

Kawartha Lakes Heritage Inventory

Bethany

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Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Overview
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- Ways to Get Involved
- Q&A



Project Team

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- Municipal Heritage Committee



Background

- The City of Kawartha Lakes is undertaking a full inventory of all the heritage resources in the municipality
- We have many heritage places and spaces that are significant to our communities but they have not all been formally identified
- How we treat heritage places within City decision making processes is limited by what we know about these places and their significance
- The goal of the project is to document and evaluate all of the historic places across every community in the City
- This is a multi-year project (5-10 years) that will extend across Kawartha Lakes

Why are heritage resources important?

- Heritage resources are unique to our many communities and reflect their history, culture and identity
- These places make our communities unique and vibrant and are important to residents and visitors
- Heritage places help provide a sense of place that is unique to a community, provide a link to our shared past and provide opportunities for future development
- Kawartha Lakes is a very large municipality made up of many diverse places and local heritage is important to help maintain individual communities' identity and local pride

Why Inventory?

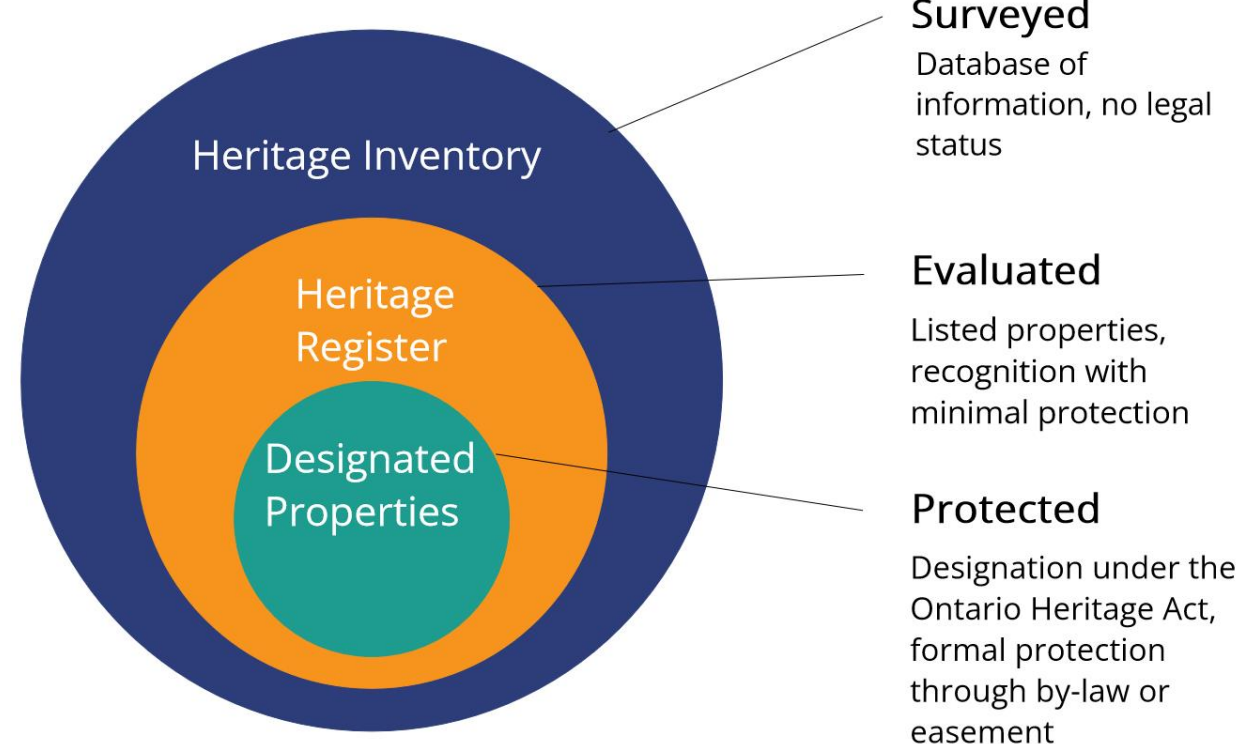
- Identify what heritage resources exist in our communities and why they are important to local residents
- Provide data that helps guide decision-making
- Identify what resources should be protected and preserved
- Ensure that important resources are preserved as Kawartha Lakes grows and develops

We want to make sure that the places that make our communities unique are identified and protected as we also encourage development and growth that benefits our communities. To do that, we need to know what and where those places are.

It is important to recognize that this is a **data collection exercise only** that will be used to inform future decision making.

