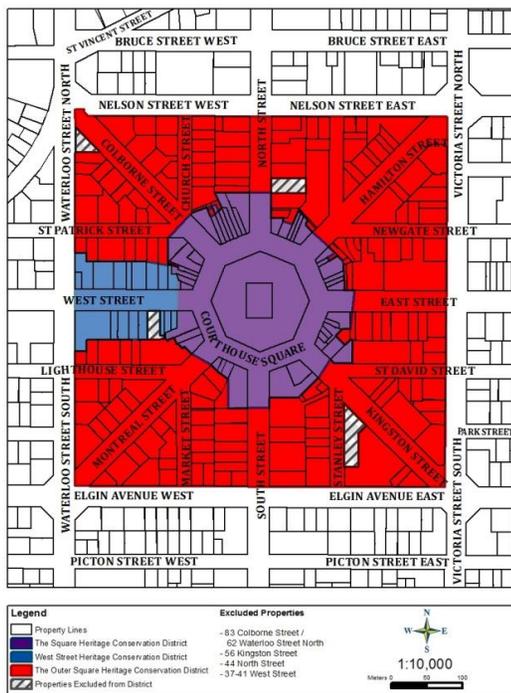


Goderich Heritage Conservation Districts

There are three heritage conservation districts in the Town of Goderich. The Square Heritage Conservation District was established in 1982, and includes all properties which front onto the Square. The West Street Heritage Conservation District was established in 1992, and includes all but one property with frontage on West Street, between the Square and Waterloo Street. Finally, the Outer Square Heritage Conservation District was established in 2014, and includes all but three properties within the area bounded by Nelson Street, Victoria Street, Elgin Avenue and Waterloo Street.



For a larger version of this map, contact the Town of Goderich at 519-524-8344 x222

Town of Goderich Heritage Pamphlets

Six pamphlets have been created to help educate property owners, businesses, and residents about the Heritage Conservation Districts:

1. What is a Heritage Conservation District?
2. Maintenance of Exterior Walls, Windows, Decorative Trim, and Signage
3. Maintenance of Roofs, Utilities and Telecommunication, and Environmental Sustainability
4. Alterations or Additions to Heritage Properties
5. Non-Contributing Properties, New Construction and Demolition
6. Heritage Permit Applications in the Heritage Conservation Districts

If you have a project in mind, or are looking for more information on the Town's Heritage Conservation Districts, you can look through the rest of the heritage pamphlet series; the full Heritage Conservation District plan is available on the Town's website, or by contacting the Town of Goderich as listed below.

The full Heritage Conservation District Plan is available online at:

<http://www.goderich.ca/en/Heritage/municipalandmarineheritagehomepage.asp>

For more information you can contact the Town of Goderich at:

519-524-8344 x222

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What is a Heritage Conservation District?



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What is a Heritage Conservation District?

A Heritage Conservation District is a collection of buildings, streets and open spaces that are of special significance to the community. The purpose of a Heritage Conservation District is to help preserve some of the architectural and public space features that are representative of the history of the Town of Goderich, and which contribute to the uniqueness of the Town. Districts are designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act.



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Benefits of a Heritage Conservation District

Heritage Conservation District designation is an indication of the community's pride in the district, and recognizes that it is an asset for the Town. It works as a tool to help manage changes in the district, in order to ensure that future development, renovation and restoration is compatible with the existing character of the district. Heritage Conservation District designation in Ontario has tended to maintain existing diversity in the districts, while stabilizing or improving property values.

Significant, Contributing, and Non-Contributing Properties

Guidelines for properties within the Districts are based on whether they are a significant, contributing, or non-contributing property. Properties were identified as belonging to each category as part of the inventory found within the Heritage Conservation District Study.

To find out whether your property is significant, contributing, or non-contributing; please check in the Town's Heritage Conservation District Plan which is available on the Town's website, or contact the Town of Goderich at 519-524-8344 x 222.

Contributing Properties

Most buildings in the District "contribute" to the District character through their scale, age, materials, architectural design, and historical association; even if they are in poor condition. Guidelines for significant and contributing properties are intended to protect and highlight their existing character-defining architectural features.

Significant Properties

Generally, significant properties are those properties in the District that have been, or may warrant being individually designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. All significant properties are also contributing properties.

Non-Contributing Properties

There are some non-contributing properties in the District as identified in the heritage evaluation. Non-contributing properties are often out of scale or have incompatible architectural designs, and are identified as non-contributing properties in the inventory. Guidelines for non-contributing properties are intended to ensure that such properties do not compromise the Heritage Character of the Districts through further inappropriate changes. The guidelines offer suggestions for the ultimate replacement of non-contributing buildings with a more compatible structure.

Other Related Documents

The guidelines in the Town of Goderich Heritage Conservation District Plan rely on the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Properties in Canada (2nd ed.)*, adopted by the Federal government. The Town's District Plan addresses issues more commonly found in Goderich's three Heritage Conservation Districts rather than repeating the well-explained standard guidelines.

The Town of Goderich, in collaboration with the Municipal and Marine Heritage Committee, maintains a resource inventory of heritage properties in the Town. The inventory identifies heritage attributes of individually designated sites, as well as listing non-designated, but potentially important heritage resources.

For more information about related heritage documents, contact the Town of Goderich at 519-524-8344 ext 222