



Ward West Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Study

Council Meeting

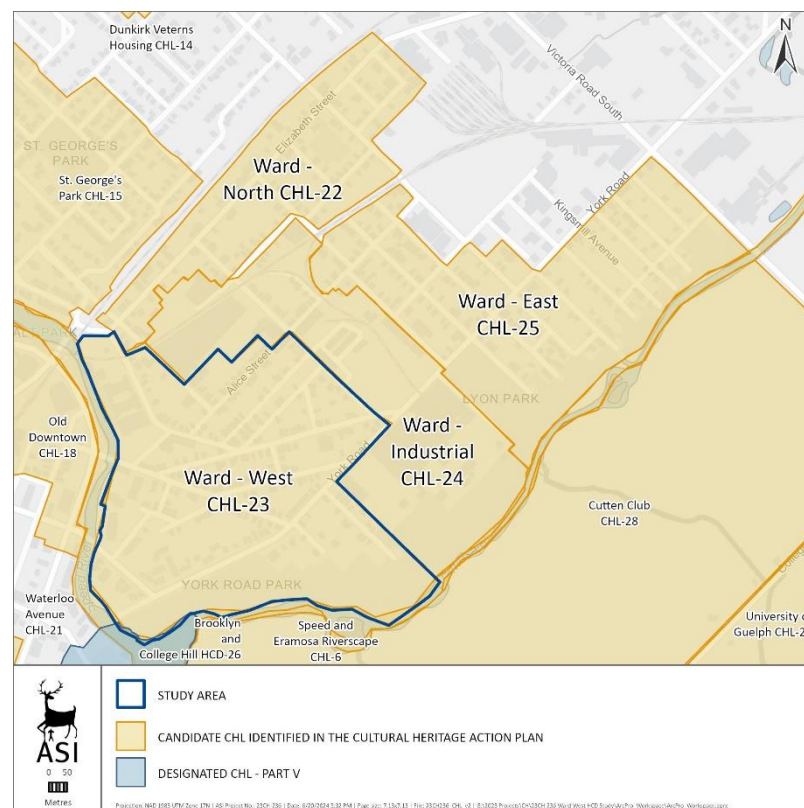
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Study Area

In 2020, the Cultural Heritage Action Plan identified 29 candidate cultural heritage landscapes (C.H.L.s) throughout the City and four separate C.H.L.s within The Ward neighbourhood:

- Ward North
- Ward West
- Ward Industrial
- Ward East

Ward West C.H.L. is the focus of the H.C.D. Study.

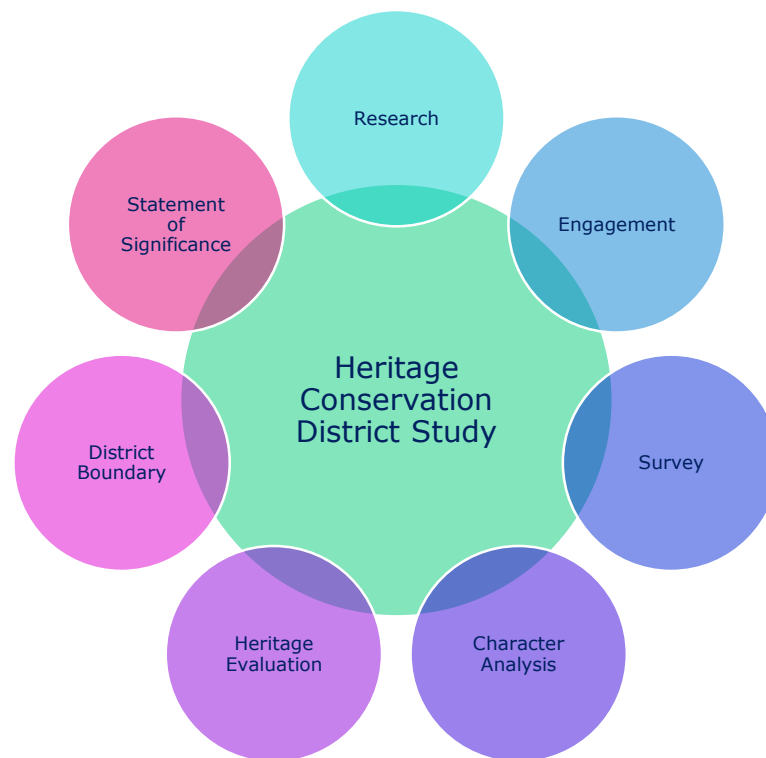


What is a Heritage Conservation District?

