

Key aspects of More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019.



An analytical framework, and an introduction to part of that framework

Key aspects of More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 to discuss



But first

The mandate of the Richmond Hill Heritage Committee

The mandate of Heritage Richmond Hill is to act as an advisory committee to Council to advise on matters relating to Part IV (the designation of individual properties) and Part V (the designation of heritage conservation districts) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In addition, the mandate will include acting as a resource for citizens in matters pertaining to conservation, restoration and renovation of heritage properties. It will also work to raise awareness of the Town's heritage in the community.

This includes responsibilities such as:

- Identifying Cultural Heritage Properties
- Involving the Community and Developing Partnerships
- Educating and Informing the Community
- Ensuring Financial Accountability
- Assessing Other Legislation Affecting Cultural Heritage Properties

“ *In establishing a Municipal Heritage Committee, council recognizes the importance of a proactive approach to heritage conservation....* **”**





Fundamental Questions and Principles

Three Fundamental Questions to ask

- Should a property be in the Heritage Register?
- How should this property be treated?
 - Listed?
 - Designated?
- What should be its conservation strategy?
 - Preservation?
 - Rehabilitation?
 - Restoration?
 - Other? (Monitoring, Maintenance, Stabilization, Mothballing, Repair, Reconstruction, Replication, Renovation, Deconstruction or salvage, Re-use, Managed decline, Interpretation)

5 Principles to follow in answering these questions

■ Accountability and Transparency

- Decisions about Richmond Hill heritage properties will be made in an open, accountable way, taking into account the views of interested persons and communities.

■ Identification and Evaluation

- Richmond Hill heritage properties will be identified and evaluated based on research and documentary evidence.

■ Continuing Care

- Sustaining the cultural heritage value of Richmond Hill heritage properties for long term benefit will be achieved most effectively by preventing deterioration through regular, on-going care.

5 Principles to follow in answering these questions (cont'd)

■ Impact Assessment

- Assessment of the impact of proposed activities on the cultural heritage value and the heritage attributes of Richmond Hill heritage properties will inform the decisions that may affect them.

■ Use and Reuse

- Richmond Hill heritage properties in active use by ministries and public bodies will continue to be used, or will be adaptively re-used, but uses that threaten a property's cultural heritage value will be avoided. Where no use of a property is possible, appropriate, timely disposal will take place.



More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 will have ramifications on the strategies used to protect Cultural Heritage

The sub committee is looking at 8 areas of changes

1. Further Provincial Direction
2. "Listing" on the Register
3. Designation by-laws
4. Timelines for Designation under Part IV
5. Streamlined Appeals
6. Complete applications
7. Demolition
8. Provide enhanced ministry guidance on cultural heritage landscapes

Today's Focus - Principle #1 & 2 and More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 Direction #2

■ Principle #1

■ Accountability and Transparency

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■ Principle #2

■ Identification and Evaluation

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■ More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 direction #2 - "Listing" on the Register

- Require Richmond Hill to provide notice to a property owner within 30 days after their property has been "listed" on the register. Provide a right of objection to the municipality by the property owner. Provide improved guidance to municipalities on "listing" best practices to support implementation.

Listing - Before More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019

- Listings were prone to be done when:
 - Prediction of or upon demolition notice

HRH inherited a heritage register that was established prior to the OHA in an environment that attempted to counterbalance growth which did not respect cultural heritage as we understand it today. The inventory may have represented a lack of consistency in heritage evaluations

Listing in the register was used as a defensive means to allow time for the detailed evolutions required to protect cultural heritage

