

West Queen West and Kensington Market Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Plans

Indigenous Engagement Meeting #1

July 20th, 2023



Agenda

1. What is a Heritage Conservation District (HCD)?
2. Introduction to the two areas for today's discussion:
 - West Queen West
 - Kensington Market
3. How will the feedback from today influence the proposed HCD Plans?

What is a Heritage Conservation District?



An area with a **concentration** of heritage resources that **distinguishes** it from its surroundings



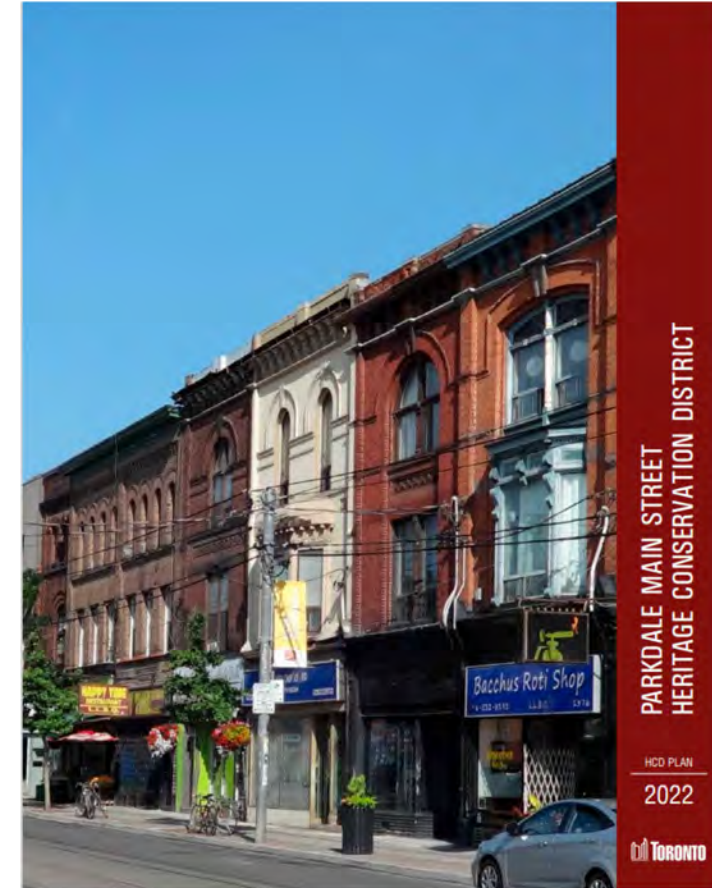
Every property is protected under Part V of the **Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)**



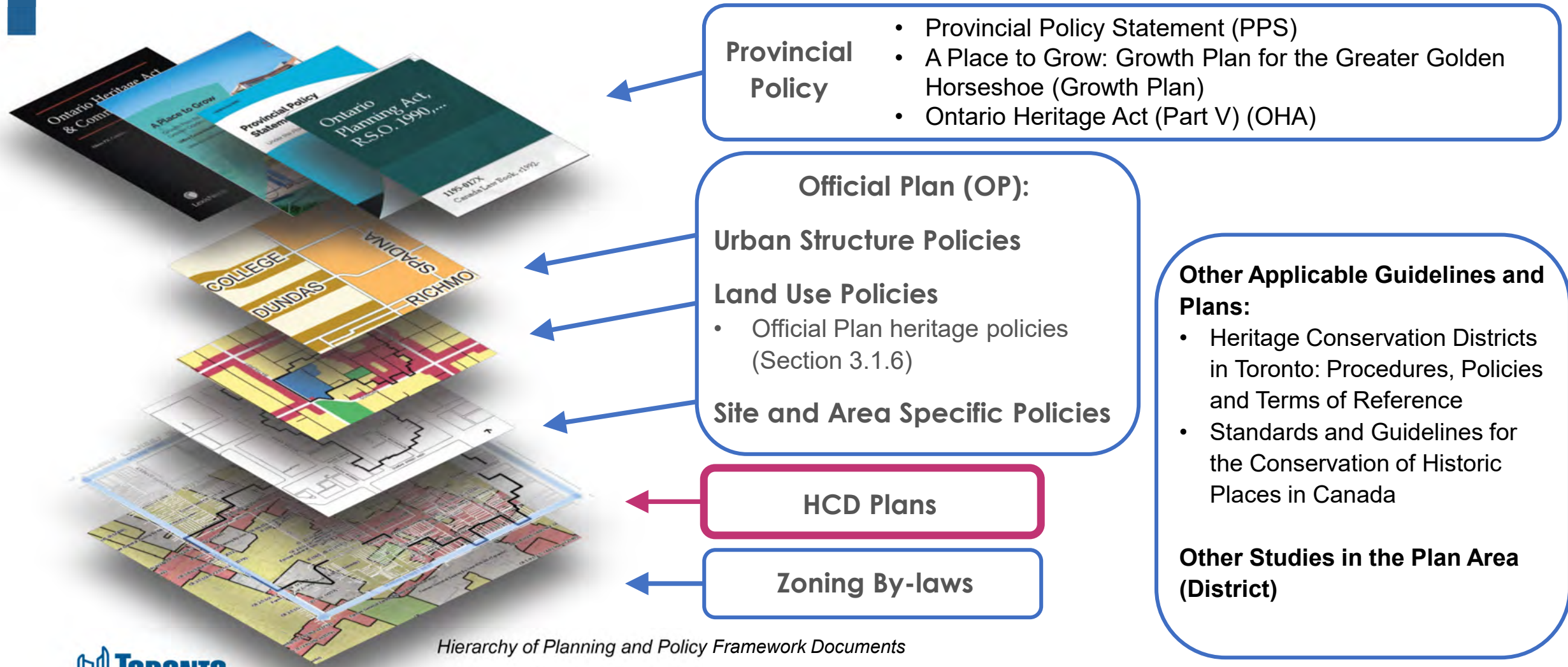
Planning tool that ensures **ongoing change** conserves and maintains **cultural heritage value**

