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**Heritage Register Review:
Public Information Session**

February 26, 2024



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Share information about the Toronto Heritage Register Review

Answer questions

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 mins)
2. Heritage Planning and Bill 23 (20 mins)
3. Heritage Register Review Project (20 mins)
4. Question and Answer Period (40 mins)
5. Next steps (5 mins)

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toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/heritage-preservation/heritage-register-review/

Some Norms for Discussion

Respect is our guide

Listen to understand (vs. to respond)

Place trust in the process

Be hard on ideas but soft on people

All questions are good questions

Heritage and City Building

Our city's heritage resources contribute to social and economic prosperity by defining our unique sense of place, supporting cohesive and resilient communities, and contributing to environmental sustainability through adaptive re-use. They are a part of our city's DNA.



Parkway Plaza, ACO Toronto, Chen Shaowei

What Does Heritage Look Like?



789 Don Mills Road



The Guild Inn Estate



Gibson House

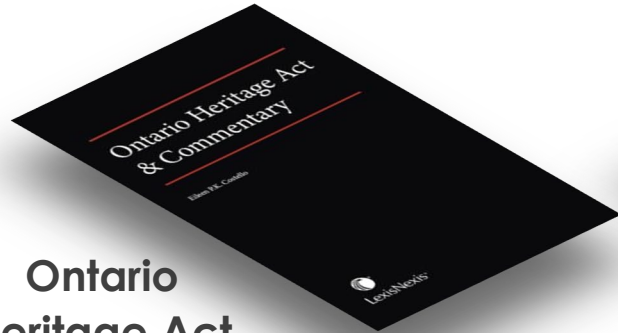


250 University Avenue



Distillery Historic District

Heritage in the Planning Policy Framework: a matter of provincial interest



Ontario
Heritage Act



Provincial
Policy



Standards and Guidelines



Official Plan

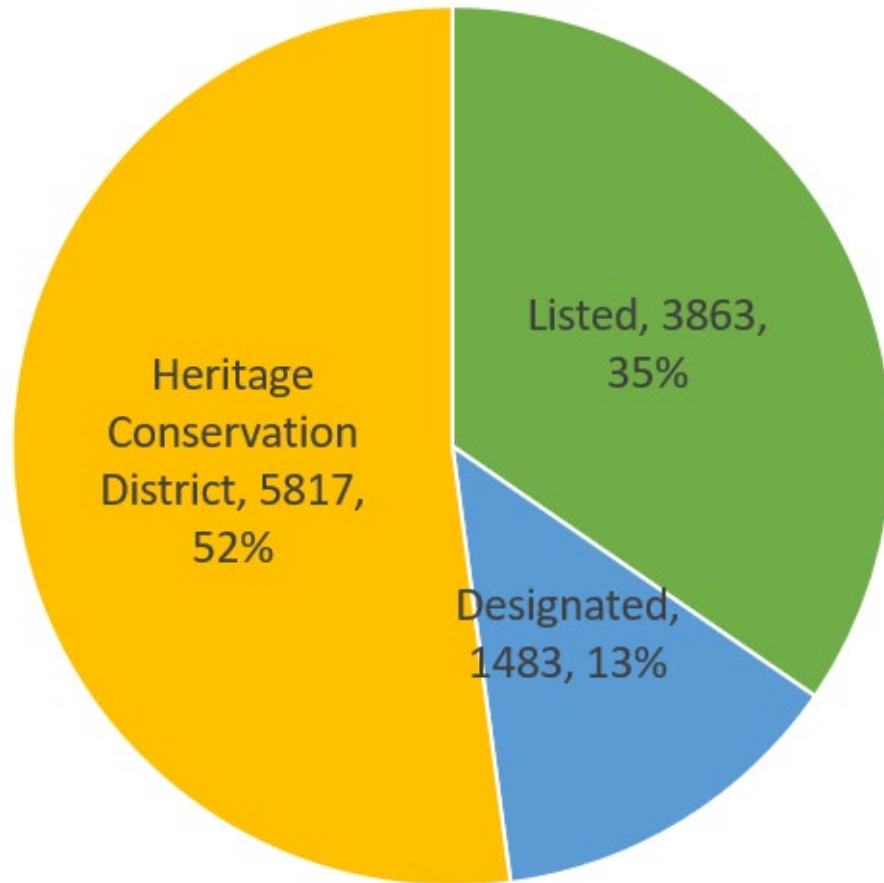
Land Use
Policies

Secondary Plans /
SASP

HCD Plans

Zoning By-laws

The Heritage Register



City of Toronto Archives

Bill 23: The More Homes Built Faster Act

- Through Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, the Province of Ontario has made significant amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act.
- These amendments went into effect on January 1, 2023
- Heritage remains a matter of Provincial interest, but how we conserve in this City has changed.



Gibraltar Point Lighthouse, ACO Toronto,
Bob Krawczyk

Heritage Act Amendments

- Listed properties must be removed from the Register if Council does not give a notice of intention to designate the property on or before the second anniversary of the day the property was included on the register.
- Properties included on the Register as of the day before the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 comes into force must be removed from the Register if Council does not give a notice of intention to designate on or before the second anniversary of the Act coming into force.
- Properties removed from the Register under subsections 14 – 16 may not be listed again for a period of five years.
- If a property is subject to a prescribed event, Council may not give notice of intention to designate the property if it has not already been listed.

Prescribed Event

- Defined in Provincial Regulation
- The point in the planning application process where the Clerk gives notice that the City has received a complete application.
- Applies to most major planning applications.



The City of Toronto's Implementation of Bill 23

- The City has been implementing legislative change through a phased approach.
- Phase one of Bill 23 Implementation was focused on ensuring that the City could continue to effectively process development applications for heritage properties.
- Phase two of Bill 23 is focused on the Heritage Register and the approximately 4,000 listed properties therein.
- Work began on phase two in early 2023 and included an audit of the 4,000 listed properties.
- The City has also created a development growth model to assist in understanding which of the listed properties are located within areas where the City is anticipating growth.

