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Toronto Heritage Survey Phase One and Heritage Planning Process Update

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- Interim report on Phase One progress requested by Council
- Recommendation:
 - City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to report back to City Council in Q3 2023 following the completion of the first phase of the Toronto Heritage Survey work plan, and to make recommendations on future phases of work.



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The Toronto Heritage Survey will become the primary tool to provide baseline information on potential heritage resources to:

- guide long-range planning decisions,
- support transparent development review and
- further a number of policy goals beyond land-use planning, including ensuring that the Toronto Heritage Register reflects the values, histories and experiences of all of its citizens.



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- City Planning has established the Toronto Heritage Survey and made significant progress in Phase One.
- Though Phase One is not yet complete, it has resulted in:
 - operational efficiencies and increased transparency
 - responsiveness to changing provincial land-use planning and cultural heritage policies.
 - greater equity and inclusion in City Planning engagement practices

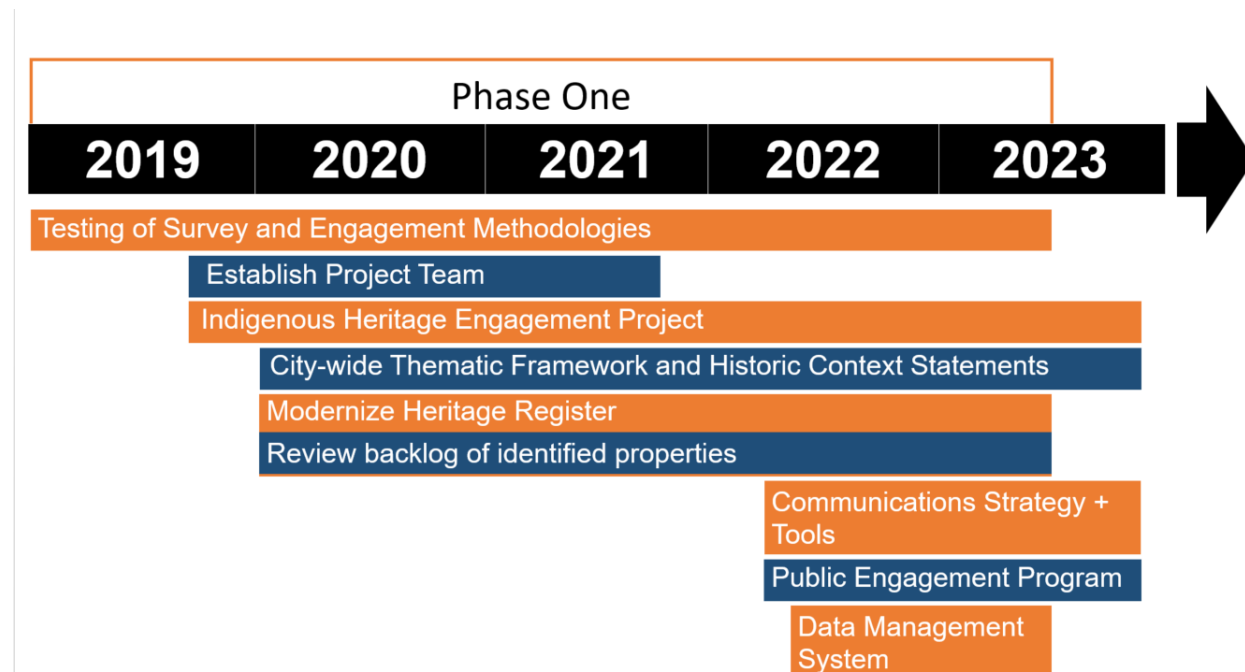
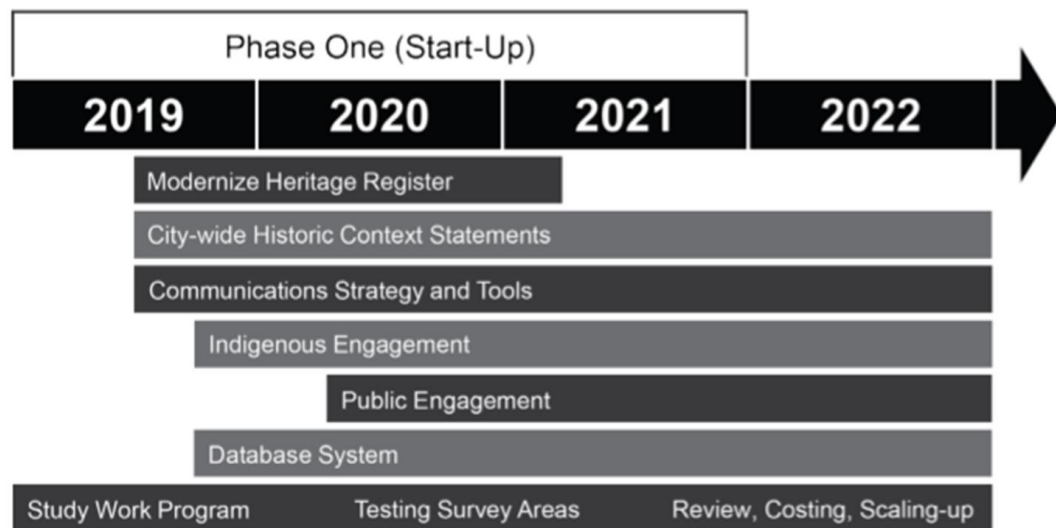
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- Phase One goals have largely been accomplished through the Division's study work program, with existing staff in Heritage Planning and across the City Planning division.
- A Staff Report summarizing the results of Phase One, and proposing next phases of the Toronto Heritage Survey, is proposed for Q3 2023.

