

MEMORANDUM

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Community Design Advisory Committee

From: Stephen Terauds, Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee

Date: July 10, 2013

Subject: **Draft Regional Plan, Chapter 7: Culture & Heritage**

At the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of April 24, 2013, the Committee reviewed Draft 1 of Chapter 7 (Culture & Heritage), and at the May 22, 2013 and June 26, 2013 meetings, the Committee reviewed Draft 2. For your information, below is a summary of the conclusions that the Committee agreed to with respect to the proposed revisions to the Regional Plan:

1. The Committee requests the addition of a clear statement espousing that the “Municipality shall consider ways in which it can lead by example in the area of heritage planning, preservation, conservation, and enhancement.
2. The Committee requests that the language of the chapter be strengthened with the intent of making it more definitive. For example, the Committee finds the use of words like “consider” or “may” to be particularly weak.
3. (Draft Policy CH-5) The Heritage Advisory Committee supports the adoption of the *Federal Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*, understanding that they will replace the current Municipal Heritage Building Conservation Standards. The Committee is in favour as it finds that the *Federal Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* are Canadian and developed in a pan-Canadian process that involved multiple stakeholders from multiple jurisdictions. The Committee finds that the *Federal Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* provide clearer indications of intent. The Committee is also of the opinion that the guidelines, in particular, provide detail and examples that clarify appropriate application of the *Federal Standards and*

Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada helping to provide consistent guidance to Staff, the Heritage Advisory Committee, potential proponents, and Council.

4. The Committee is comfortable that “Character Defining Elements” are not currently identified for all properties in the Municipality’s Registry of Heritage Properties.
 - a. The Committee requests the addition of a clear policy that the Heritage Property Registry be updated with “Character Defining Elements” on an ongoing basis, understanding that the listed elements are not intended to be final and all-encompassing.
 - b. The Committee requests the addition of a clear policy that requires all new registrations in the Municipality’s Heritage Property Registry to include a list of “Character Defining Elements,” understanding that the listed elements are not intended to be final and all-encompassing.
 - c. The Committee requests the addition of a clear policy that requires all new registrations in the Municipality’s Heritage Property Registry to include a “Statement of Heritage Value,” understanding that statements are not intended to be final and all-encompassing.
5. (Draft Policy CH-13) The Committee requests that the negative comments about replication in the preamble be removed, the last sentence to read: “It is the intent of this policy to require innovative design solutions that incorporate architecture, place-making, and material selection of the highest quality and that are appropriate in relation to abutting properties.”
6. (Draft Policy CH-13) The Committee requests the inclusion of “CH-13 (a) (iv): do not create a false sense of historical development.” To clarify that new developments respect existing heritage character by providing accurate portrayals of development timelines.

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