A **Heritage Conservation District** creates a heritage-sensitive framework to guide future development.

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A **Heritage Conservation District Study** has been undertaken to determine the suitability of a district in Ward West.



Engagement

Who we talked to...

Heritage
 Guelph

Ward West
 Working
 Group

General
 Public

Indigenous
 Nations

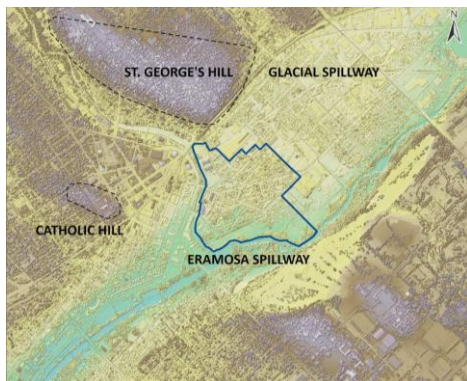


The community values...

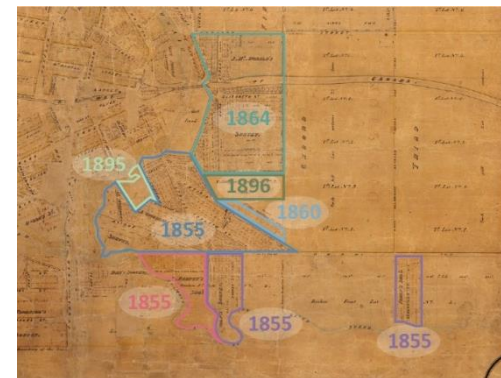
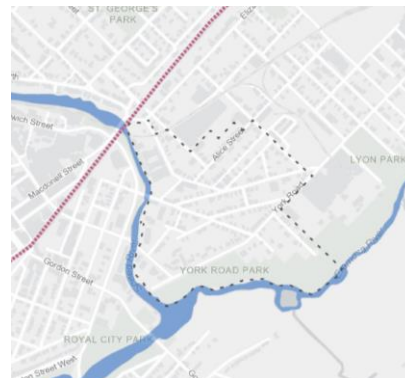
- A plan for stewarding the Ward's cultural heritage
- Keeping the Ward welcoming and weird
- Proximity to downtown
- Mix of building types
- Heritage buildings
- History of the area
- The rivers and natural areas
- Their neighbours