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- The pandemic and Bill 108 have extended project timelines to 2023



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Toronto Heritage Survey Goals



Good Planning

- Baseline data to inform planning
- City-wide strategy
- Conservation of heritage resources



Operational Efficiency

- Consistent and faster identification of heritage properties
- Publicly accessible data



Value for Money

- Timely information and greater predictability resulting in saved time and costs



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Getting Our House in Order

- Prompt and efficient assessment of properties with potential cultural value early in the planning process.
- Identified and assessed key Heritage Planning business processes to inform a business case for potential new database tools.
- In response to Bill 108 changes to the Ontario Heritage Act:
 - introduced a significantly revised Heritage Impact Assessment terms of reference
 - introduced a new Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report terms of reference
 - significantly revamped the City's heritage permit process, including updates to the municipal code and a new application form and City application requirements

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Indigenous Heritage Engagement Project

- First phase of co-development completed through two [Co-Development Dialogues](#).
- Participation in Indigenous Youth Research Associate program
- Projected Procurement of Indigenous Engagement Specialist/Facilitator
- Ongoing engagement

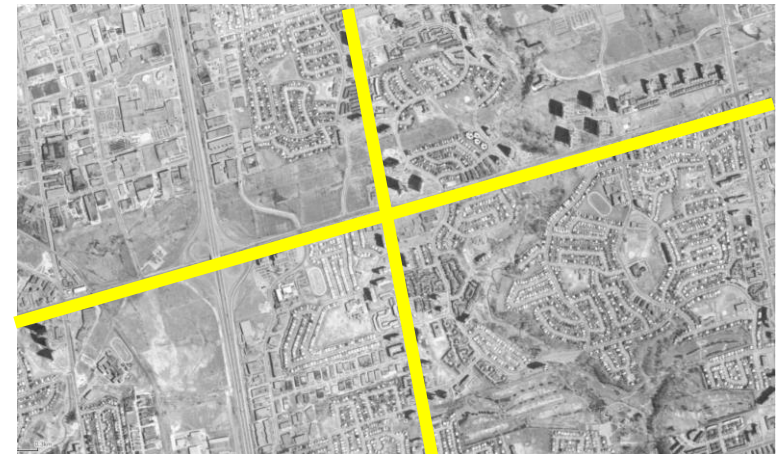


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Testing of Survey and Engagement Methodologies

- Heritage surveys within planning studies have created greater predictability for City staff, communities and property owners as areas grow and change.
- A Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment contributes to a Planning Study by:
 - documenting and analysing the area's development history
 - gathering an understanding of how communities value the cultural heritage of the study area
 - identifying properties with potential cultural heritage value to be considered for inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register.



