



# Memorandum

## Economic and Development Services Department

**Date:** January 14, 2026

File: 12-03

**To:** Heritage Oshawa

**From:** Harrison Whilsmith, Planner B  
Economic and Development Services Department

**Re:** **Heritage Oshawa 2026 Budget and Work Plan**

The purpose of this memo is to inform Heritage Oshawa of their Council-approved 2026 Budget and Work Plan.

The Heritage Oshawa 2026 Budget and Work Plan is affixed to this memo.

### **Recommendation**

That Report HTG-26-01 dated January 14, 2026 concerning the Heritage Oshawa 2026 Budget and Work Plan be received for information.

If you have any questions please contact Harrison Whilsmith at 905-436-3311, extension 2697 or by email to [hwhilsmith@oshawa.ca](mailto:hwhilsmith@oshawa.ca).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harrison Whilsmith".

Harrison Whilsmith, Planner B  
Planning Services

Attachment

**2026 Heritage Oshawa Budget**

Program: 120 - ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Location: 403 - Heritage Oshawa Advisory

Account	Description	2026 Approved	2026 Actuals	Comments on Actuals
21000	Printing & Reproduction	\$1,500	\$0	
22010	Civic Awards	\$1,000	\$0	
40000	Advertising	\$500	\$0	
43000	Professional & Technical	\$16,000	\$0	
44000	Civic Receptions & Meals	\$200	\$0	
46000	Gas Mileage	\$300	\$0	
48000	Memberships & Dues	\$300	\$0	National Heritage Trust, Community Heritage Ontario, Ontario Historical Society
<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$19,800	\$0	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		\$0	\$0	
<b>Total Budget</b>		\$19,800	\$0	

## Heritage Oshawa 2026 Work Plan

**Mandate:** to advise and assist Council on all matters relating to the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage resources within the City of Oshawa  
(source: Heritage Oshawa Terms of Reference 1.0 Mandate)

<b>Designation and Preservation</b> Heritage Oshawa , By-law 54-2023 Heritage Oshawa Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, 2.0 Goals and Objectives Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure (Items 12.3 and 14.1)		<b>Actions</b>
<b>1</b> By-law 54-2023 5-B) Advise Council on means of conserving heritage properties, landscapes and districts; 5-G) Provide recommendations to the Council on properties, landscapes and districts considered by Heritage Oshawa worthy of heritage designation. Heritage Oshawa Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, 2.0 Goals and Objectives 2.3) Advise Council on means of conserving heritage properties and districts 2.6) Provide recommendations to the Council on properties worthy of heritage designation		(a) Select new properties for research reports. (b) In consultation with staff, review previously prepared research reports and recommend properties or districts to be considered for designation. (c) Evaluate properties to be included in the Heritage Oshawa Inventory.
<b>2</b> By-law 54-2023 5-E) Prepare and maintain an inventory of cultural heritage resources including buildings, structures, landscapes, and other elements which are considered by Heritage Oshawa to be of cultural heritage value or interest. Heritage Oshawa Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, 2.0 Goals and Objectives 2.2) Prepare and maintain a list of heritage resources including buildings, structures, and		In coordination with staff and Council, provide updated heritage information pertaining to the City's online and print versions of the City of Oshawa Register of Properties of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. Use all tools, means and methods available to bolster and support the information in the Heritage Oshawa Data Base and the Heritage Oshawa Inventory.

	<p>other elements which are considered to be of cultural heritage value or interest including heritage conservation districts.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p>By-law 54-2023</p> <p>5-D) Establish criteria for the evaluation of properties of cultural heritage value or interest.</p> <p>Heritage Oshawa Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, 2.0 Goals and Objectives</p> <p>2.1) Establish criteria to evaluate properties of cultural heritage value or interest</p>	<p>Evaluate properties to be included in the Heritage Oshawa Inventory using the Property Evaluation System.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>By-law 54-2023</p> <p>5-A) Advise and assist Council on all matters relating to cultural heritage, including, but not limited to, buildings and structures, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeological sites.</p> <p>5-C) Advise and assist Council on current heritage conservation programs, regulations and legislation.</p> <p>5-F) Review development applications associated with cultural heritage resources and provide recommendations to staff and/or Council, as appropriate.</p> <p>Heritage Oshawa Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, 2.0 Goals and Objectives</p> <p>2.4) Review development applications associated with cultural heritage resources and provide recommendations to Council</p> <p>2.5) Advise and assist Council on current heritage conservation programs, regulations and legislations</p> <p>2.8) Advise and assist Council on all matters related to cultural heritage, including but not limited to buildings and structures, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeological sites.</p>	<p>When requested by staff and/or Council:</p> <p>(a) Review city reports and applications involving matters of heritage preservation and heritage conservation districts. Information to include, but not limited to, City Committee applications, demolition permit applications, and applications for alterations to properties on the Register and within the Inventory, as appropriate.</p> <p>(b) Support staff and Council in the implementation of policy and procedures of the Ontario Heritage Act.</p> <p>(c) Implement Heritage Oshawa responsibilities under the Ontario Heritage Act.</p>

	<b>Education and promotion</b>	<b>Actions</b>
5	<p>By-law 54-2023</p> <p>5-H) Promote public awareness, stewardship in heritage conservation and knowledge of cultural heritage resources within the City and heritage conservation issues through programs and activities.</p> <p>Heritage Oshawa Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, 2.0 Goals and Objectives</p> <p>2.7) Increase public awareness and knowledge of cultural heritage resources within the city and heritage conservation issues through programs and activities</p>	<p>Serve as a resource for residents, community groups and Council by,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work with staff to develop a Heritage Oshawa outreach program to notify property owners of the interest in the potential designation of their property, the benefits of the designation and obtain formal permission to do further research, including searches and reports.</li> <li>b) Contribute to media releases commemorating and celebrating designated properties, including a description of properties and the heritage features.</li> <li>c) Participate in heritage-related events throughout the city and present heritage-related talks, workshops, and other events as appropriate. Participate in the commemoration of City anniversaries and promote Heritage Committee events.</li> <li>d) Increase public awareness and knowledge of cultural heritage and heritage resources within the city through programs, activities, and promotion, e.g., Heritage Property Tax Reduction Program, designation, etc.</li> <li>e) Assist in authoring language for Heritage Oshawa plaques.</li> <li>f) Participate in plaque presentations involving elected officials for designated properties and celebrate designations and historical matters.</li> <li>g) Engage various community groups, develop relationships and search for collaborations between stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p>Strike working groups, and through the City, engage professionals and materials as</p>

	<p>required to support the ongoing efforts of Heritage Oshawa by:</p> <p>(a) Undertake training as requested by Heritage Oshawa that promotes understanding and the work of Heritage Oshawa (Onlands, Bill 23/Heritage Act, etc.)</p> <p>(b) Learn, understand and work with city staff to describe the various incentives and grants available through all levels of government. Function as a resource to describe, assist, and direct those avenues available to take advantage of the same as it pertains to heritage buildings, revitalizations, and historic neighbourhoods.</p>				
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<p>This submission will be submitted to Finance Services for inclusion in the annual budget for Council approval. Once approved by Council, the work plan cannot be modified by the Advisory Committee without subsequent Council approval. Operating budgets, if not expended by year-end, will be returned to the City's general fund. Capital funds may be carried over for the specific project for a maximum of two years. The City will track Advisory Committee expenditures and revenues in a separate expense and revenue account for each committee. All purchases must adhere to the City of Oshawa Purchasing By-law.</p>	
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