

# City of Mississauga Corporate Report



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To: Chair and Members of Heritage Advisory Committee

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## Subject

**Proposed Heritage Designation of 1470 Pinetree Crescent (Ward 1)**

## Recommendation

That the property at 1470 Pinetree Crescent (Ward 1) be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its contextual, associative and physical value and that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

## Executive Summary

- An archaeological assessment was undertaken on the property.
- Archaeological artifacts were uncovered which determined the site to represent Indigenous Woodlands habitation.
- A strategy of avoidance was determined to be the best method for preserving the site moving forward.
- The property meets the criteria for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- As such, the property should be designated.

## Background

A Stage 1-2 archaeological assessment was undertaken at 1470 Pinetree Crescent, which confirmed the presence of archaeological resources. The artifacts associated with these resources consisted of Indigenous lithics and a ceramic sherd. The presence of a ceramic sherd from an intact context determined that the site (AjGv-4) should be subject to Stage 3 Site-Specific archaeological assessment.

The Stage 3 investigation was undertaken and determined that site AjGv-4 represents an Indigenous habitation and has cultural heritage value. At that time it was determined that a

strategy of avoidance would be implemented to protect a portion of the site. This strategy would include the designation of 1470 Pinetree Crescent under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

## Comments

To merit designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act* a property must meet the criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, i.e. it must have physical, design, historical, associative, and/or contextual value, per Ontario Regulation 9/06. See Appendix 2. As of 2023, the property must meet two of the nine criteria.

The property has physical value because it contains registered archaeological site AjGv-4 and subject to Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* is present within the Lands. Section 48 (1) states that no person shall knowingly alter the site or remove an artifact or any other physical evidence of past human use or activity unless they are licenced by the Government of Ontario.

It has been recommended that there is further cultural heritage value or interest for the archaeological site within the area crosshatched or otherwise clearly marked on Appendix 1.

Long term protection and avoidance is the preferred mitigation strategy for archaeological resources, although it seldom occurs due to development pressures. Excavation and removal of archaeological resources is by far the most common means of mitigating archaeological resources.

Through discussions with the current property owner, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Archaeology Program Unit at the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, approvals have been granted for the property to be protected under a Part IV designation as the strategy meets the needs of all parties involved.

The site dates to multiple periods of Indigenous occupation and is representative of the continual habitation of these lands by Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial. Due to the connection with the Indigenous occupation of this part of Mississauga and the City's commitment to Reconciliation through actively opposing the erasure of Indigenous heritage, the site is found to have associative value as well.

Finally, the archaeological resources have contextual value as they are identified as part of registered archaeological site AjGv-4, which extends across multiple properties within the area.

## Description of Heritage Attributes

Historical, associative and contextual attributes include:

- The location at the top of bank to the Credit River.
- The proximity to other archaeological resources identified as part of a larger site, registered as AjGv-4.

Physical attributes include:

- The nature and extent of all artifacts, cultural features, ancestors/human remains and any other cultural or physical remnants associated with the Indigenous occupation of the lands which make up the present-day City of Mississauga.
- Its location, in situ, in a defined buried A-horizon, marking the former grade of the land prior to settlement and development.

## Financial Impact

There is no financial impact resulting from the recommendation in this report.

## Conclusion

1470 Pinetree Crescent meets the criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, per Regulation 9/06. As such, the subject property merits designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

## Attachments

- Appendix 1: Study Area Map  
Appendix 2: Stage 1-3 Archaeological Assessment  
Appendix 3: Regulation 9/06



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