

Get to know the Heritage Advisory Committee



Much of the work in protecting heritage, be it a building, or remembering important individuals is done by the volunteers of our Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC). They ensure as we grow into the future our past is not forgotten.

Did you know...

- The City has two volunteer heritage committees, both working under the guidance of the Ontario Heritage Act:
 - A Heritage Advisory Committee made up of nine members, handling general heritage issues.
 - A Heritage Permit Advisory Committee made up of seven members that makes recommendations to Council on heritage permits for proposed work on heritage buildings.
- St. Catharines is one of many municipalities in Ontario that has a designated Heritage Planner on staff. The planner provides professional guidance and advice to property owners looking to make changes to their properties, in addition to supporting the committees.





- St. Catharines has four Heritage Districts: Old Port Dalhousie, the Queen Street area, Yates Street Neighbourhoods and Power Glen. Heritage Districts are whole areas with a heritage designation, meaning changes to buildings must meet appropriate guidelines and be approved by the committee and Council.
- The City of St. Catharines has a Heritage Register with approximately 1000 properties. Properties are added to the Register on a regular basis based on their architectural and historical significance. The HAC has a list of over 600 pre-1876 structures of historical architectural significance for further research.
- The HAC also maintains a working list of significant individuals of historical importance, to be consulted when naming parks, streets and buildings. For instance, Neil Peart has been on this list for years.
- The HAC is part of the process of providing homeowners with grants for conservation work.
 The Heritage Grant Program is administered on a first come-first serve basis and property owners can receive a matching grant of up to \$5,000 for restoration work on their heritage property.
- The Committee helps to commemorate significant sites in the city, such as the B.M.E. Church and pioneer cemeteries.
- ① Old Merritton Town Hall ② 20-22 Academy St.
- 3. Lock Street Brewing Port Dalhousie
- 4 321 St. Paul St. 5 344 Glendale Ave.
- 6 Former First United Church 7 B.M.E. Church



1. Rodman Hall 2. Brown Homestead 3. Power Glen Heritage District. 4. Star of the Sea Church

Want to learn more?

Check out these online resources:

- 1. The St. Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee: www.stcatharines.ca/HeritageAdvisoryCommittee
- 2. The Ontario Heritage Tool Kit: www.stcatharines.ca/HeritageToolkit
- 3. Heritage Designated Property Grants: www.stcatharines.ca/HeritageGrants
- 4. St. Catharines Heritage Properties: www.stcatharines.ca/HeritageInventory



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