

Typically, the types of proposals that will require a heritage permit include, but are not limited to, the following projects:

- Any changes or additions that affect the external appearance
- New or different cladding materials (wall or roof treatment)
- Masonry cleaning
- Awning and lamp installation
- Changes to architectural decorations, including a change of paint colour
- Any new or changes to signage (these are also subject to the requirements of the Town's Sign By-law)
- New doors and windows

Projects that would not typically require a heritage permit include:

- Any interior work, unless it affects the external appearance
- Repair of broken window panes
- Weatherstripping
- Eavestrough, roof or chimney repair
- Installation of storm windows and doors
- External repairs that are not readily visible from the street

The above are just examples of changes. Contact the Planning Department for more information on heritage permits or to obtain a copy of the Heritage District Guidelines.

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Downtown Orangeville

Heritage Conservation District

Questions and answers for property owners and tenants within the district



Preserving Orangeville's unique character

What is a Heritage District?

Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act enables the council of a municipality to designate the entire municipality or any defined area or areas of the municipality as a Heritage Conservation District (HCD).

Orangeville Town Council enacted a by-law in 2002 designating a portion of the Orangeville Central Business District as a Heritage Conservation District. This designation plays an important role in protecting the downtown's diverse and rich heritage of 19th century buildings.

What are the advantages of a Heritage District designation?

HCDs form an integral part of our cultural heritage and contribute to an understanding and appreciation of the cultural identity of the local community and region. Designation has been shown to increase property values, and promote a sense of pride and community.

District designation enables the council of a municipality to manage and guide future change in the district through policies and guidelines for conservation, protection and enhancement of the area's special character.

What is a heritage permit and when do I need one?

To protect the HCD, property owners within the district must apply for a heritage permit whenever proposed changes are to be made which affect any portion of the building that is visible from the street. The Town's Heritage District Guidelines provide directions on what changes are considered appropriate.

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