Protection Framework

- There are different kinds of historic properties in Kawartha Lakes
- Listed and designated properties are formally protected by the Ontario Heritage Act
- Inventoried properties are not protected and there are no restrictions on them



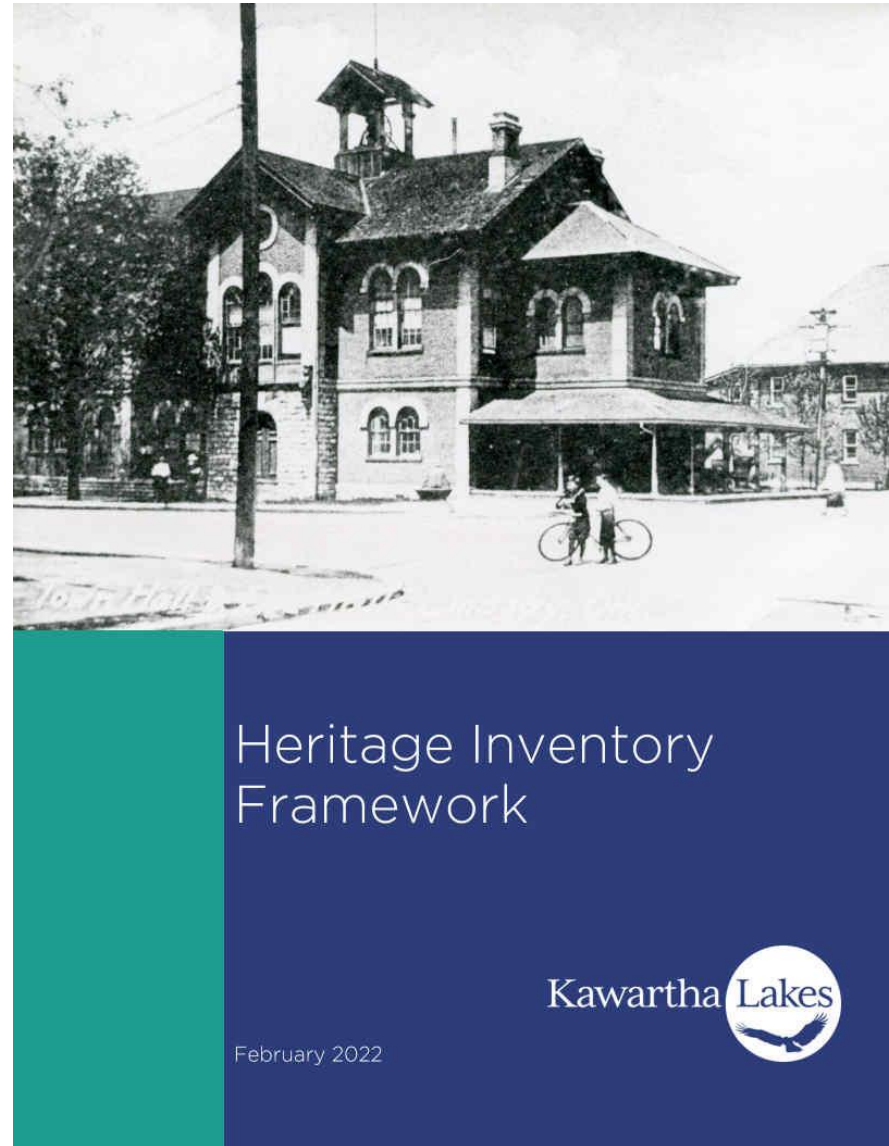
Inventory Project Goals

There are five key goals for this project:

- **Identify** the cultural heritage resources in Kawartha Lakes
- **Evaluate** resources to determine their significance
- **Protect** resources through different heritage and planning mechanisms
- **Engage** with the community on identification and protection of resources
- **Provide** comprehensive and transparent data on the City's cultural heritage resources

Heritage Inventory Framework

- Project guided by the Heritage Inventory Framework
- Approved by Council in February 2022
- Document provides the rationale for inventorying, a high level process, and project priorities
- Available online



Key Project Outcomes

There are several key project outcomes for this initiative:

- Comprehensive data (including photographs) on the heritage resources throughout Kawartha Lakes
- Standardized evaluations of heritage resources
- Historic context statements to provide background on our communities and key local themes
- Publically available data on the City's heritage resources through an online mapping portal

Inventory Uses

- The data from the inventory can be used to inform a wide variety of City projects
- The data also helps preserve community information about local places and spaces



Types of Heritage Resources

Four primary types of heritage resources:

- Built heritage resources
- Natural heritage resources
- Cultural heritage landscapes
- Archaeological resources

Archaeological resources will not be addressed through this project as they are managed through a separate protection framework and different policies.

Built Heritage Resources

- The most common type of heritage resource
- Includes any building or structure made by humans and associated with the history of a place (houses, commercial buildings, churches, schools, monuments, engineering works, etc)



Natural Heritage Resources

- Features from the natural world which has social and cultural value for their relationship to human society
- May be protected through environmental policies, but their cultural significance gives them heritage value



Cultural Heritage Landscapes

- Groupings of structures, buildings, natural elements and other interrelated heritage resources
- Generally complex and spanning multiple properties which taken together have cultural heritage value



Archaeological Resources

- Archaeological resources will not be surveyed as part of this project
- These resources have a separate protection framework from other heritage resources under Part VI of the OHA
- Archaeological data is confidential



Historic Context Statements

- Historic context statements will be created for various geographic locations as well as key themes which helped shape the development of Kawartha Lakes
- These statements are intended to provide an analytical framework for property evaluation
- Relating properties to their historic context (both geographic and thematic) assists in understanding their importance beyond their specific standalone architectural features
- They help provide an understanding of historic places that is nuanced and context-specific

Inventory Process

Survey

- Undertake field survey of properties
- Take photographs of historic properties
- Engage local communities

Recommend

- Use data to inform municipal decision making (heritage protection, policy development, etc.)

