

Heritage Property Recognition Program

With its long and diverse indigenous and settler history, Tay Valley Township has a wealth of heritage structures and properties that define our contemporary community and provide a tangible reminder of our past. In response to requests from the community, the municipality has instituted the Heritage Property's Recognition Program. Residents may propose a property to receive a certificate and legacy plaque, recognizing its contribution to our history and our area. This program complements the Legacy Farm Program launched in 2016 for the 200th Anniversary celebration, and the Legacy Cottage Program which was a Canada 150 initiative.

The Heritage Property Recognition Program recognizes properties in Tay Valley Township that have historic or cultural importance to the general township community, beyond any significance to a family or organization. The objective is to commemorate properties; it does not place legal or municipal restrictions on the property as a result.

This is a voluntary program, based on applications from residents. Applications are reviewed by the Heritage Property Selection Committee. An approved property will receive an official certificate from the Township, and applicants will have the option of purchasing a plaque that can be placed in a suitable location determined in discussion with the Committee.

The types of properties to be recognized in the program are:

Residential, commercial, agricultural or industrial buildings that have historic, architectural or cultural significance to the community

Examples:

- The home of a person who had a significant role in the township
- A building that served as a known community retail centre for a hamlet, such as a post office or general store
- A building that housed an early mill, factory or school

Heritage and cultural structures, such as monuments, cemetery markers, bridges, ruins, and fences

Examples:

- The cemetery monument of a person who had an impact on the early community, perhaps as a politician or a leader in an organization (e.g. Women's Institute)
- The ruins of an early grist mill or sawmill
- An early, known trestle bridge

Heritage landscapes and archaeological sites (properties need not have a structure)

Examples:

- An early mine site
- The site of an early industrial operation
- The location of a documented indigenous trail

For this program, the term 'properties' does not include written property, works of art, goods, or concepts and ideas.

Online Cultural/Historical Map Listing: The Township's website includes a Community and Culture map that highlights many local properties that have historic interest or current activities. The application asks the owner's permission to include the Heritage Property site and description on the map.

Township Tourism Guides: The Township will be developing tourism guides that may include walking or driving tours. The application asks if the Heritage Property may be visited or viewed by the public. This is not a requirement of the program. The applicant/owner may limit visits by specifying a specific time period, or viewing only from the road, or other limits.

Deadline for Applications: This is an ongoing program.

Criteria for Approval: Because each property generally has a unique character and history, each application will be assessed subjectively on its individual merits, rather than against a set of prescribed criteria. For example, the age of a potential historic structure or site could be considered relevant, but potential historic structures or sites are not required to meet any required minimum age.

Application: The application should include documentation explaining why the property should be recognized (photos, map, survey, documents).

The property owner must indicate written approval for an application submitted by someone else (see page 2 of the application form).

For more information, please contact:
Planning Assistant, Tay Valley Township
planningassistant@tayvalleytwp.ca
Tel. 613-267-5353, ext. 129

Submit application to:
Heritage Property Selection Committee
Tay Valley Township
217 Harper Road, Perth ON K7H 3C6



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Heritage Property Recognition Program Application Form

***Please read the program
information before filling
out this application***

TYPE OF PROPERTY

(check or explain the type of property)

Building		Structure		Landscape or Property only	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Residence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monument	<input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cemetery marker	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical
<input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (explain briefly)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (explain briefly)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (explain briefly)

Describe the property and reason for application (use a separate page if required):

Supporting documentation enclosed (circle one): yes no

LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Lot: _____ Concession: _____ circle one: Bathurst North Burgess South Sherbrooke

Address: _____

Municipality: _____ Postal Code: _____

APPLICANT

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Municipality: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

