



TOWN OF AURORA

GUIDE TO PROPERTIES LISTED ON THE AURORA REGISTER OF PROPERTIES OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

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1.0 Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* requires Municipalities to maintain a Municipal Register that includes key information on all properties which have been designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. In the Town of Aurora, this is referred to as the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (the Aurora Register). The Aurora Register also includes non-designated properties that have cultural heritage value or interest. These are called “Listed” properties. This list is formulated with the assistance of Town Staff and the Heritage Advisory Committee of Aurora. All properties included on the Aurora Register are endorsed by Town Council.

2.0 Properties Listed on the Aurora Register

Currently, the Register includes approximately 650 Designated and Listed Properties. This includes properties which are designated under Part IV and Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

3.0 Purpose of Properties Listed on the Aurora Register

When a property is listed on the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest it means that the property is identified as having cultural heritage value or interest. This value can be related to design/architectural, associative/historical, or contextual value.

4.0 Implications of Properties Listed on the Aurora Register

The principal implication for Properties Listed on the Register is that the Owner is required to notify Aurora Town Council in writing of the intention to demolish or remove any building or structure on the property. Council has sixty (60) days to consider the Notice. All Applications are brought forward to the Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee to provide recommendation to Council.

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5.0 Heritage Permits Requirements for Alterations to Listed Properties

Properties that are listed on the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest do not require Heritage Permits. However, other permits or approvals may be required. Please contact our Building Division before any proposed work is carried out.

6.0 Determination of Cultural Heritage Value

The Cultural Heritage Value of the property is assessed by the Town of Aurora Heritage Evaluation Working Group as a Sub-Committee of the Heritage Advisory Committee. The Evaluation Working Group assists in the evaluation of the cultural heritage value of the property as it relates to design/architectural value, associative/historical value, and contextual value. This Evaluation is brought forward to the Heritage Advisory Committee to provide recommendation to Council.

7.0 Significance of Listed Properties vs. Designated Properties

Properties which are listed on the Aurora Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest are not necessarily any less significant than properties which are designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. In some cases, listed properties may be considered for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act* as a measure of protection against demolition and unsympathetic alteration.

8.0 Wooden Plaque for Listed Properties

The Wooden Plaque Program allows owners of listed properties to apply for a wooden plaque. These plaques are available at no cost to the owner. For more information, please refer to the Wood Plaque Program Guide or contact Heritage Planning.

9.0 Designation of Properties under the *Ontario Heritage Act*

If you are interested in applying to designate your property under Part IV the *Ontario Heritage Act*, please contact Heritage Planning. More information can be found in the Town of Aurora Heritage Designation Guide.