Bill 23 – Phase Two: Obtaining Help

- The City of Toronto has engaged the heritage consulting firm of ASI to assist Staff in implementing Phase two of the Bill 23 Heritage Register Review process.



Heritage Register Review Project



Responding to changes to the Ontario Heritage Act resulting from Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

This webpage is intended to provide information to the public on the work being undertaken by Staff to update the City of Toronto's Heritage Register and the Heritage Planning process. The Heritage Register Review is being conducted to respond to these changes to maintain and conserve Toronto's Heritage Resources for present and future generations. The following sections provide an overview of the Heritage Register Review project, amendments made to the Ontario Heritage Act, as well as reports and presentations made by Staff. It will be updated as events for public engagement and feedback are scheduled.

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/heritage-preservation/heritage-register-review>



The Team and its Structure

City of Toronto

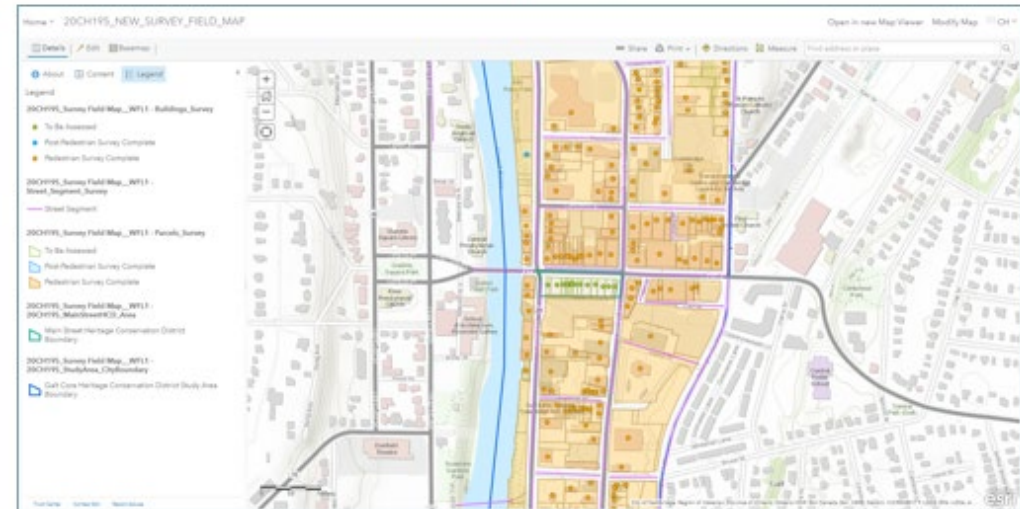
ASI Heritage

Supported By:

Dedicated Toronto-based facilitation firm to lead large-scale public and stakeholder meetings.

Former Senior Policy Advisory with the Provincial Government

Former Municipal Heritage Planner with the City of Toronto



Clockwise from top left: Burlington Avenue, Burlington; Cognitive Mapping Exercise Centre Wellington; ArcGIS Software Galt Core HCD Study



Heritage Register Review Project Scope

1. Prioritize Designations

2. Tracking, Monitoring, Alternative Strategies

3. Optimize Designations

4. Outreach and Engagement

Heritage Register Review Project Scope

1. Prioritize Designations

- Prioritize a subset of the approximate 3,800 listed properties for designation.

2. Tracking, Monitoring, Alternative Strategies

3. Optimize Designations

4. Outreach and Engagement

Heritage Register Review Project Scope

1. Prioritize Designations

2. Tracking, Monitoring, Alternative Strategies

- Procedures and alternative strategies to track and monitor formerly listed properties that are not designated prior to January 1, 2025.

3. Optimize Designations

4. Outreach and Engagement

Heritage Register Review Project Scope

1. Prioritize Designations

2. Tracking, Monitoring, Alternative Strategies

3. Optimize Designations

- Advise on an optimal approach for designation.

