

Municipal Heritage Register Information Sheet

The Township of Tiny's Role in Heritage Conservation

Municipalities have a responsibility to identify, evaluate and conserve resources that have lasting cultural heritage value or interest in their community.

The Township of Tiny aims to promote, protect and preserve the rich history of the area, and does so through endeavours such as the Municipal Heritage Register.

Listing a property on the Register is the first step a municipality takes in the identification of a property that may warrant some form of heritage conservation or recognition for future generations.

What is the Municipal Heritage Register?

The Municipal Heritage Register is the official list or record of cultural heritage properties that have been identified as being important to the community.

Prior to 2005, only designated heritage properties were recorded on the Register. In 2005, the *Ontario Heritage Act* was amended to allow properties that have not been designated, but that the municipal council believes to be of cultural heritage value or interest, to be placed on the Register.



Why Protect Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest?

Listing properties on the Municipal Heritage Register is an important tool in managing the conservation of the Township of Tiny's cultural heritage resources.

The Municipal Heritage Register:

- Recognizes properties of cultural heritage value in a community
- Fosters civic identity and pride by promoting knowledge and enhancing an understanding of a community's cultural heritage
- Provides easily accessible information about cultural heritage for property owners, land-use planners, developers and the public

How Are Properties Evaluated?

The Heritage Advisory Committee of the Township of Tiny uses a Four-Step Listing Process, and follows the criteria prescribed by Regulation 9/06 under Section 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The specific criteria can be found on our website at www.tiny.ca.

These criteria consider the significance of the physical and design qualities of a property, the historical or associative historical value, as well as the contextual value to the Township.





The Four-Step Listing Process

The Township of Tiny's Four-Step Listing Process was carefully developed to ensure thorough and objective evaluation of each property and involves the following steps:

1. Initial Evaluation of property through a "windshield" survey.
2. Second Evaluation of property using a survey form and taking photographs from the nearest public access point.
3. Notify the property owner of the Heritage Advisory Committee's intention to list, while inviting them to come and share their thoughts with the Committee at a meeting.
4. The Heritage Advisory Committee will recommend a list of properties to be registered to Council.

What is the Impact of Having my Property Listed on the Municipal Heritage Register?

Listing properties on the Municipal Heritage Register is an administrative process rather than a legal process, such as with designations. It serves to formally identify that certain properties are of cultural heritage value or interest to the municipality.

Property owners of a listed property are not required to obtain Council approval to make alterations to their property.

Listing your property:

- Does not impose restrictions or obligations with regard alterations or maintenance of the property
- Increases the amount of time the Township of Tiny has to process a demolition request to 60 business days in order to provide sufficient time to evaluate whether the property merits some form of protection, such as designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, which is subject to a formal legal process.
- Provides recognition of the property's cultural heritage value.



What is the Impact of Having my Property Designated?

Designating properties under the *Ontario Heritage Act* is a legal process. It serves to formally identify that certain properties are of cultural heritage value or interest to the municipality, but it also provides additional protection in regard to physical alterations through a by-law that is registered on the title.



Property owners of a designated property are required to obtain Council approval to make alterations to their property. Approval is required only for alterations which pertain to the designated heritage aspects such as the construction of an addition, or the application of siding over protected brickwork.

Designating your property:

- Legally protects the property's heritage aspects through prohibition of demolition under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- Provides a process to manage any changes to the heritage aspects so that they are done in a manner that will not depreciate the heritage characteristics or value.
- Provides recognition of the property's cultural heritage value with receipt of a Township issued official plaque of recognition for the property.