



## **Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference**

### **Preamble**

The Heritage Advisory Committee was created in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act* to advise and assist Council on matters relating to municipal heritage.

### **Mandate**

To advise City Council on measures to protect and enhance heritage conservation, to advise and recommend changes relating to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and to provide recommendations to City Council on policies, procedures and strategic direction.

### **Goals and Purpose**

The purpose of the committee shall be:

- To further the objectives of heritage conservation, as defined by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sports in the *Ontario Heritage Act*, originally legislated in 1974 and Bill 60 (Chapter 6, Statutes of Ontario, 2005) - an Act to amend the *Ontario Heritage Act* (receiving Royal Assent April 28th, 2005);
- Further, with changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the province is asking local heritage committees to advise, recommend, provide expertise, facilitate community awareness, assist in open and honest dialogue on heritage matters, be sensitive to the range of views in the community, promote good-will and trust within the community and act as liaison with stakeholders in heritage matters;
- In addition, they are required to advise and assist the local Council on matters relating to the conservation of the heritage of the City. Specific tasks may include carrying out research, conducting surveys and inventories of local properties of historical, cultural and architectural significance, developing community responsibility for its heritage resources through educational programming, drafting of heritage policy for the Official Plan of the City and the formulation of other policies and practices. The Committee may be asked to review various development proposals, road changes, demolitions, etc., to assess their impact on the heritage resources of the City of Thorold.

### **Membership**

The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- Councillors (Minimum of 1)
- At-large members (9)

The City's Senior Planner (or designate) will support the committee as the City of Thorold's staff liaison.

### **Meeting Frequency**

The Committee shall hold nine (9) meetings per year.