

# City of Mississauga

## Memorandum



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Date: October 31, 2022

To: Chair and Members of Heritage Advisory Committee

From: Kelly Reichheld, Director, Culture Division

Meeting date: November 1, 2022

Subject: **Proposed Changes to the Ontario Heritage Act- More Homes Built Faster Act**

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### Context

On October 25, 2022, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing presented Bill 23 “More Homes Built Faster Act,” (the Bill) intended to increase the supply of new housing in Ontario (Appendix 1).

The Plan transforms Ontario’s land use planning system and includes changes to multiple Acts, including the Ontario Heritage Act (the Act).

A summary of key changes are included below. City staff are also working on a more detailed review of the proposed legislation and regulation changes and preparing comment on behalf of the City of Mississauga.

### Proposed Changes

Section 25.2 of the Act currently allows the Minister to prepare heritage standards and guidelines for heritage properties owned or controlled by the Province. A new subsection would allow the Lieutenant Governor to exempt the Province from having to adhere to the standards and guidelines if the Lieutenant Governor is of the opinion that such an exemption would further provincial priorities, including transit, health care, housing and other infrastructure.

Section 27 of the Act requires the City to maintain a register of all listed and designated heritage properties within the City. Proposed changes to the Act would require municipalities to make the register, along with all pertinent information such as address, heritage status and attributes, publicly available on a website.

Further changes to this section would require that all listed properties on the register meet the criteria for having cultural heritage value and interest; extending the ability of a property owner to object to having their property listed on the register to all properties on the register; and limiting the time a property can remain on the register to two years, without designation.

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Properties that are removed from the register would not be able to be re-added for a period of five years.

Section 29 of the Act requires that Notice of Intent to Designate be issued within 90 days of the acceptance of a development application. This section would be further amended to require the property to have been listed on the heritage register as of the date of the development application.

Section 41 allows Council to designate, by bylaw, a heritage conservation district. Proposed changes to the Act include specific requirements for meeting criteria to determine if the district area meets cultural heritage value and interest, as well as administrative requirements associated with amending or appealing the designation bylaw.

Further proposed changes to the Act are housekeeping in nature.

There is an additional proposed change to Regulation 9/06 that sets out the criteria for determining if a property has cultural heritage value and interest. The regulation currently requires a property or district to meet a single criterion. The proposed change to the regulation would require that all designated properties and districts would meet two of the criteria set forth in the regulation.

Commenting on the proposed changes is in effect until November 24, 2022 through the Provincial portal <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6196>. Heritage Planning staff will continue to review the proposed changes and will prepare comment in coordination with other City departments.

## **Attachments**

Appendix 1: More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

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