

Updated Heritage Conservation District Plan for the Lowertown West HCD

Drop-in Open House
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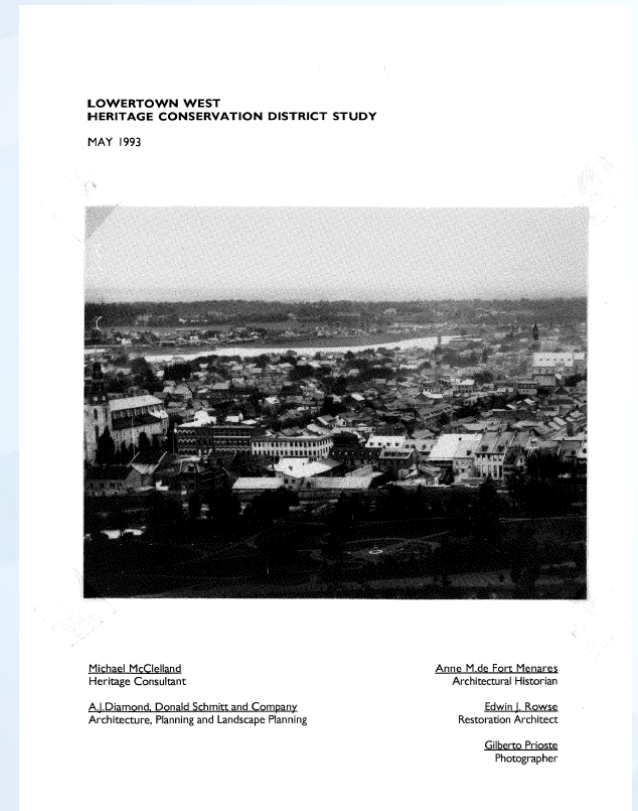
Agenda

- Welcome!
- Councillor Remarks
- Brief Presentation
- Review the Boards and Ask Questions of Staff
- Wrap Up 7:50pm



Background

- The Lowertown West Heritage Conservation District (HCD) was studied and evaluated in 1993 and designated in 1994. At the time, Council adopted a set of guidelines for managing change.
- In 2005, the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) was amended, making an hcd plan a requirement for new HCDs, and allowing municipalities to adopt hcd plans for existing hcds.
- The OHA now outlines required components that must be included in an hcd plan.
- Since 2015, the City has been prioritizing adopting new hcd plans for existing hcds



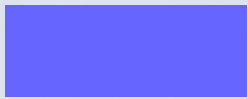
Goals of the project

1. Update and replace the existing guidelines for the Lowertown West HCD with a new HCD Plan
2. Update the inventory of properties within the boundaries of the HCD

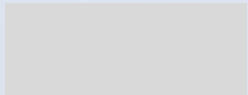
Highlights of the Plan

- Updated Statement of Cultural Heritage Value and List of Attributes
- List of Objectives to outline the goals of the HCD Plan
- Provides clear direction and guidance for making the most common types of alterations
 - “Policies” = required and enabling ; “Guidelines” = more flexibility and discretion
- Outlines how applications will be reviewed and when a heritage permit is necessary
 - List of types of changes that do not require a heritage permit

Inventory



Contributing



Non-contributing



5 Big 'Take Aways'

1. The Lowertown West HCD is already designated, so the only change for property owners in the HCD is that the new HCD plan will replace the existing guidelines.
2. All properties within the boundaries of the HCD remain designated. Most exterior changes will still require a heritage permit.
3. The new HCD Plan lists many types of changes that do not require a heritage permit at all. If you are planning any changes, please contact heritage staff to determine what is required.
4. The goal of the HCD is not to freeze the area in time; the Plan provides for how changes and new construction can be completed sensitively and compatibly.
5. If your property is categorized as a "contributing" property, restoration work could be eligible for the City's Heritage Grant Program.

What happens next?



- Receive Feedback + Engagement – All Summer
- Statutory Public Meeting of Built Heritage Committee - Fall 2023
- Council Meeting-Fall 2023
- Possible appeals

How can you participate?

- Chat with staff this evening, ask questions and let us know what you think!
- Follow up after with more questions or comments on the draft by emailing heritage@ottawa.ca
- Chat one-on-one with heritage staff by registering for a virtual “office hour” session at heritage@ottawa.ca
- Sign up for the project email list to stay in the loop!
- Attend the Built Heritage Committee Meeting later this fall



Thank you for coming!

For more information, please visit
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