

Recommended Heritage Attributes for the Ontario Reformatory HCD

As the Ontario Reformatory property at 785 York Road has already been designated under section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act and is recognized as containing a Provincially significant cultural heritage landscape, some heritage attributes have been adapted from Statements of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest outlined in previous designation documents.

Heritage attributes that have been recommended as supporting the cultural heritage value or interest of the Ontario Reformatory HCD include the list below as well as the more detailed inventory and description of heritage attributes provided in a table from the HCD Study Property Information Database. These heritage attributes are identified by unique numbers on the Heritage Character Area mapping in the HCD Study report.

- Organization of the area as a whole into a hierarchy of spaces and functional uses;
- Location of the main Reformatory complex at the top of a hill with open areas and clear sight lines;
- Clustered thematic uses;
- Interconnected historic buildings;
- Functional qualities of the HCD area that are associated with the prison use including the placement of the Administration Building and an internal loop system of basement level and above-ground passages between buildings providing alternative access and observation points for staff;
- Quadrangle arrangement of the main structures resembling an educational institution;
- Beaux-Arts design attributed to architect John M. Lyle and the City Beautiful movement;
- Residential appearance of Willowbank Hall (formerly the Engineer's Residence) and the Superintendent's Residence;
- Public and internal road and trail patterns within the HCD boundary;
- Ornamental landscape features including the stone walls, fences, stairs, gates, terraced gardens, gate posts, and bridges;
- Mature tree plantings;
- Ponds and watercourses

919 York Road (Matthews farmhouse):

- Single-storey stone residence with hipped roof;
- Stone shed outbuilding; and
- Stone gate on York Road leading to Matthews farmhouse and the original north access road to the Reformatory buildings.

The Rocks:

- Former Reformatory quarry area (now part of 80 Dunlop Drive) consisting of three quarry faces and remnant mining infrastructure.
- Reformatory wood trestle railway bridge over the Eramosa River.

McQuillan's Bridge

- Single-span bowstring arch bridge carrying a footpath over the Eramosa River; "1916" date stamp located on the cross brace.

Ontario Reformatory HCD Property Information Database Inventory

CULTURAL HERITAGE ATTRIBUTES

No.	Heritage Attribute Name	Heritage Attribute Type	Existing Protection	Notes
1	Concrete and stone weir	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	
2	Open meadow/swamp area	Landform/Topography	No Protection	Park is an open meadow swamp area. Small bridge path over creek into large pond. Native plantings.
3	Path along road and water feature	Drives, Trails and Paths	No Protection	Streaming water feature, small rock waterfall, walking bridge on opposite side of stream, pathway, tree line.
4	Limestone pillars of fence	Gates & Fences	No Protection	
5	Fieldstone weir	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation
6	Large Pond (north)	Water Bodies	Part IV	Former trout pond. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
7	Swampy path	Landform/Topography	No Protection	Narrow area between two water bodies. Open views.
8	Large pond (south)	Water Bodies	Part IV	Former trout pond. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
9	Fieldstone weir	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
10	Fieldstone weir and culvert	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
11	Fieldstone weir	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
12	Wing wall with sentinel (west)	Site Walls	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
13	Wing wall with sentinel (east)	Site Walls	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.

14	Gateway entry - Stone wall	Gates & Fences	Part IV	Field stone wall leading into entry with bridge over stream. The stone wall is newer surrounded by evergreen vegetation with a delineated tree line vantage point that leads up the paved pathway. The stream buffers the stonewall. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
15	Main entrance road bridge	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	York Road entrance bridge. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
16	Stone weir (riffle)	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
17	Stone steps	Drives, Trails and Paths	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
18	Fieldstone weir with cut stone terrace wall	Built Heritage Resource/Site Walls	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
19	Stone entrance sign	Landmark Feature/ Focal Point	No Protection	
20	West field wall (ashlar)	Site Walls	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
21	Curving main entrance road lined with mature trees	Drives, Trails and Paths	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
22	Start of west fieldstone wall	Site Walls	Part IV	Historical wall with distinctive tree line running along its entirety. It is an entry vantage point with views to an open field and lawn beyond the stonewall and pathways leading in many directions. The wall curves along the landscape with a 15 foot offset from the path to the wall. There is a distinctive tree line between with perennials and some larger shrubs. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.

