



Heritage Promotion & Preservation Strategy

DRAFT PLAN - Town of Antigonish

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GOAL

- ▶ By developing a Heritage Promotion and Preservation Strategy for the Town of Antigonish, the goal is to continue to promote the retention and enhancement of heritage buildings in order to preserve the town's unique culture and heritage. Increasing public awareness in heritage properties will continue to ensure the preservation of these properties and buildings as a valuable cultural and economic resource. Furthermore, the goal is to guarantee that preservation is occurring as it is outlined in the Heritage Properties Act.

Background

Provincial Documents

- ▶ *Heritage Properties Act*
- ▶ *Nova Scotia's Heritage Strategy (2008-2013)*
- ▶ *Heritage Properties Program*



Municipal Documents

- ▶ Heritage Property By-law
- ▶ ICSP
- ▶ Strategic Plan

Objectives

- Promote awareness of built and cultural heritage by educating citizens about the town's distinct heritage.
- Re-initiate the town's registry of municipal heritage properties with the support of the Heritage By-law.
- Devise a long-term plan for continuation of heritage awareness and promotion.

Objective 1 – Heritage Promotion

Actions	Tasks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Identify significant styles of buildings in town▶ Feature some of the styles +/-or buildings using media outlets▶ Enhance photo database▶ Communicate with public about grants, property designation and legislative framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Understanding <i>Houses of Nova Scotia</i> by Allen Penney▶ Complete information brochure▶ Add photos to existing online sources and municipal database▶ Hold a public meeting before draft of Heritage Strategy is written

Importance of Heritage in the Community

The Town of Antigonish has a long history of cherishing both their natural and built heritage and strives to continue this tradition by preserving the unique cultural and historical features of this community. Our built heritage provides us with an important outlet into the town's recent and distant past. Preserving these heritage buildings as a cultural resource and increasing the number of properties registered as municipal heritage properties is called for in both the ICSP and the Strategic Plan. The province promotes the maintenance of our unique built heritage and urges governments, advocacy groups, and property owners, both private and commercial, to share the responsibility of heritage stewardship.

Designating property within the municipal registry is important for its protection. Once registered, the property owner works with the municipality to ensure heritage value is maintained. This brochure outlines some of the architectural styles in Antigonish as well as the current process for municipal registration of heritage properties.



Can I make alterations after my property is registered?

Municipal approval may be required to make alterations to the exterior of your property, as well as alterations to registered public-building interiors. This will depend on the nature and extent of the changes being requested. Demolition or deregistration of heritage properties must be approved by Council.

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Heritage is that which society inherits from previous generations and deems worthy of taking special measures to preserve for future generations



For more information on the Heritage Property Program please visit

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/cch/exploring/heritage/>

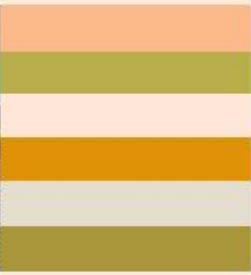
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Antigonish Built Heritage

Promotion & Preservation





Heritage Architecture in the Town of Antigonish

Many different styles of architecture can be seen while strolling through the streets of town, some dating back to the early 19th century. To enter a building into the Town's Registry, a number of factors are considered including age, existing condition, and rarity. Here, some of the distinct historic and cultural elements of buildings witnessed in this town are identified.

Designation Process

Interested property owners should obtain and submit an application form to the Heritage Advisory Committee stating their reasons for having their property designated. The committee will then review the application and, if accepted, will advise town council to add it to the existing registry of heritage properties. All recommendations must include a letter of support from the committee, a consent form from the owner, and a completed registration application. Council will decide whether the property should be registered at a public meeting, which all interested parties will be advised of. Once approved by council, a Notice of Registration will be sent to the property owner and filed with the Registry of Deeds.

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Greek Revival (1820-1860)

Greek, or Classical, revival homes have a strong presence throughout the town. The medium pitched gable roof of many homes developed from the design of the temples of antiquity, which had pediments forming a gable. Doorways of this style are often off-centered of a simple, symmetrical façade. Simple trim and moulding became common and windows were vertically aligned in a 2/2 fashion. Many of these features were utilized in the construction of colonial homes in Nova Scotia.

Italianate (1850-1890)

This style derived from Roman architecture of the Renaissance period in the nineteenth century. With similarities to the 'villa' style, Italianate architecture later took its own unique form in North America. Later on, it spawned to form the Bracketted style in North America. Houses with this design have hipped roofs with a low pitch. Often brackets are seen under the eaves and the exterior shingles are wood. Bays usually project from the front with multiple arched windows on a square façade.

Queen Anne Revival (1880-1915)

This Neo-Classical style of house construction developed in areas throughout the British Empire in different forms. The style was ideally suited to country homes, but appeared in Nova Scotia in both towns and country settings. Some of the main features include curved bay windows, decorative trim, and wood exterior shingles. Often there is a large wrap-around verandah with columns, spindles, and brackets. Palladian style windows are another interesting element specific to this type of housing design.

What happens if I sell the property?

Registration as a municipal heritage property is attached to the Deed, and therefore continues with the property even if it is sold or ownership is transferred. A plaque may be placed on the property to denote it as a heritage building.