Themes and Evaluation 1

Rivers and Lowlands



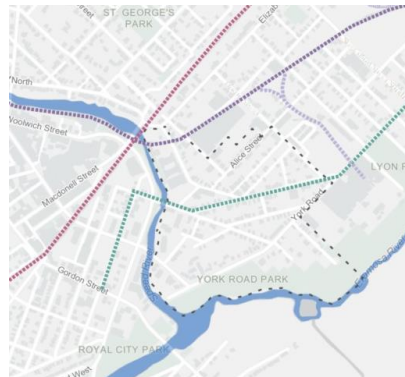
Surveys Shaped by Water and Rail



Industry and Housing



Junction Railway and Building Boom



Themes and Evaluation 3

Adaptive Community



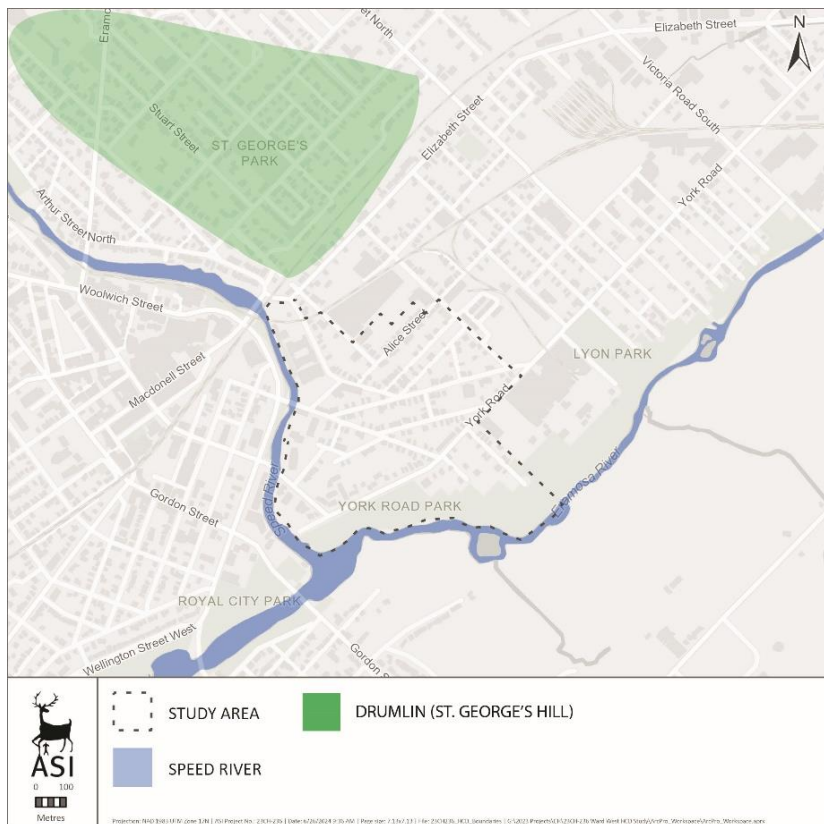
How is an H.C.D. boundary determined?

- The study area is reviewed in detail.
- During the study, a boundary is determined. Sometimes it is different than the study area.
- Boundary analysis is based on extensive analysis of the history of the area, streetscape and individual property surveys of what exists today, and public input.

Characteristics of Heritage Districts

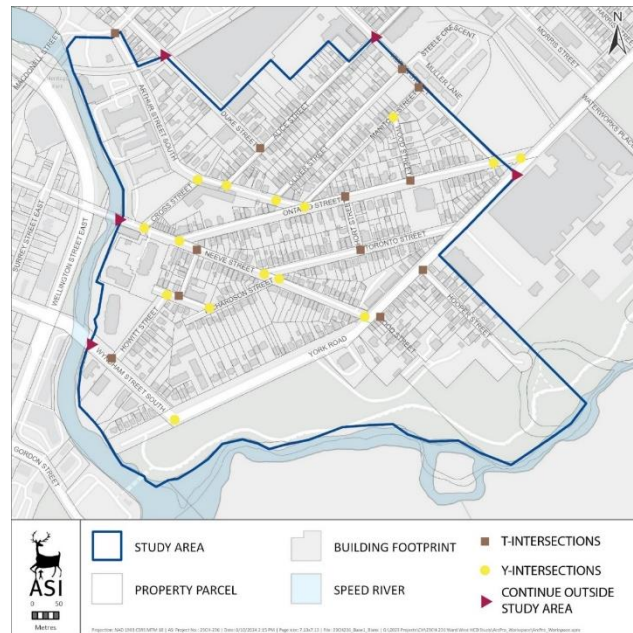
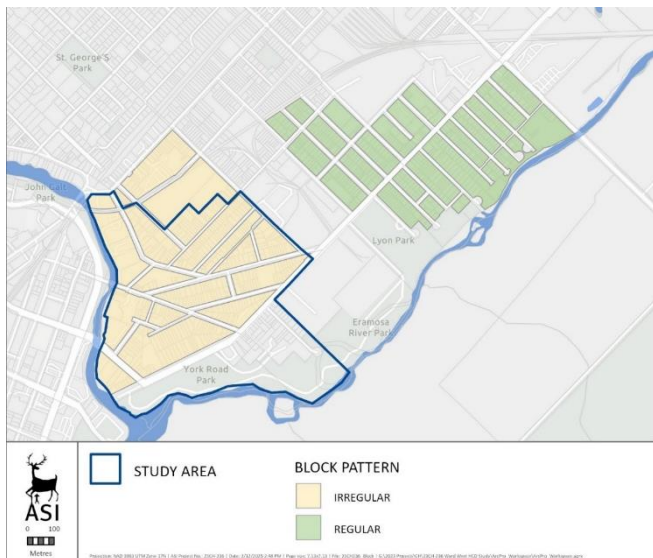
- A framework of elements like major natural features and built form
- Recognizable and distinguishable from neighbouring areas
- A concentration of features linked by aesthetic, historical and socio-cultural contexts
- A sense of visual coherence that conveys a distinct sense of time and place