4. Outreach and Engagement

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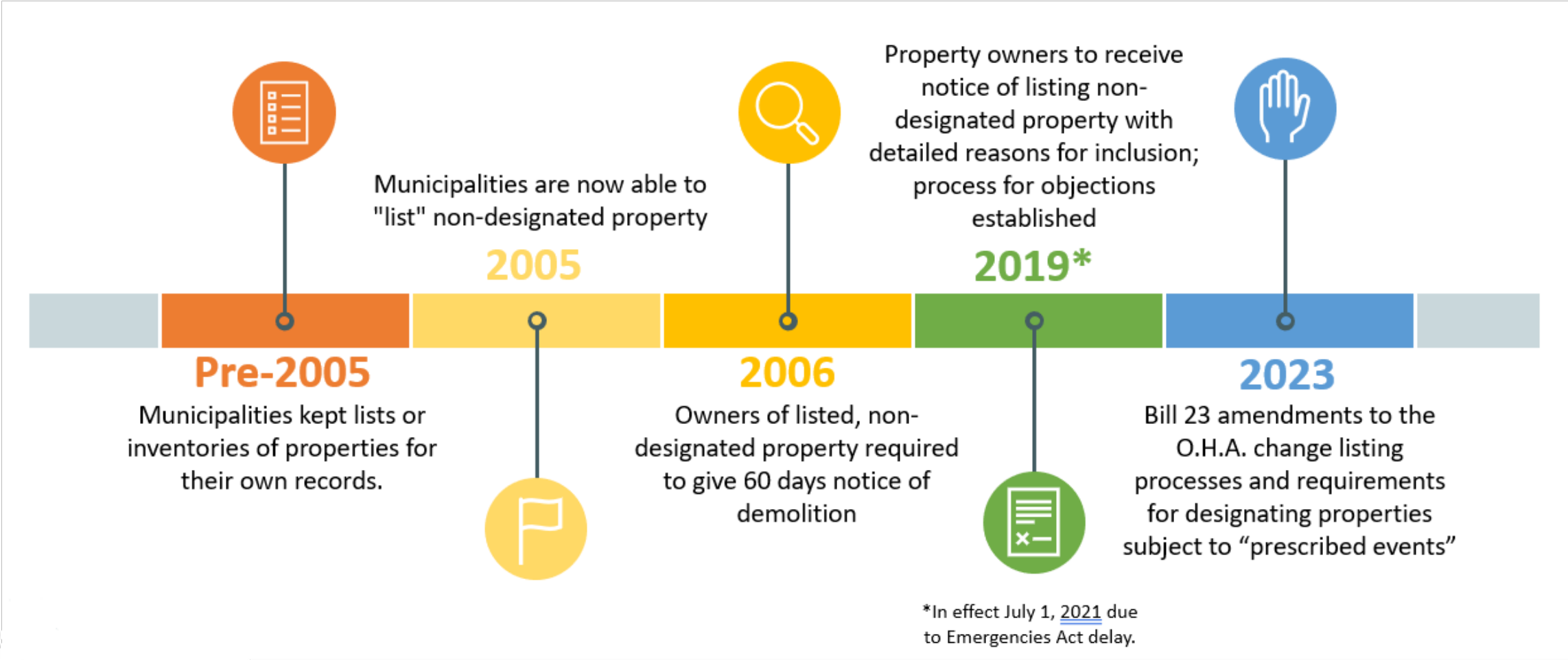
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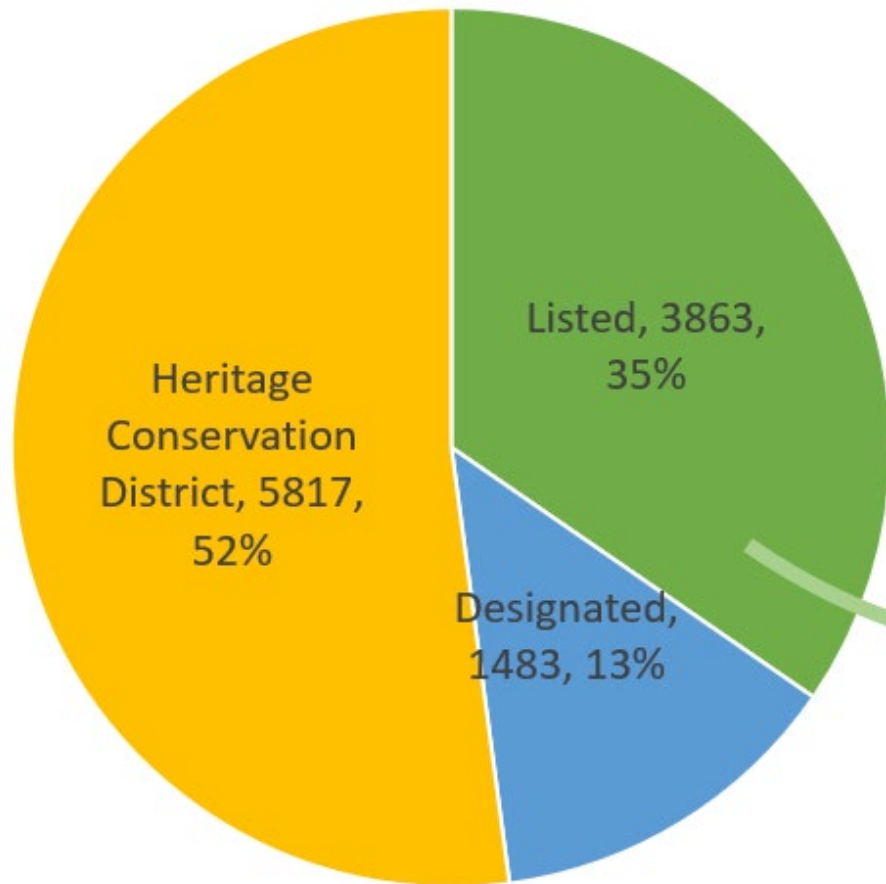
4. Outreach and Engagement

- Develop and implement an outreach and engagement strategy.