Three Phases:

1. Study Phase
2. Plan Phase
3. Implementation



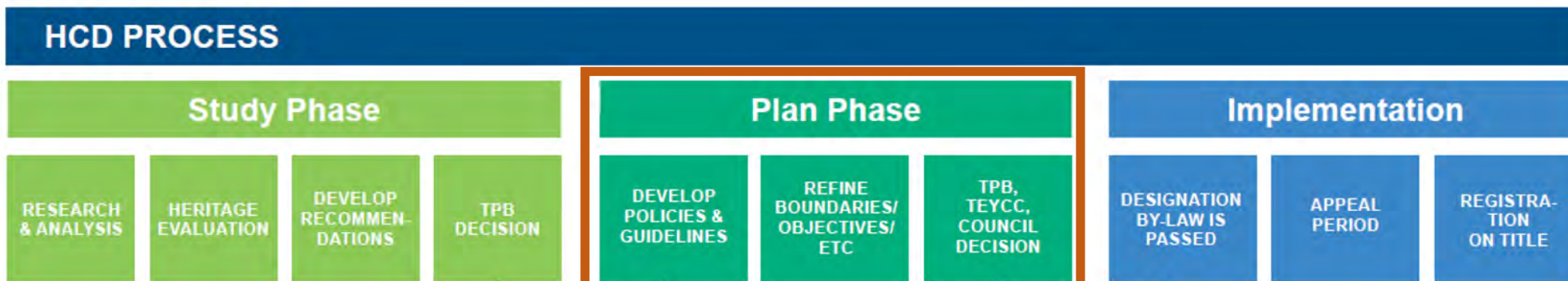
Policy and Planning Frameworks



Hierarchy of Planning and Policy Framework Documents

For engagement purposes only, subject to further change and review

City of Toronto's HCD Process



if HCD study recommends that the area (or portions therein) merits HCD designation, TPB endorsement of recommendations to proceed to Plan phase is required

after HCD Plan has been developed with community consultation, Council decision required to designate HCD

Part V Designation By-Law



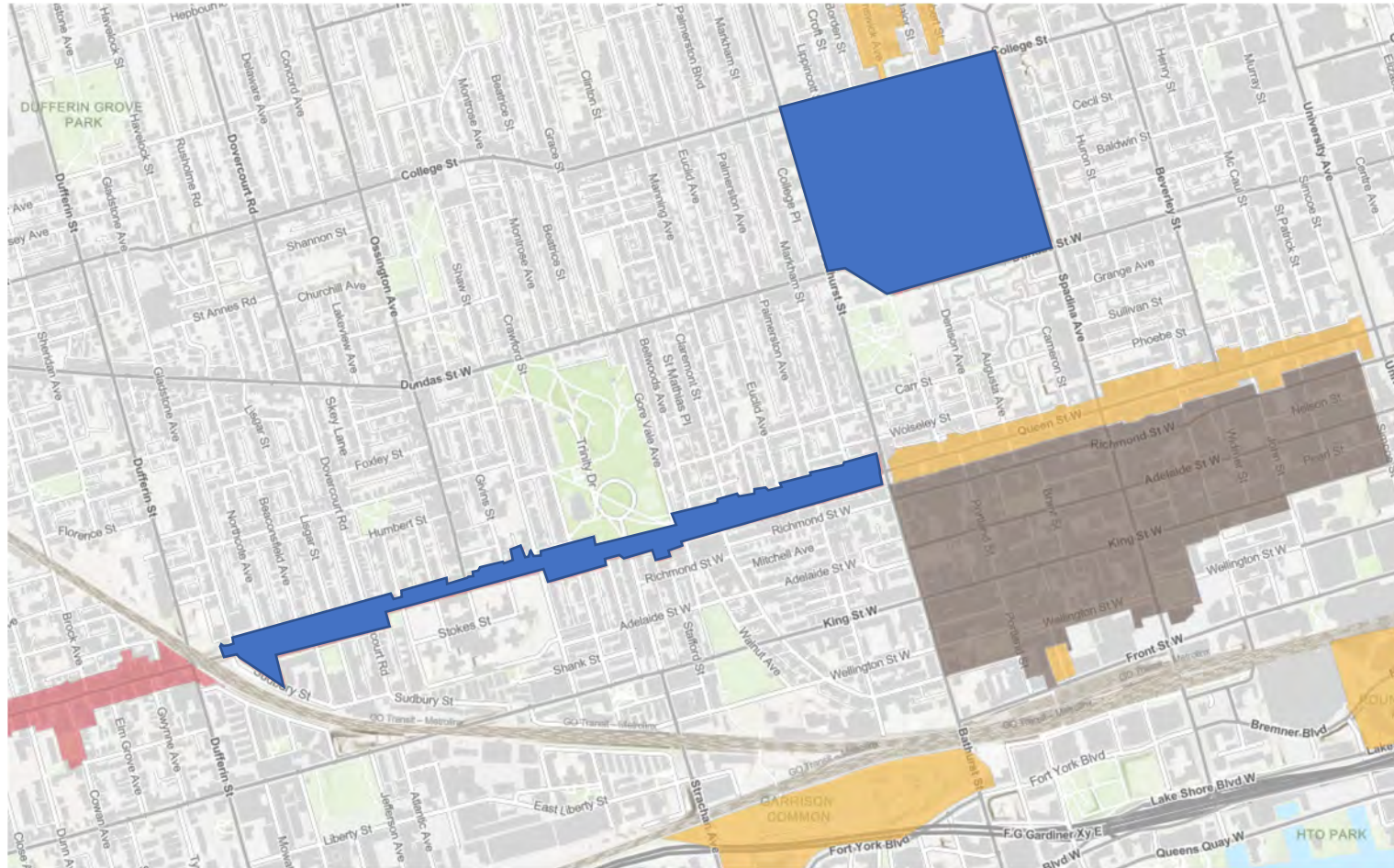
Unlike appeals under the Planning Act, under Part V of the OHA an HCD cannot come into force until all appeals have been resolved or dismissed.