Rivers and topography shape and enclose the area



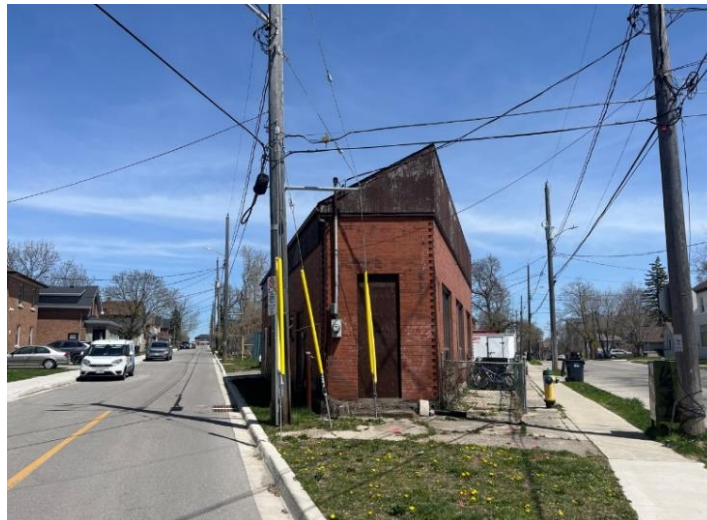
The edges of the area are marked by gateways

Set within an irregular street pattern which distinguishes the feel of the area next to the confluence of the Speed and Eramosa rivers



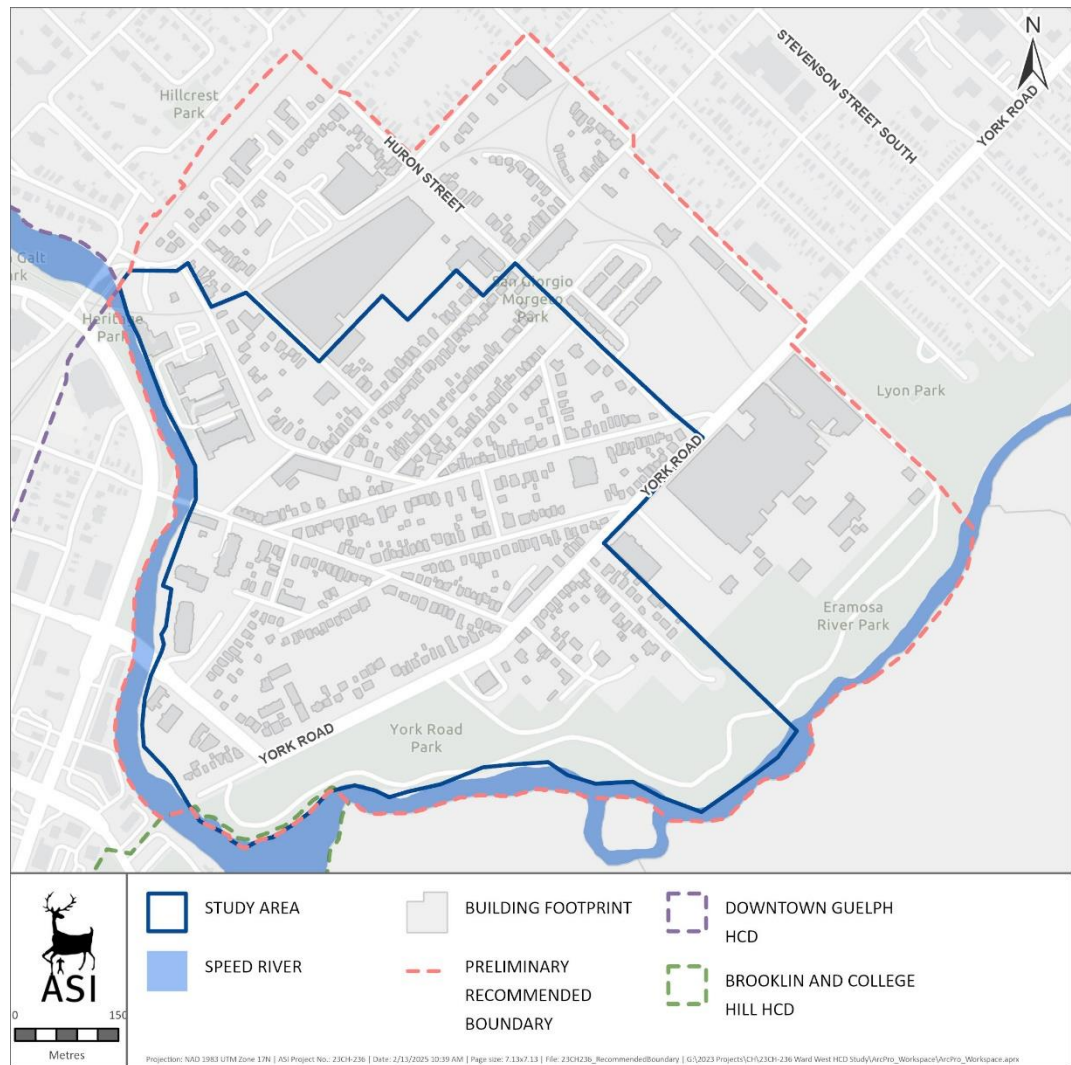
T- and Y-intersections create a pedestrian-friendly environment and restricts vehicular traffic