Evolution of Heritage Registers



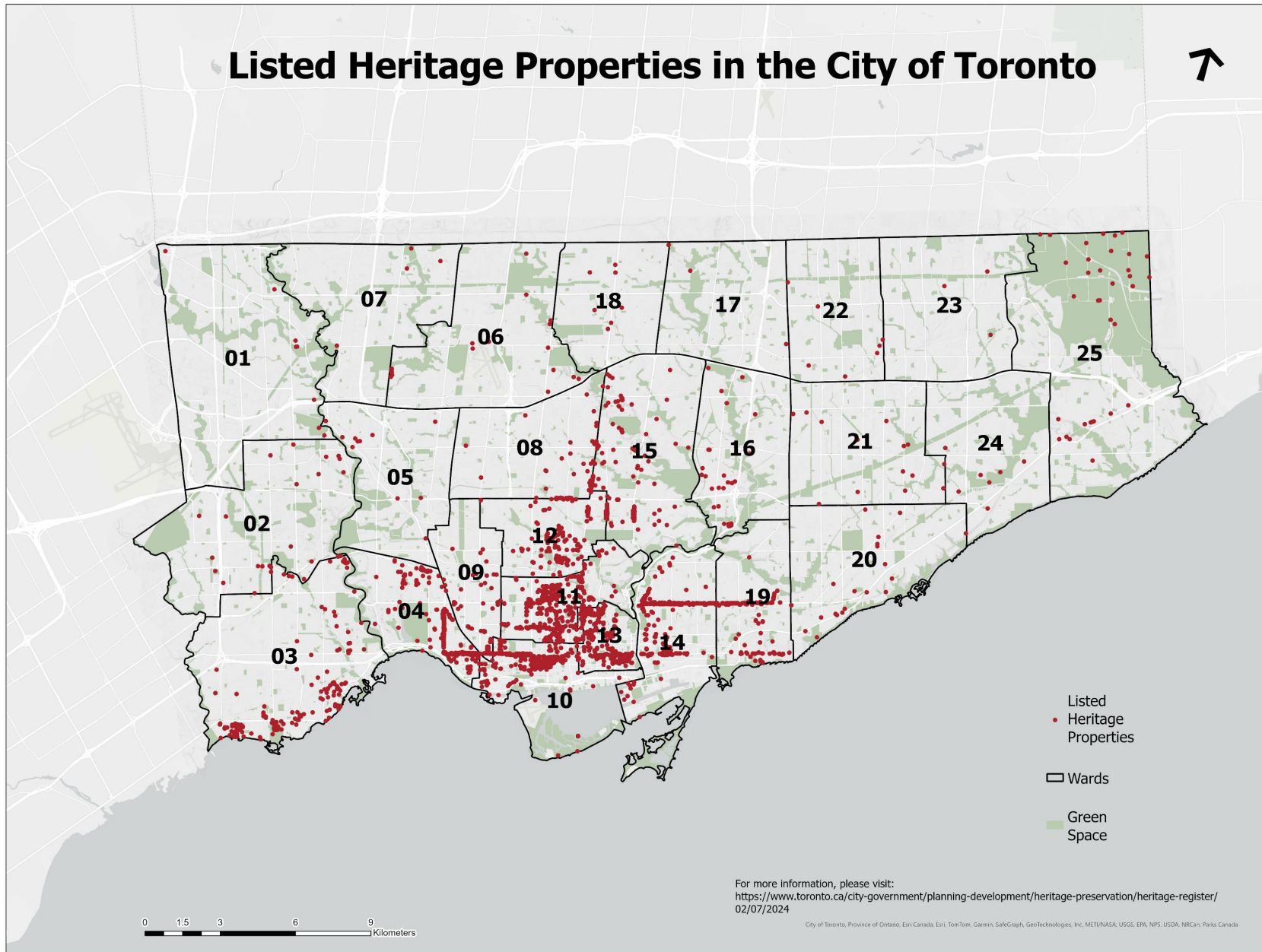
Existing Heritage Register



Listing Objectives/Factors Leading to Listing

- Captured as part of early heritage inventory efforts
- Believed to be of some cultural heritage value or interest
- Strong candidate for Part IV designation
- Heritage Conservation District under appeal
- Recognition
- Review demolition permits

