

More Homes Built Faster Act: Impact on Heritage Planning in Guelph

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Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) Changes

In effect January 1, 2023.

1. Changes to Municipal Register
 - Prescribed Criteria for Listing
 - De-Listing of non-Designated Properties after 2 years
2. Designation and Prescribed Events
3. Part IV and V Designation Criteria
4. Provincial Standards and Guidelines

Changes to Municipal Register: De-Listing of non-Designated Properties

- Non-designated properties listed in the Register will be removed on the second anniversary of their listing, or on the second anniversary of Bill 23 coming into force (Jan. 1, 2025)
- Council is not required to consult Heritage Committees before removing property under S.27(14-16)

Designation and Prescribed Events

- Property removed from the register will not be eligible for re-listing for a period of five years
- If a prescribed event occurs, Council may give a Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID) only if the property is listed in the register under subsection 27 as of the date of the prescribed event.
- Non-listed Couling properties cannot be designated in response to demolition applications

Part IV and Part V Designation Criteria

- Part IV designations must meet 2 of the criteria outlined in O. Reg 569/22
- For Part V Heritage Conservation Districts:
 - 25% of properties in Heritage Conservation Districts must meet 2 of the criteria
 - This has the likely effect of restricting the size of HCDs
 - Increases research required in HCD study

Ontario Heritage Act Links:

[Ontario Heritage Act](#)

[Part IV & 5 Designation Criteria - O. Reg
569/22](#)

[Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation
of Provincial Heritage Properties](#)

Exemption from Provincial Standards and Guidelines

- OHA, Part III, s. 25 (7): The Provincial Government is not required to comply with heritage standards and guidelines if such an exemption could advance provincial priorities
- Provincial Priorities:
 - Transit
 - Housing
 - Health and Long-Term Care
 - Other infrastructure
 - Such other priorities as may be prescribed

Questions?