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Committee Report

Heritage Oshawa Inventory and Register Working Group

Background

This working group was put together in January 2023 to update the online and print versions of the City of Oshawa Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the Heritage Oshawa Inventory. The plan was to organize Heritage Related Information (which reside in many different city and provincial databases) and amalgamate/link all the data into one centralized database. The reasoning was that the ease of information retrieval would make the Heritage Committee's operations more efficient and concise.

Accomplishments and Findings

Using the MS Access Database program, the Oshawa Heritage Information Database framework has been built and receives and categorizes data appropriately. I have found many inconsistencies, duplicates, and incorrect or missing information in creating the database structure.

Regarding By-Law 54-2023 Section 5e and Heritage Oshawa Advisory Committee Terms of Reference - Goals and Objectives 2.0, bullet point #2, and Guiding Principles – Paragraph 5. There is inconsistency as to who is responsible for keeping and maintaining the Heritage Property Data.

As we advance

I would not recommend continuing with the original scope of this workgroup.

I think it is necessary to determine who is responsible for the Heritage Oshawa data integrity and then take a step back and re-evaluate the accuracy and completeness of the city website information before continuing with this project.

The Heritage Oshawa Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference also need to be updated to include the new By-Law number 54/2023

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