Listed Heritage Properties in the City of Toronto



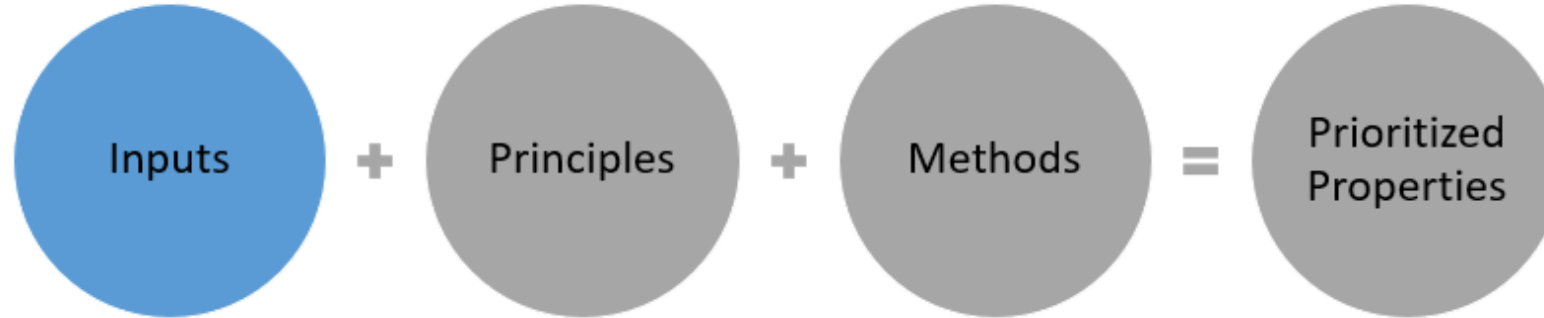
Project Phases: Prioritization



Prioritization Framework

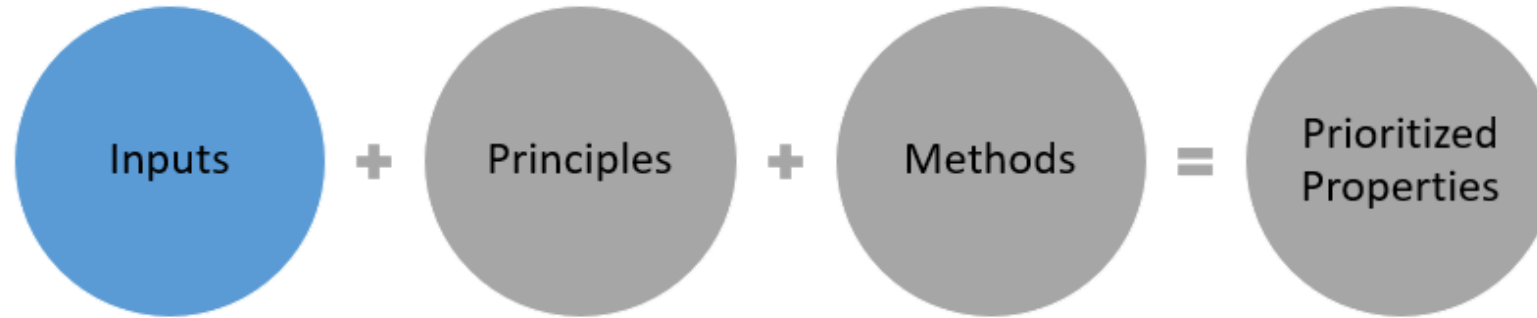


Prioritization Framework



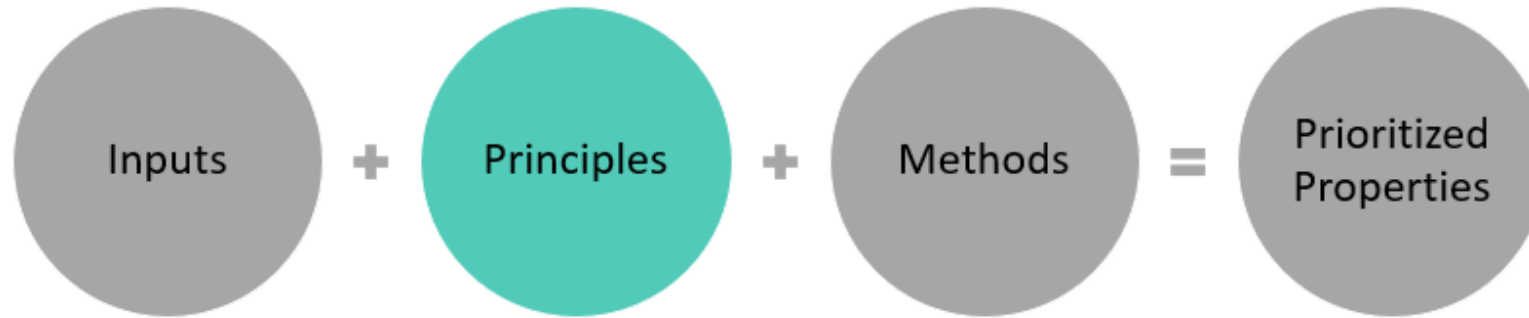
- Procedural Changes
- Heritage Register Audit
- Database Development:
 - Growth Framework
 - Review of Existing Listed Properties
- Jurisdictional Scan
- Workshops with Heritage Planning

Prioritization Framework



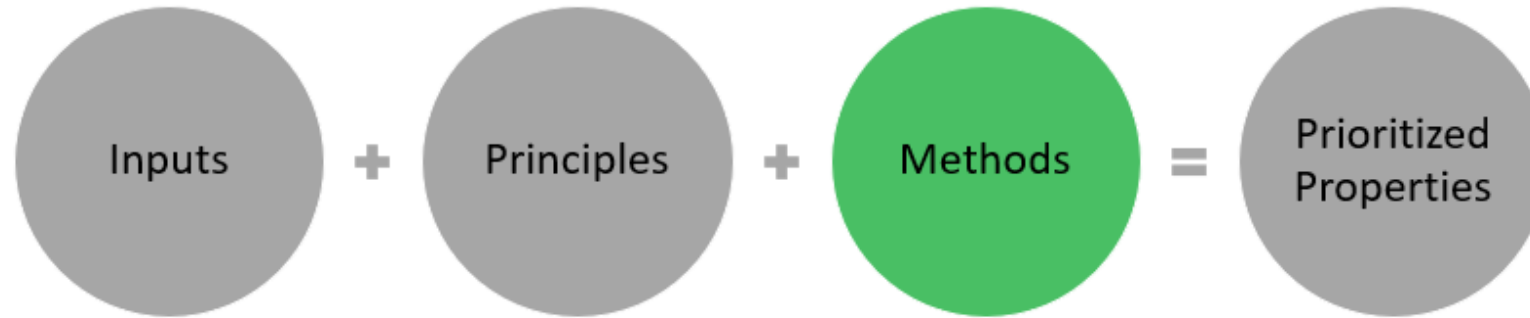
- Engagement:
 - Community Preservation Panels
 - Public and Stakeholders
 - Heritage Practitioners
- Gap Analysis

Prioritization Framework



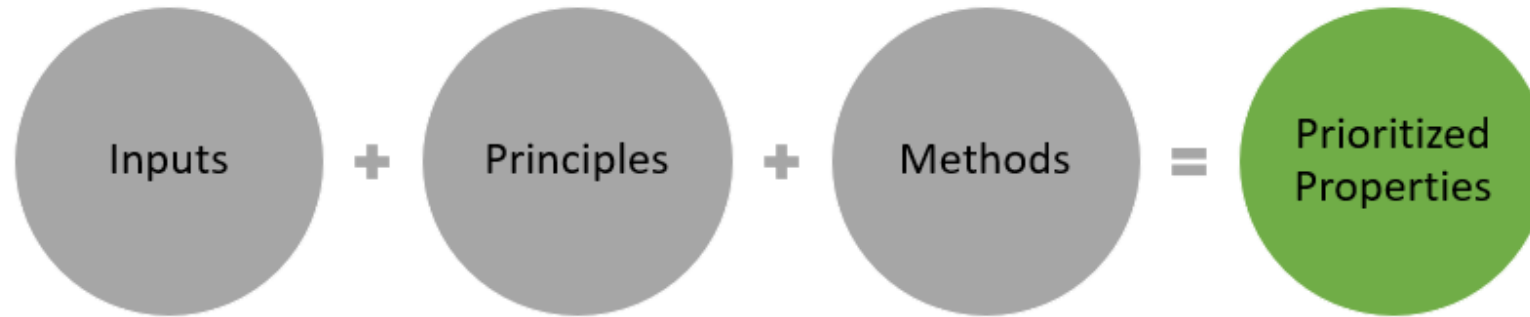
- WHAT are we going to prioritize?
- Guiding statement and beliefs
- Serve as a basis for decision making
- Stand the test of time

Prioritization Framework



- HOW are we going to prioritize?
- A systematic procedure, technique or mode of inquiry
- Principles are underpinned by methods that will result in prioritized lists

