

Economic and Development Services Department

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To: Heritage Oshawa

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

Re: Heritage Oshawa 2025 Year-End Accomplishments

The following memo provides an overview of the Heritage Oshawa Advisory Committee's accomplishments as of year-end 2025.

Members

The Committee is made up of seven (7) citizen volunteers, as well as one (1) City Council representative and one (1) Stakeholder Member from the Oshawa Historical Society.

The following members served in all or part of 2025:

- John O'Boyle, Chair (January – September);
- Diane Stephen, Vice-Chair;
- James Bountrogiannis, Member;
- Nadim Lalani, Member;
- Patty Davis, Member (January);
- Robert Bell, Member;
- Sarah Smale, Member;
- Councillor Jim Lee, Council Representative; and,
- Jennifer Weymark, Oshawa Historical Society Stakeholder Member.

Heritage Oshawa Accomplishments

Comments/Feedback on Development Applications, Projects, and Other Matters

By year-end 2025, Heritage Oshawa reviewed and provided comments/feedback to City staff on various development applications, projects, and other matters including, but not limited to:

- Application to Alter made under Section 33 of the Ontario Heritage Act – 827 Gordon Street – Former Cederdale Public School
- Proposed Plaque at 2370 Simcoe Street North (Windfields Stone House)
- Request for Comments/Input on City-Initiated Amendments to the Oshawa Official Plan and Zoning By-law 60-94 to Implement Protected Major Transit Station Areas
- Site Plan Application at the Southwest Corner of Simcoe Street North and Britannia Avenue West

Attendance at Public Events

Over the course of 2025, Heritage Oshawa members attended the following events to engage with the public and gain knowledge on cultural heritage matters:

- Oshawa Markets to celebrate Heritage Week; and,
- Canada Day celebrations at Lakeview Park.

Annual Memberships

Heritage Oshawa continues to support the following organizations through annual memberships:

- National Heritage Trust;
- Community Heritage Ontario; and,
- Ontario Historical Society.

The Oshawa Historical Society has granted Heritage Oshawa a complimentary membership.

Heritage Oshawa Working Groups

In 2025, various working groups were established to carry out specific projects as required. The following list details the name of each working group and the members included:

- Evaluation and Inventory Working Group
 - Diane Stephen (Chair), John O'Boyle, Robert Bell
- Education and Promotion Working Group
 - Diane Stephen (Chair), Jennifer Weymark, Robert Bell
- Heritage Oshawa Brochure Working Group
 - Diane Stephen (Chair), John O'Boyle, Robert Bell
- Documentation, Salvage, and Commemoration Report for the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge Working Group
 - Diane Stephen (Chair), Jennifer Weymark, John O'Boyle

Recommendation

That Report HTG-26-03 dated January 14, 2026 be endorsed as Heritage Oshawa's 2025 Year-End Accomplishments Report to be included in the Council Information Package.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "H Whilsmith". The signature is cursive and stylized, with the first letter of the last name being a large, prominent 'H'.

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