Heritage Properties Program

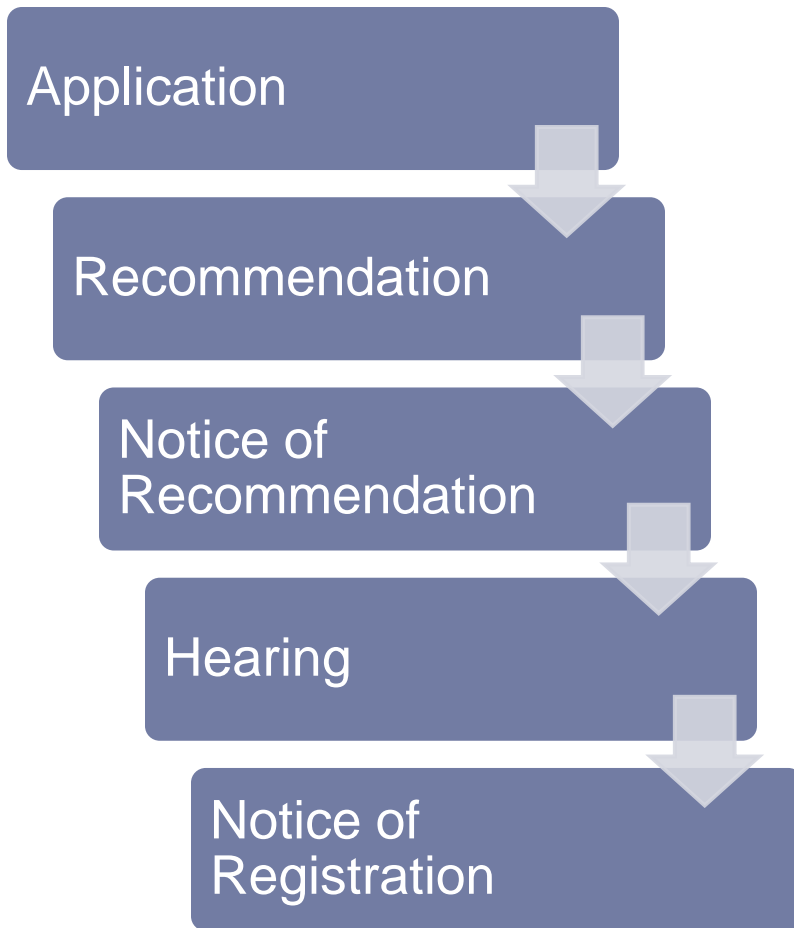
The Heritage Properties Program is a provincial initiative to preserve Nova Scotia's built heritage by identifying, protecting, and rehabilitating heritage properties. The program supports both a provincial registry and municipally organized registries of heritage properties. Not only does the program address built heritage, but it also considers farm buildings, cemeteries, industrial structures, historical districts, and cultural landscape. Our municipal registry applies only to regions within town boundaries, but provincial registration can be considered for any heritage property in the province.



What funding is available for municipal registered properties?

With municipal registration, grants are available to assist homeowners with materials and labour, as well as, conservation work and advice for up to 50% of the total cost. Under the Sales Tax Act, Provincial Tax Rebates are also available. These grants are issued under the Heritage Properties Program and Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

Designation Process of Municipal Heritage Properties



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Criteria for Property Designation



- ▶ Age & heritage
Significance
- ▶ Style of architecture
- ▶ Construction
technology
- ▶ Rare vs. common
example
- ▶ Symbolic value
- ▶ Condition of building or
architectural integrity
- ▶ Consent by owner

Objective 2 – Enhance Registry

Actions	Tasks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Assess process of municipal heritage designation▶ Organize and update current list of properties▶ Develop registration form for interested property owners▶ Expand current list	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Ensure expert knowledge and resources are in place▶ PAC member with heritage knowledge▶ Rate heritage value of properties currently listed▶ Contact properties with potential heritage buildings

Existing Heritage Registry...

- ▶ 13 properties on municipal registry
- ▶ 240 properties listed that have historic importance
 - ▶ last updated in 1981
 - ▶ Many buildings do not exist any more
- ▶ 2 provincially registered properties
 - ▶ Kirk Place
 - ▶ St. Ninian's Cathedral

* Updating the municipal registry is of immediate importance

Application form for Heritage Property Designation – Town of Windsor

APPLICATION FORM TO REGISTER AS A MUNICIPAL HERITAGE PROPERTY

TOWN OF WINDSOR

Sample Application

C. RESEARCH INFORMATION

Location of Property

1. Civic # (if available) _____ Street Name _____

Historical Information:

A limited heritage inventory is available for viewing at the Windsor-West Hants Planning Department and the West Hants Historical Society. Check the inventory before you begin your historical research as your property may have already been inventoried.

2. Age of Property _____ Source of Information _____

3. Property "Name" (if applicable) _____

4. Present Building Condition

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Excellent

5. Does this property have an association with the life or activities of a person, group, organization, institution or an event that has made a significant contribution to the local community, municipality, province, or country? If so, provide details below.

6. Are there any additional comments regarding the age and history of the structure that you can provide? If so, provide details below.

Sections of Application

- Selection criteria
- Architectural information
- Construction information
- History of alterations
- Contextual information
- Photos

Objective 3 – Future Action

Actions	Tasks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Ensure continued promotion of heritage in the Town▶ Re-establish an active Town of Antigonish Heritage Committee▶ Preserve municipally registered heritage properties for future generations▶ Organize a second public meeting to encourage community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Install plaques at appropriate building locations▶ Devise walking tour route that highlights significant buildings▶ Partner with local organizations▶ Continue promotion through media<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Annual photo contests, developing a website, etc.

Timeline

▶ June 2012

- ▶ Initial promotional material to educate the public about project should be created
- ▶ First public meeting should be held and information collected should be considered in first draft of a **Heritage Promotion & Preservation Strategy**

▶ July 2012

- ▶ Process for municipal heritage property designation should be put in place (develop application, etc.)
- ▶ Comments on first draft of **Strategy** should be collected
- ▶ Further information on grants and support should be given to registered property owners

Timeline

- ▶ August 2012
 - ▶ A second public meeting should be held to assess the progress of the program
 - ▶ A long range plan should be developed to ensure continued promotion
 - ▶ The final draft the **Heritage Strategy** should be released

Questions?