Prioritization Framework

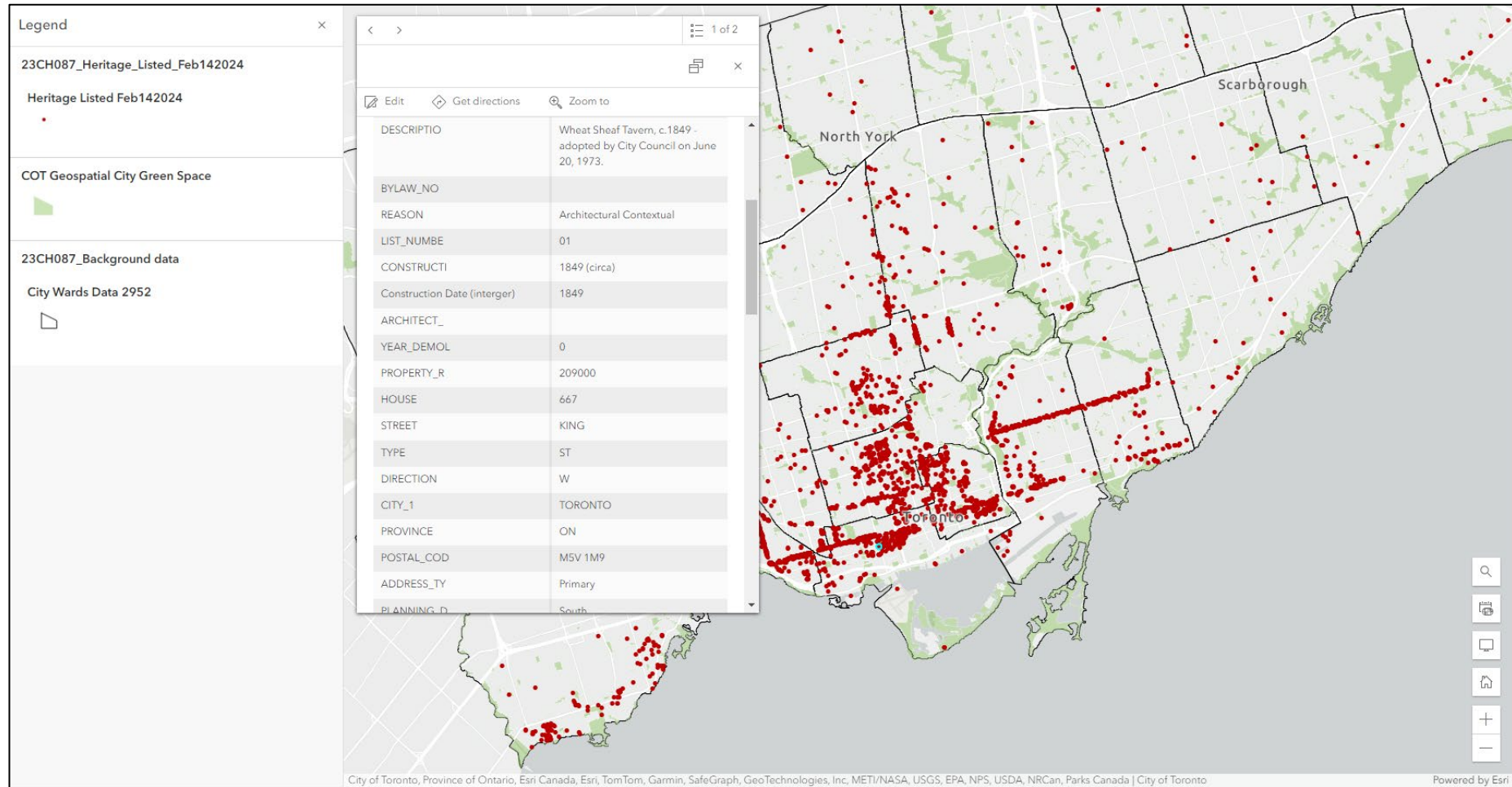


- Methods will be applied to already listed properties to determine priority groups for designation
- Properties will be categorized:
 - Prioritized for 2024
 - Prioritized for 2025 and beyond
 - Deprioritized

Draft Prioritization Principles

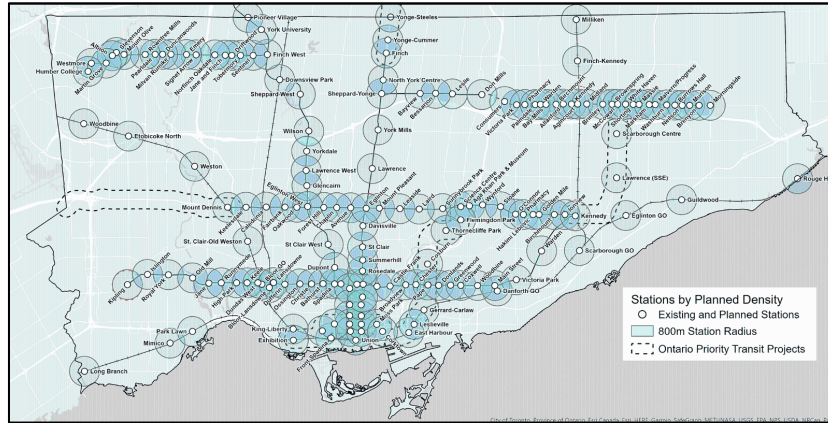
1. Employ a data-informed approach
2. Identify areas with high rates of change
3. Prioritize properties under-represented on the Register
4. Leverage City Planning work in progress
5. Support efforts to increase housing

