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### **Does being on the Heritage Register automatically lead to designation?**

No. If you are willing, the Heritage Committee would discuss potential evaluation of your property and make a recommendation to Council about designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. Selwyn Council is also looking at establishing a tax relief programme that would rebate a portion of your taxes to you, so that the property could be maintained and improved.

### **What is a cultural heritage property?**

- Residential, commercial, institutional, agricultural or industrial buildings
- Monuments, such as a cenotaph, public art or a statue
- Structures, such as a water tower, culvert, fence or bridge
- Natural features that have cultural heritage value or interest
- Cemeteries, gravestones or cemetery markers
- Cultural heritage landscapes
- Spiritual sites
- Building interiors
- Ruins
- Archaeological sites, including marine archaeology
- Areas of archaeological potential
- Built/immoveable fixtures or chattel

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## **Municipal Heritage Register for the Selwyn Township**



**Celebrating Our Past,  
Preserving Our  
Future**

# Starting a Municipal Heritage Register for Selwyn Township

Municipalities have the power (under the Ontario Heritage Act) to identify, evaluate and conserve properties that have lasting heritage value and interest. A Municipal Heritage Committee (or MHC) advises Council, and compiles a Register of properties, kept at the municipal office. The Register must contain information on designated properties but may also be a list of potential heritage properties.

Creating a Register, or “List”, is one part of the record of the cultural heritage of our area. Along with doing systematic survey and recording, “listing” potential properties on a register can lead to further research and then possibly evaluating for designation.

A Register, or “List”, must contain legal descriptions and basic details of all designated properties. It may also contain brief descriptions of other properties of potential cultural heritage value. The Register will be available to municipal staff and officials, property owners, and the public. It is a valuable tool for planners, educators, tourism operators and economic development organizations.

Selwyn’s MHC is compiling a comprehensive survey of properties of interest that MAY be eligible for designation in future. Some research has already been done – for example, a record of farmsteads was compiled by Canadian Studies students from Trent University under the direction of Professor John Marsh. Before amalgamation, the Village of Lakefield had a Heritage Committee that designated several properties. Since amalgamation the Selwyn MHC has designated additional properties. There are many more buildings and cultural landscapes that could be examined in detail.

Listing a property on the register DOES NOT impose any obligations on the owner. It simply indicates a property that might be researched and evaluated in future. Property owners are involved in such evaluation. The Selwyn Heritage Register would be updated from time to time and adds to the Cultural Map of the township prepared in 2013.

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## **Why are you taking a picture of my property?**

Your property might be of cultural heritage value or interest to the Selwyn Municipal Heritage Committee and would be included on the Heritage Register for the township.

## **What kinds of properties is the Heritage Committee interested in?**

We are compiling a list of buildings, cultural heritage landscapes, potential heritage conservation districts, archaeological sites or other places that have cultural heritage value or interest.

## **Does being on the Heritage Register have implications for me as an owner?**

The Register contains information on properties already designated as significant, such as the Memorial Hall in Lakefield, and the Ennismore Artspace, as well as properties of interest. If you own a designated heritage property, you are already aware of your obligations with regard to conservation. If your property is of interest only, there are no implications for you.