 2015). Note that you need to click on the line: Regional Official Plan and then on each section of the document.

City of Kitchener

- [Kitchener Official Plan](#) A pdf document on policy guiding planning in the City of Kitchener. This Plan incorporates the policy and regulatory framework established by the Province, as outlined in the Provincial Policy Statement, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, Provincial legislation and the Regional Plan.
- [City of Kitchener Heritage Properties and Districts](#)
 - Heritage Conservation Districts
 - Heritage Registry
 - Kitchener Cultural Heritage Landscapes Study (examines the historical integrity and early development pattern of our city by way of an inventory of our cultural heritage landscapes.
 - Kitchener Heritage Conservation District Plans, including:

St. Mary's: Significant architecture and suburban landscapes unique to the post World War II housing character associated with the area.

Upper Doon: Architecture and landscapes unique to the rural character associated with the former village of Doon.

Victoria Park: Victorian architecture and romantic landscapes that are unique to the Victoria Park neighbourhood. A self-guided tour of the Victoria Park heritage conservation district is available, if you're interested in learning more about this historic community.

Civic Centre: The Civic Centre neighbourhood is linked to several key periods in our city's development, and contains many buildings associated with important business people and community leaders.

- [Kitchener Comprehensive review of the zoning by-law \(CRoZBy\)](#) A review of new zoning regulations that have been under review since 2015.
- [Urban Design](#) Policies relating to both our natural and built spaces, blending architecture, landscape and planning practices together responsibly to make our urban areas unique, functional and attractive. Divided into three parts.
- [Kitchener Residential Intensification in Established Neighbourhoods](#) (final staff report) Study An examination of the role of residential intensification in established neighbourhoods in light of the City's current planning framework that promotes intensification and directs intensification to take place primarily (but not exclusively) in its intensification areas that include the downtown area (Urban Growth Centre), nodes and corridors (2017).

City of Waterloo

- [Waterloo Official Plan](#) The official plan contains the goals and objectives of the community and establishes the policies that direct our city's form, extent, nature, and rate of growth and change to 2031.
- [Zoning Bylaw](#) By-laws to implement the City of Waterloo's Official Plan, create simplified and modern zoning regulations, align zoning with best practices, and facilitate the City's urban design objectives.
- [Uptown Waterloo Public Realm Strategy](#) Examination of the spaces between the buildings in uptown - streets, parks and other areas - to consider how we can find opportunities for new spaces or to improve existing spaces. Undertaken in 2018-2019.
- [MacGregor Albert Heritage Conservation District Plan](#) The MacGregor-Albert neighbourhood is the City of Waterloo's first heritage conservation district, with many architecturally and historically significant buildings.
- [Municipal Heritage Registry](#). A registry of properties designated under Part IV (individual) or Part V (heritage conservation districts) of the Ontario Heritage Act as well as non-designated properties of cultural heritage value or interest.
- [Cultural Heritage Landscape Study](#). Begun in 2017, the study is underway and will provide an inventory when completed.

Registration of Heritage Properties

- [Ontario Municipal Register of Heritage Properties](#). This document provides information about the registration process under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- [National Registry of Historic Places](#). A searchable database of heritage places that may not appear on municipal registries.
- [Township of Woolwich Municipal Heritage Register](#).
- [Township of Wellesley Designated Properties](#). This registry from the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society has photographs of the designated properties.
- [Township of Wilmot Heritage Properties](#). The registry has photographs and detailed descriptions of the properties.