Evaluate

- Evaluate properties based on provincial criteria
- Undertake additional research on properties
- Prepare historic context statements

Evaluation

- All properties inventories will be evaluated to determine if they are significant
- Evaluation based on standardized provincial criteria
- Additional research is required
- The evaluation will provide additional information about each resource

Heritage Evaluation Matrix		
Property Address Resource Type		
Geographic Context Thematic Context(s)		
Design and Physical Value Criteria	Yes/No	Significance
Is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.		
Displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.		
Demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.		
Historical and Associative Value Criteria	Yes/No	Significance
Has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community.		

Other Municipalities

- Inventorying is recognized as a best practice in heritage planning and many other communities across Ontario have or are undertaking heritage inventories
- Some recent projects have taken place in Ottawa, Hamilton, Toronto
- A good example to look at is the Hamilton Inventory which is currently underway as it includes both urban and rural communities over a large area:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/162d67fa21aa43ff80e1a8ab78ff5b90>
- Inventories are regularly undertaken in other countries with strong local and national heritage programs

The project so far...

- Approval from Council to initiate project (February 2022)
- Development of project framework
- Launch of webpage and Jump In project site
- Public meetings



2022 Project Goals

- Launch heritage inventory
- Conduct field inventories in 2 communities (Bethany and Bobcaygeon)
- Collect and analyze data
- Start development of a public web map

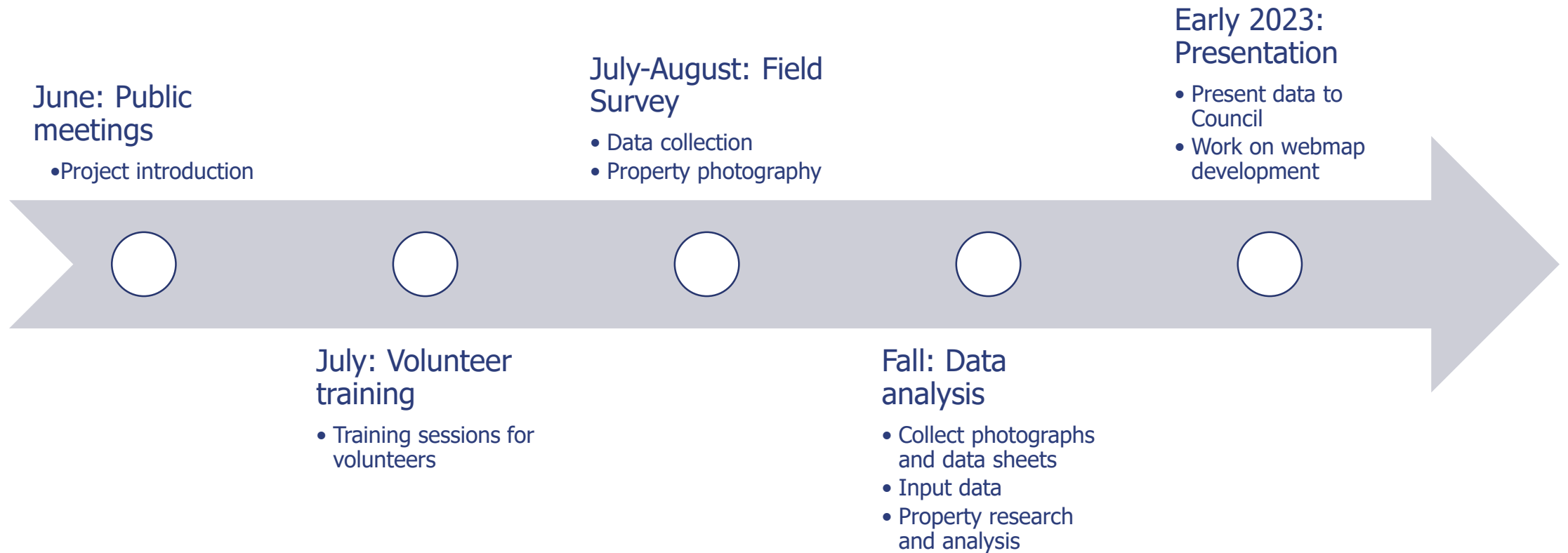


Why Bethany?

- Bethany is one of the first communities to be inventoried
- The village contains a wealth of heritage resources
- Importance of including our rural communities in the project from the beginning
- Manageable size to test the inventory process



Timeline: Bethany Inventory



Get Involved!

- We are looking for community members to get involved with the inventory
- Volunteers can commit as much or as little time as they are able to
- Volunteers can:
 - Help undertake the field inventory
 - Provide research and information on the community and specific properties

Resources

City website:

www.kawarthalakes.ca

Jump In:

<https://jumpinkawarthalakes.ca/heritageinventory>



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Questions?