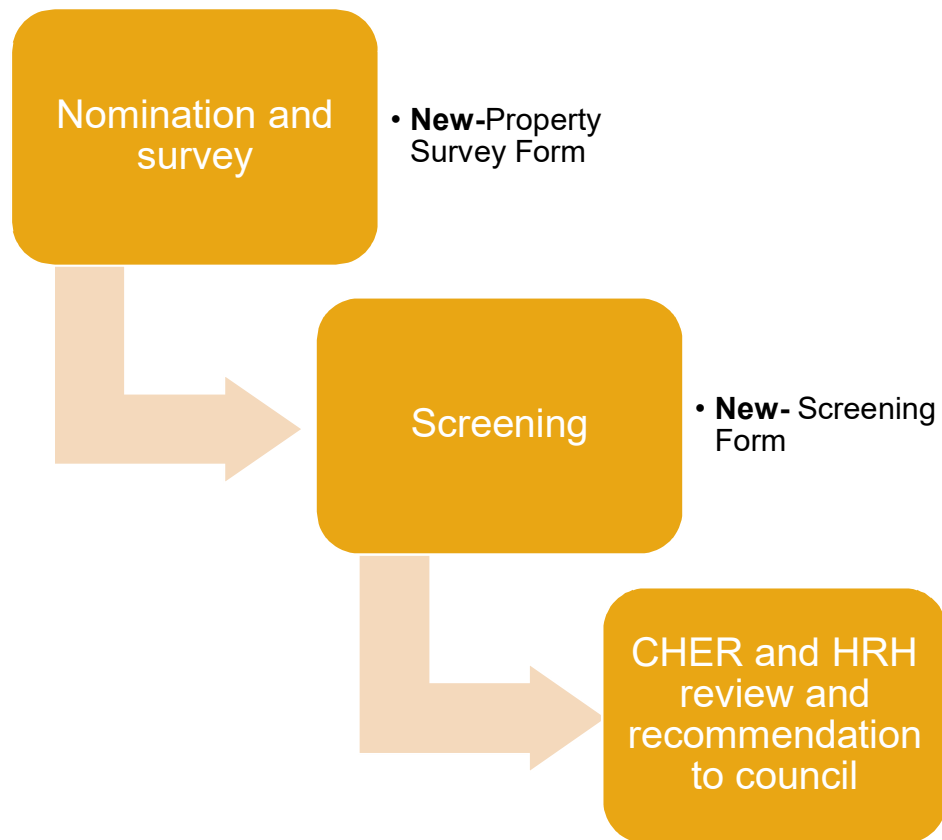
Listing - after More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019

- Notice to property owner within 30 days required upon listing
- Owners right to objection (ORO) with no time restrictions

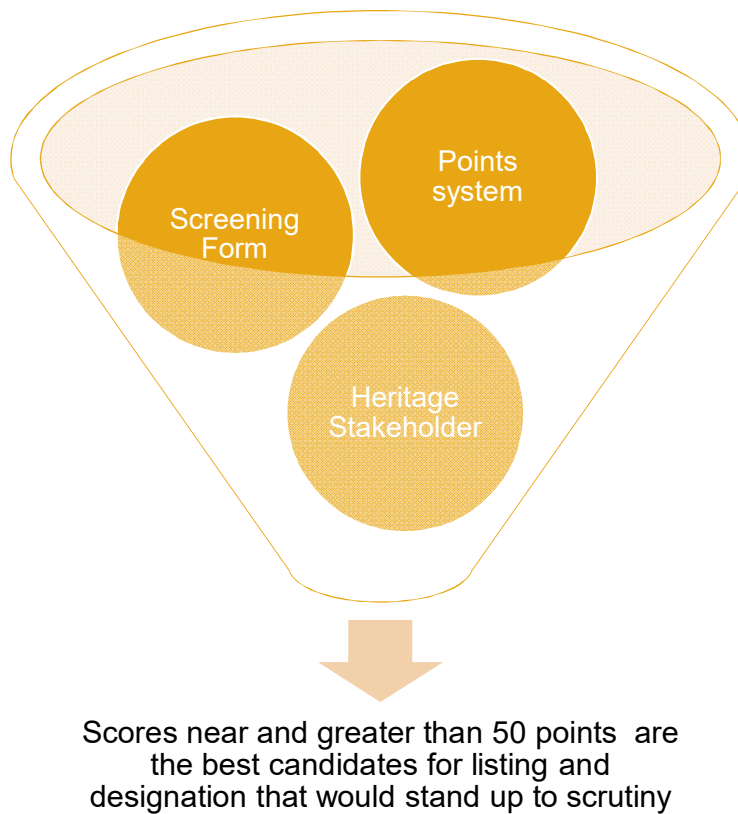
ORO places a focus on expert evaluations far earlier than before. Increasing the burden on resources and finances

To be proactive, a more structured approach is necessary in the early evaluation of properties for listing.

Listing – Proposed new forms and steps



Screening by Filtering – Designation sub committee and Heritage Stakeholders



To Summarize ...

- Today's legislative environment requires a review of our approach to protecting cultural heritage
- Property owners are given the right to object far earlier in the process than ever before
- This will place increased burdens on resources including financial resources
- A proactive approach to changes are required to mitigate some of this increased burden.
- In clarifying the listing process and using a filtering approach we can:
 - Better utilize limited city heritage staff and budget resources
 - Make the process more transparent
 - Broaden the use of community resources (i.e. Heritage stakeholders)

Questions



Thank You