23	Open vantage point	Vantage Point	No Protection	View to the large pond when looking to the right side of the path. The left side of the path is an open field. A variety of trees are visible but the view is open to the pond.
24	West gate to north field	Gates & Fences	Part IV	Gate constructed of fieldstone and sentinel stones. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
25	End of entry stonewall	Site Walls	Part IV	End of stonewall leads into large open meadow just before a small bridge crossover wall starts to run into the meadow area. A large opening into the meadow has tire tracks and a walking path. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
26	Small pond	Water Bodies	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
27	Concrete bridge over water - Culvert Area	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Arts and Crafts style bridge over flowing water in the culverted area. Generally calm water body with streaming water going through a dam and under the bridge leading into another water body. A number of cedar shrub plantings, cedar trees and dogwood, and some dead brush along the stream, narrowing focal points on either side of the bridge. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.

28	Start of wall #2 fieldstone	Site Walls	Part IV	Pathway leading beside the fieldstone wall aligns with main pathways and trees aligned in rows moving up the large pathed walkway. On the opposite side of the pathed walkway is a smaller stone wall that looks to be buried into the side of a small hill embankment along the waterbody. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
29	Path through water bodies	Drives, Trails and Paths	Part IV	There is a break in the stone wall looking out to the large ponds. A small bridge crosses the small canal. Evergreens are located along the large pond. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
30	Small pond	Water Bodies	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
31	Arched, stone foot bridge	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
32	Overlooking pond	Vantage Point	No Protection	Open path and water. Path is between the large ponds.
33	Concrete pumping chamber at large pond	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	
34	Path Fork and Building Views	Drives, Trails and Paths	No Protection	There is a fork in the pathway with one side closed by cinder blocks. The paved walkway open to the left has large fieldstones leading to a view at the open hilltop with buildings. Large trees spaced about 20 feet apart lead up the hill and provoke a sense of entry.
35	Stone retaining wall meets fieldstone wall	Site Walls	Part IV	A small retaining wall meets the fieldstone wall and leads to a lawn path and branches off the newer paved path. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.

36	Distinctive tree line	Distinctive Trees	Part IV	Unique tree line encircles the open lawn space in a circle. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
37	Land change - stone retaining walls	Landform/Topography/ Site Walls	Part IV	A change in grade is notable near the stone retaining walls with steps and cultivated gardens. There is a meadow to stone field wall to lawn path, following from the first linear stone wall that curves around the path to the second open lawn space and then into another linear retaining wall. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
38	Historical dwelling with open lawn space and stone wall running adjacent to dwelling	Landform/Topography/ Site Walls	Part IV	Shrubs and feature trees in this location. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
39	Confluence of creek and intermittent stream	Water Bodies	No Protection	
40	Fieldstone weir and steps	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
41	Curved, cut stone terrace wall	Site Walls	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
42	Fieldstone weir	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
43	Fieldstone weir beside gabion basket	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
44	Fieldstone weir	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
45	Tree row	Distinctive Trees	Part IV	Tree row between the meadowed area feels like rolling meadow hills. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
46	Large boulder	Natural Heritage Resource	No Protection	

47	Fieldstone steps	Drives, Trails and Paths	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
48	Fieldstone weir with clay pipes	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
49	Fieldstone steps with weir and sentinel stones	Drives, Trails and Paths/Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
50	North entrance gate (stone)	Gates & Fences	Listed	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
51	North access road	Drives, Trails and Paths	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
52	Stone terrace wall	Site Walls	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
53	Farmhouse laneway	Drives, Trails and Paths	Listed	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
54	North field wall opening into meadow	Site Walls	Part IV	Opening in wall of fieldstone and sentinel stones. The wall is buried into the hillside formation along the meadow. At the break in the wall, a new wall starts and is above grade. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
55	East gate to north field	Gates & Fences	Part IV	Open gate (constructed of fieldstone and sentinel stones) along the path. Looking into meadow and Reformatory buildings beyond. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
56	Stone wall leading into meadow	Site Walls	Part IV	Stone wall with large distinctive trees leading up and around. Open meadow beyond the field stone wall. Distinctive like the walls seen at the entry of the site. Lots of foot paths branching off. Appears to be an old vehicle trail. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.

57	Marsh/meadow path	Landform/Topography	No Protection	The footpath appears to be well used and surrounded by patches of shrubs and trees. The Reformatory buildings can be seen. May be a historic path.
58	Swamp/marsh area	Landform/Topography	No Protection	Swamp/marsh area at forked pathway outside of the gated Reformatory. Features native shrubs and vegetation.
59	Agricultural View	Vantage Point	No Protection	Feels like an agricultural path behind a farm field, secluded by layers of different types of vegetation. Features a cedar hedge then a swamp culvert, a path and small shrub line and finally a gated area.
60	Forked foot path	Drives, Trails and Paths	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
61	Start of footpath along marsh	Drives, Trails and Paths	No Protection	Footpath branching off of the Reformatory gated area. The fencing is high and inside appears to be a mowed lawn.
62	Reformatory hillside	Landform/Topography	Part IV	The Reformatory can be seen rising up the hillside, following the tree row up the hill. The vantage point beyond features the swamp/marsh area. Small footpaths are located in view. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
63	Former roadway	Drives, Trails and Paths	Part IV	Open vantage point to an unpaved road with tire marks and trees along one side and a stone wall on the other with an open meadow beyond. The roadway is located just outside of the Reformatory complex of buildings. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
64	Small pond	Water Bodies	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.