Principle 1: Employ a data-informed approach

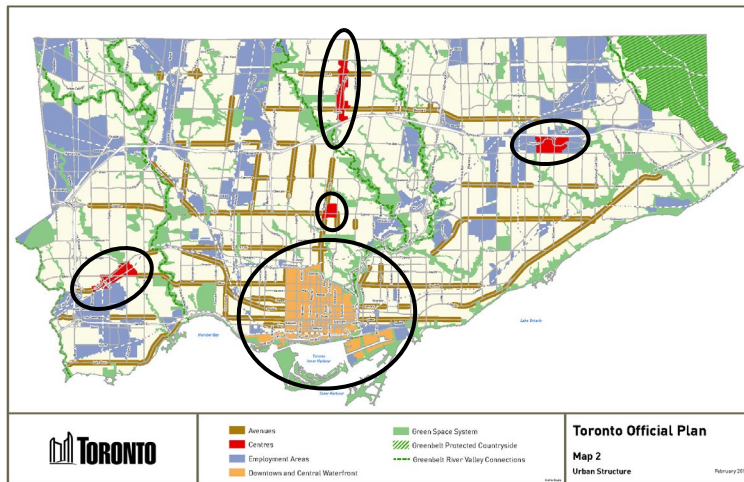


Principle 2: Identify areas with high rates of change

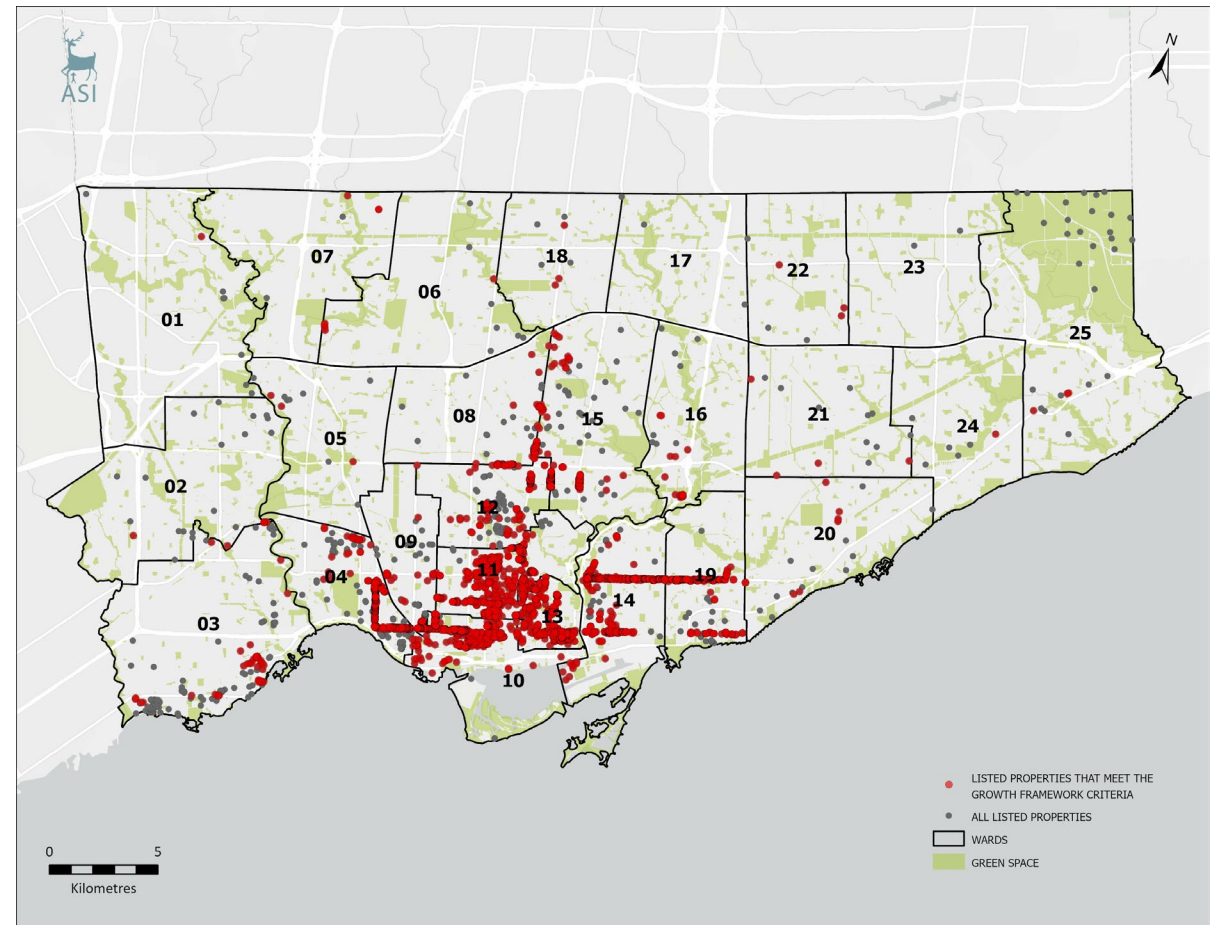
Major Transit Station Areas (M.T.S.A.s)



Urban Growth Centres

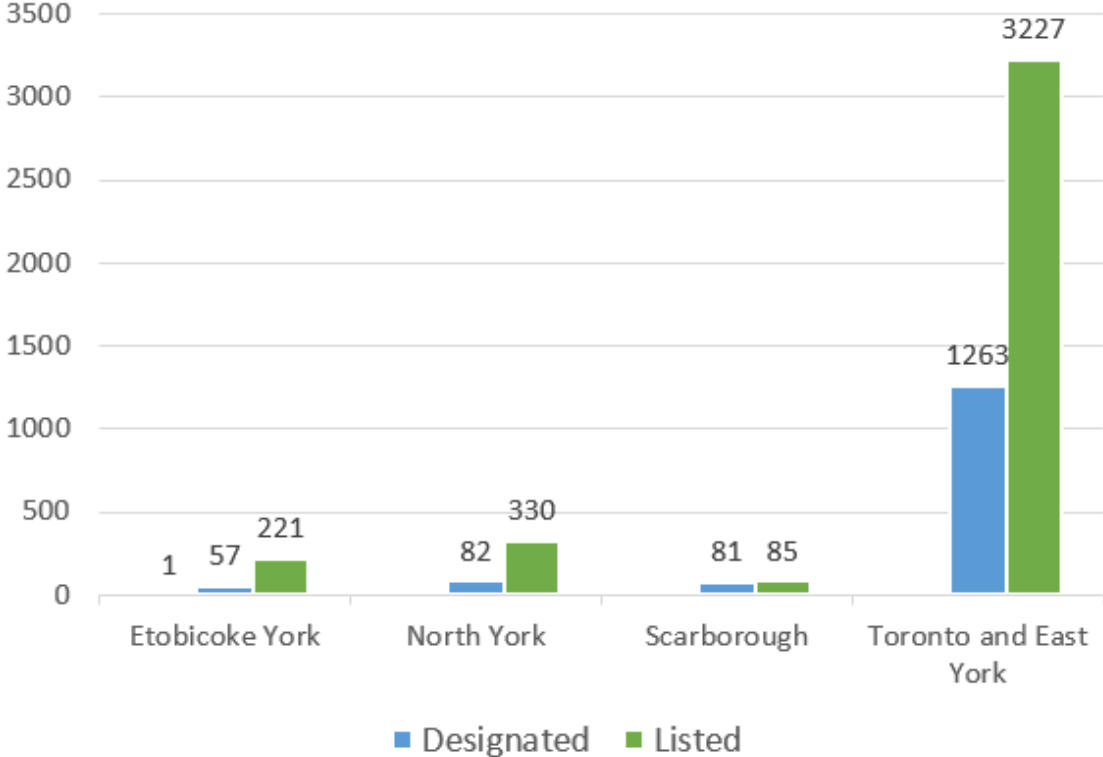


Listed Properties within M.T.S.A.s, Urban Growth Centres and specific Land Use designations