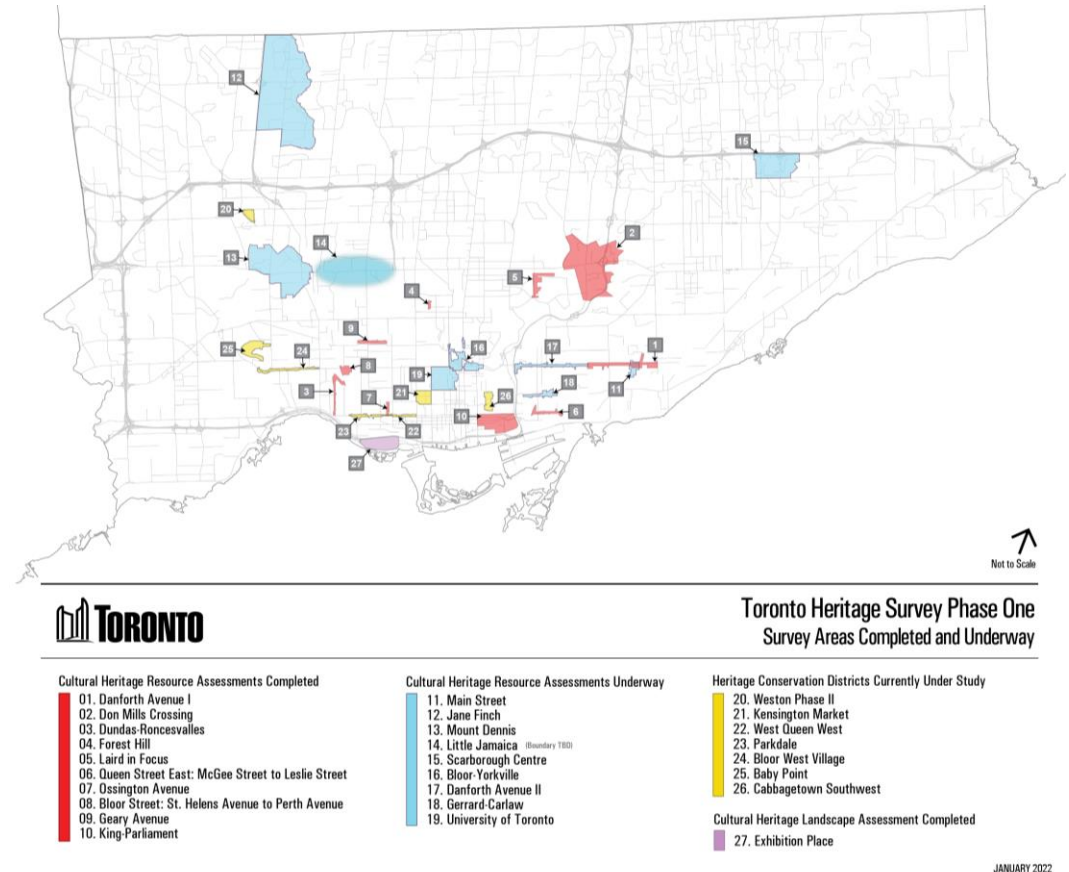
Aerial photographs of Jane and Finch area:
1954 (above) and 1978 (below) (City of Toronto Archives)

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- Twelve CHRAs have been completed or are currently underway in Phase One
- Identification of properties through Provincial criteria incorporates a higher degree of rigour than the Ontario Heritage Act requires for listing, as mandated by the City of Toronto's Official Plan.



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Public Engagement – Building and Broadening Our Audience

- Robust and inclusive community engagement is an important goal of the THS
 - Advancing engagement approach that is sensitive and responsive to needs of Indigenous communities and Black, Caribbean, and African communities
 - Organizing Heritage Focus Groups to better reflect diversity of communities in study areas
 - Focusing engagement to identify buildings and landscapes that are strongly associated with past and present communities in a study area.

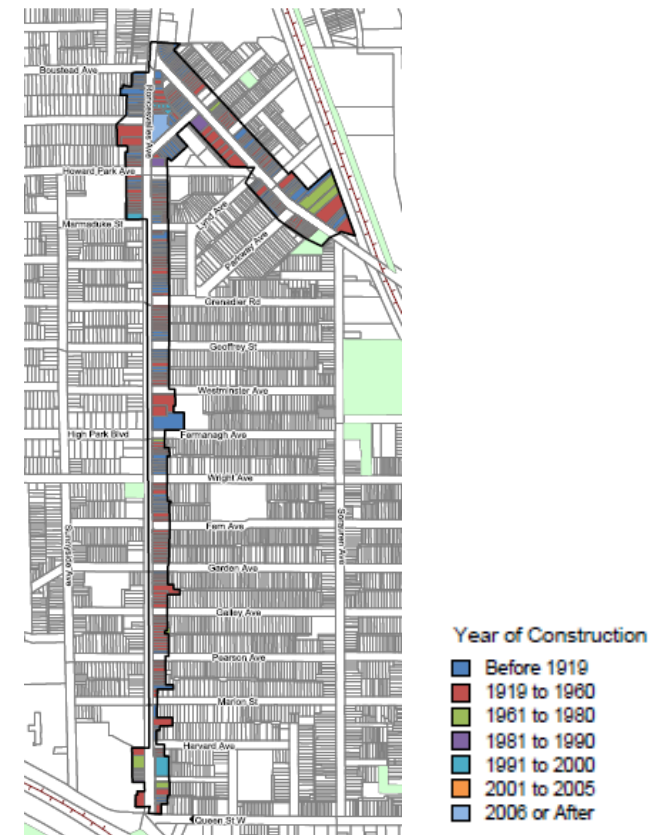


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Reduce/Eliminate the Backlog of Outstanding Heritage Nominations

- Revised methodology for "listing" properties on the Heritage Register
- Completed review of properties identified through past Planning Studies. As a result, 963 properties were added to the Heritage Register, including 36 that were on the nomination backlog.
- Analyzed the nomination backlog and developed methodology for evaluation.
- Reviewed and reported on nominated properties within Etobicoke-York CC.
- Review of Scarborough nominations underway



Dundas Roncesvalles Study Area –
Year of Construction

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Looking Forward into 2022-2023

- Toronto Heritage Survey Update Report scheduled for March 25 Planning and Housing.
- City Planning will complete internally focused Phase One goals, and shift to new goals that are primarily related to engagement, volunteers, and communications.
- Final Phase One report proposed for Q3 2023