65	Entry to Reformatory buildings	Vantage Point	Part IV	The entry to the Reformatory is grand and distinct with an entry roundabout with branching drive paths paved on either side of the Administration Building. There is more tree build-up than open lawn space. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
66	Circular termination of entrance road at Administration Building	Drives, Trails and Paths	Part IV	Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
67	Area approaching Administration Building	Vantage Point	Part IV	Contains a number of monumental features. The landscape wraps around the Administration Building with lawn and healthy tree vegetation, as well as defining shrubs, flagpoles and a garden bed before the entrance. Gated areas around the building are inaccessible. Overgrown paved areas, likely once parking lots, flank the building. Light poles are placed along the path and around the building. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
68	Gated entry	Gates & Fences	Part IV	Distinctive stone pillars with chain-link fencing coming up to either side but not attached. Trees leading into the entry on both sides. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.
69	Pedestrian path - unpaved to large pond	Drives, Trails and Paths	Part IV	Well-used, unpaved pedestrian-made path with segments of tree types along the top of the hill and along the bottom. Can see glimpses of the south large pond through the trees. Referenced in 785 York Road Part IV designation.

70	Entry to gated area	Gates & Fences	No Protection	This area features a distinctive tree row along the top of the bank, then open lawn with distinctive mature trees carried through the path and site. The area is not accessible by vehicles. The gated area contains abandoned historical buildings and a parking lot to the right. Views to the open meadow area can be seen from here.
71	Spur Line (CPR)	Drives, Trails and Paths	No Protection	
72	Crusher	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	Remnants
73	Quarry Area No. 1	Landform/Topography	Listed	
74	Lime plant	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	Remnants
75	Quarry Area No. 2	Landform/Topography	Listed	
76	Concrete base of stone loader	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	Remnants
77	Quarry Site No. 3	Landform/Topography	Listed	
78	Timber retaining wall	Site Walls	No Protection	
79	Main Corridor	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Main Corridor is comprised of the Corridor (B13421); Tower & Main Corridor (B13431); K Corridor (B13437)
80	Administration Building	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	IO Building number is B13430
81	B Cells	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	IO Building number is B13432
82	B Dormitory	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	IO Building number is B13433
83	C Cells	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	IO Building number is B13434
84	C Dormitory	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	IO Building number is B13435
85	D Cells	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13436
86	Staff Dining Hall	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13438

87	Assessment Centre Corridor	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13439
88	Assessment Centre	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13440
89	Library & Canteen	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	IO Building number is B13441
90	Large Dining Hall	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	IO Building number is B13442
91	Kitchen	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13443
92	Clothing Dispensary	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13444
93	Assembly Hall	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13445
94	Recreation Hall (New Gym)	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13446
95	Chapel	Built Heritage Resource	Listed	IO Building number is B13447
96	Services Tunnel	Built Heritage Resource	Listed	IO Building number is B13448
97	Woolen Mill Building	Built Heritage Resource	Listed	IO Building number is B13449
98	Machine Shop Building	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	IO Building number is B13450
99	Powerhouse & Chimney Stack	Built Heritage Resource	Listed	IO Building number is B13451
100	Cannery Storage	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13454
101	Wood Kiln Building	Built Heritage Resource	Listed	IO Building number is B13455
102	Planing Mill & Stores	Built Heritage Resource	Listed	IO Building number is B13456
103	Oil & Cement Shed	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13457
104	Stores Building	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13459
105	Implement Building 2	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13461
106	Implement Building 1	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13462
107	Green House	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	IO Building number is B13465
108	Greenhouse Stores	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13467

109	Services Building	Built Heritage Resource	No Protection	IO Building number is B13469
110	Willowbank Hall	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	IO Building number is B13498
111	Superintendent's Residence	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	IO Building number is B13499
112	Matthews Farmhouse and Shed	Built Heritage Resource	Listed	Located at 919 York Road
113	Wood Trestle Bridge	Built Heritage Resource	Listed	
114	McQuillan's Bridge	Built Heritage Resource	Part IV	Also known as Stone Road Bridge