

## Decorative Trim and Details

Regularly inspect, repaint, and use wood preservatives on decorative wood components. Avoid using stock mouldings in standard profiles; instead, preserve and restore as much of the original trim as possible and use original elements as templates for replacement sections. Choose paint colours that are compatible with the heritage character of the District and that are complementary to the age, style and detailing of the subject building. For extensive repainting work, select professional painters with specialist knowledge of paint types and application techniques appropriate for the older buildings.



## Foundations

Ensure positive drainage away from all foundation walls. Inspect foundations for cracking, settlement or loose materials, and repair accordingly. Foundations with noticeable settlement should be inspected by a structural engineer and may have to be rebuilt. Temporary support for the wall above the foundation work may be required.

## Signage

Signage should be contained within the signboard above the main floor display windows or perpendicular to the façade. Light signs directly with light fixtures attached to the building façade. Do not use internally-lit plastic signage. Lighting of fixed or hanging signage should avoid light pollution by being directed downwards.



The use of decorative hanging signs projecting from the façade and retractable (not fixed) awnings, with incorporated signage are encouraged.

Refer to the Town of Goderich Sign By-law, which is available on the Town's website or by calling 519-524-8344 x222

The full Heritage Conservation District Plan is available online at:

[http://www.goderich.ca/en/Heritage/municipal\\_and\\_marineheritagehomepage.asp](http://www.goderich.ca/en/Heritage/municipal_and_marineheritagehomepage.asp)

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# Maintenance of Exterior Walls, Windows, Decorative Trim, and Signage

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## Exterior Walls

### Brick and Stone

Keep rainwater from continuous contact with masonry walls (e.g. by ensuring proper drainage from roof surfaces and by retaining roof overhangs).

Non-heritage contributing cladding that has been applied over original cladding should be removed when possible (e.g. aluminum siding applied over brick or clapboard).

Re-pointing of brick and stone masonry should match the colour and profile of the original mortar and be of the appropriate type and mixture that will not damage the masonry material.

Existing brick or stone masonry should not be sandblasted to remove paint finish. Using chemical paint stripper is acceptable provided it does not damage the brick or stone surface.

Painting of brick surfaces is not recommended and is not appropriate for stone.



Cracked or deteriorated stone surfaces should be stabilized using concealed non-oxidizing pins and epoxy injections. Replacement stone should closely resemble the original.

Protect brick and stone masonry from spalling at grade. Salt should not be used as de-icing agent adjacent to masonry structures and ensure positive drainage away from foundation walls.

### Wood Siding

Preserve as much as possible of original material when making repairs, and replace deteriorated material with similar material.

Keep wood siding from contact with the ground to avoid rotting and insect damage.

Whenever possible, replace natural wood siding with new natural or pre-finished wood siding, cut to the same profiles as the original.

Do not replace wood siding with vinyl or aluminum siding. If wood siding cannot be used, fiber-cemented board is an acceptable substitute.



### Stucco

Repair stucco with modern assemblies: match original appearance in colour, texture and finish, retaining specialists in exterior stucco work.

Avoid the use of External Insulation Finish Systems (EIFS) as they require very careful installation in order to avoid obscuring architectural details or causing moisture retention problems for the underlying structure.

### Windows

Original windows that suit the heritage character of the building should be maintained rather than replaced. In most cases, wooden sash windows and storm windows, if properly fitted and maintained, can provide superior thermal insulation.



Original stained glass windows should be conserved and repaired; replacements for broken or missing glass should replicate the original and complete replacements should have glass details in colours and shapes similar to the original.

Non-heritage contributing exterior storm windows should be removed; interior demountable storm windows are recommended instead.

Original exterior shutters and shutter hardware should be conserved and maintained. Missing louvers and hardware should be replaced.

Preserve original doors, details, glass, hardware, door surrounds and entrance openings whenever possible.

Refer to the “Alterations” section of the guidelines or the Alterations and Additions pamphlet if existing windows are sufficiently damaged that they need to be replaced.