A significant early 20th century working class place



Recommended Boundary

The recommended boundary is a part of the larger Ward neighbourhood and has the earliest concentration of historical features.



Why an H.C.D. in the Ward? OR Is an H.C.D. Right for the Ward?



Interpretation & Story Telling
Sustaining histories, traditions,
and intangible qualities



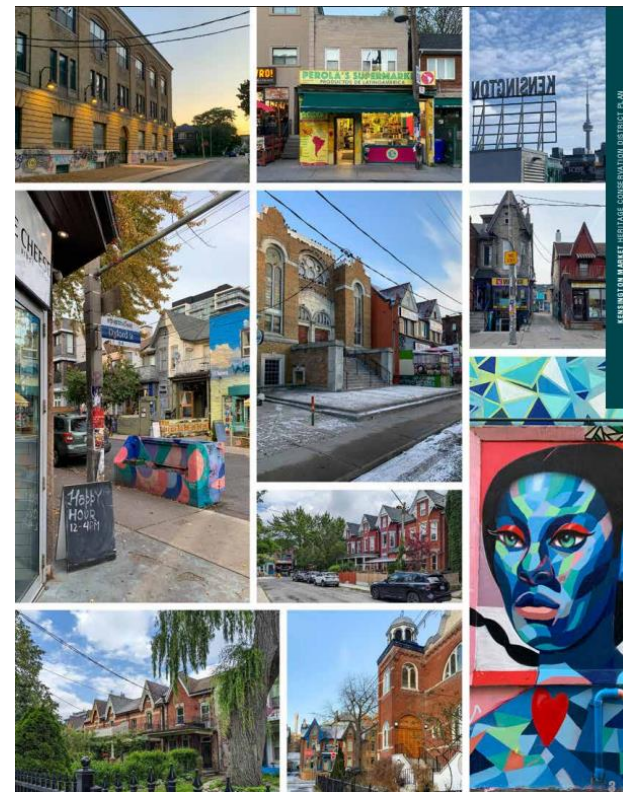
Façade Retention
Preserving only the heritage
façade



Adaptive Reuse
Repurposing heritage structures
for a new use



Preservation
Preserving/stabilizing existing
heritage structures



Kensington Market HCD Plan, 2024

Next Steps

- If directed by Council, then the work will proceed to the next phase which is to prepare a plan and guideline.