Cover Page of WQW HCD Study, 2017



Proposed West Queen West and Kensington Market HCDs



Proposed West Queen West HCD



Proposed Kensington Market HCD





What are your experiences with these neighbourhoods?

- Tell us more about the Indigenous people, organizations, and communities in the West Queen West and Kensington Market areas.
 - a) Are there any places or businesses in the area that are important to you?
 - b) Is there anything special to you about these areas and why?
 - c) What should we understand about the history of Indigenous communities in these areas?

Content of an HCD Plan

The content of an HCD Plan is directed by the Ontario Heritage Act.

- A **statement of the objectives** to be achieved in designating the area as an HCD.
- A statement explaining the **cultural heritage value** or interest of the district;
- A description of the **heritage attributes** of the heritage conservation district and of properties in the district;
- **Policy statements, guidelines** and **procedures** for achieving the stated objectives and managing change in the heritage conservation district; and
- a description of the alterations or **classes of alterations** that are minor in nature and that the owner of property in the heritage conservation district may carry out or permit to be carried out on any part of the property, other than the interior of any structure or building on the property, without obtaining a permit under section 42

How will community feedback influence the HCD Plans?

Three key areas:

1. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value
2. Statement of Objectives
3. Policies and Guidelines



Statement of Cultural Heritage Value



Role:

To describe the cultural heritage value of the District

Content:

- The historical, spiritual, cultural, aesthetic, scientific, or social associations that give the area a special character
- Heritage attributes are the materials, forms, location, spatial configurations, uses and cultural associations or meanings that contribute to the cultural heritage value of an historic place

Statement of Objectives

Role:

To describe the long-term vision for the District and the desired outcomes for the designation of the District

Content:

- How to protect, conserve, and manage the cultural heritage values of the District long-term, while managing growth and change in the area
- Objectives may also relate to archaeological resources, the public realm (including parks, laneways, etc.), and others



Policies and Guidelines



Role:

To provide direction on how to achieve the stated objectives

Content:

- May include specific direction on the maintenance, repair, alteration, or demolition of a property (among others), or direction on aspects of the public realm such as parks, open spaces, and public art
- Guidelines suggest ways to achieve policies, but are not mandatory



How can we improve these neighbourhoods for future generations while conserving what is important?

- These Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Plans will include a list of goals and objectives for the future of the area (with a focus on the physical environment, including buildings, parks, and public spaces).
 - a) Do you have any suggestions on if and how a future West Queen West or Kensington Market can better acknowledge and serve current and future Indigenous community members?



What else should we consider?

- Is there any interest in celebrating or increasing the visibility of the Indigenous community in this area, and if so, what would be a meaningful way for us to encourage that?
 - a) Are there places in these Districts currently being used for ceremony or other activities for the Indigenous community?
 - b) Are there any Indigenous people, places, or events that are connected to this area that we should recommend honoring in some way?

Feedback

The presentation will be available on the City's HCD website. Feedback can be provided to:

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Please provide your feedback by **August 21, 2023.**

Questions about the West Queen West or Kensington Market HCDs?

Additional information is available on the City's HCD website.

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/heritage-preservation/heritage-conservation-districts-planning-studies/>

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