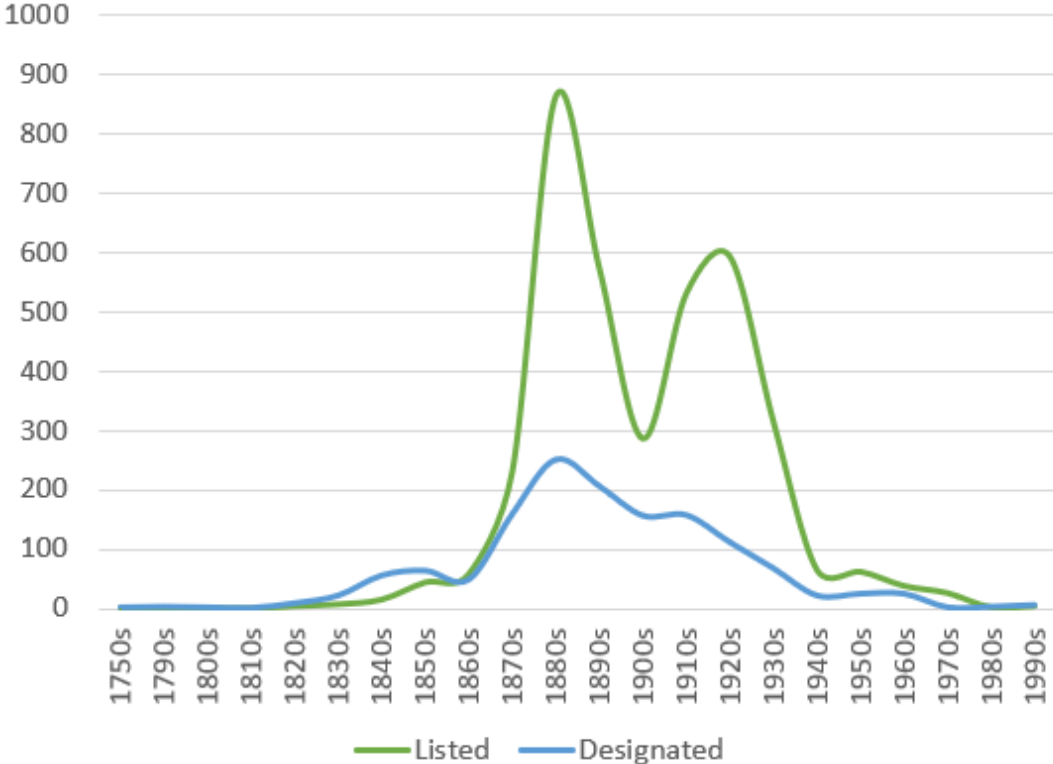


Principle 3: Prioritize properties under-represented on the Register

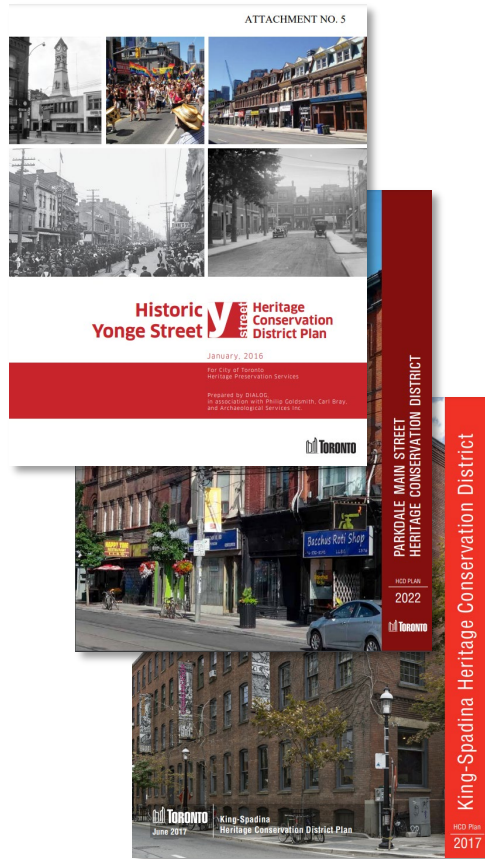
Community Council Areas



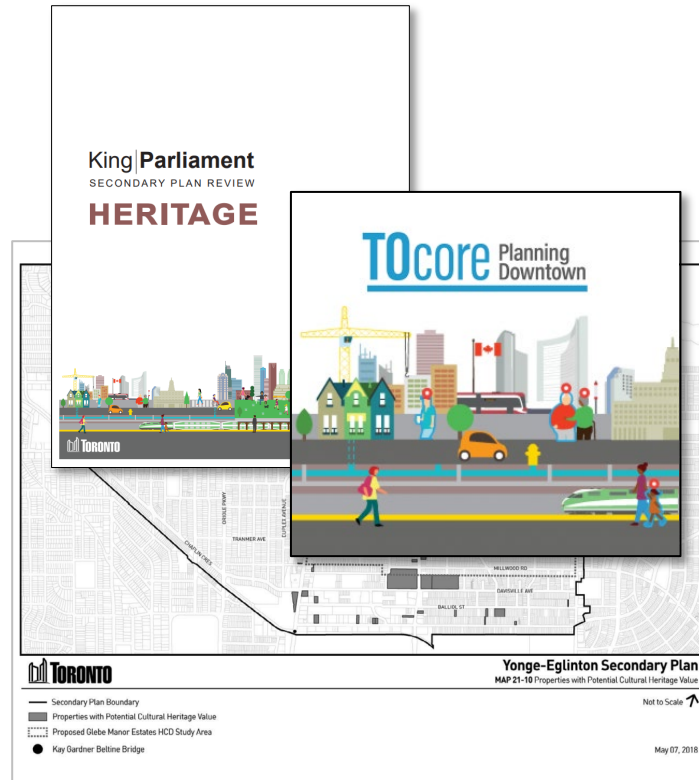
Decade of Construction



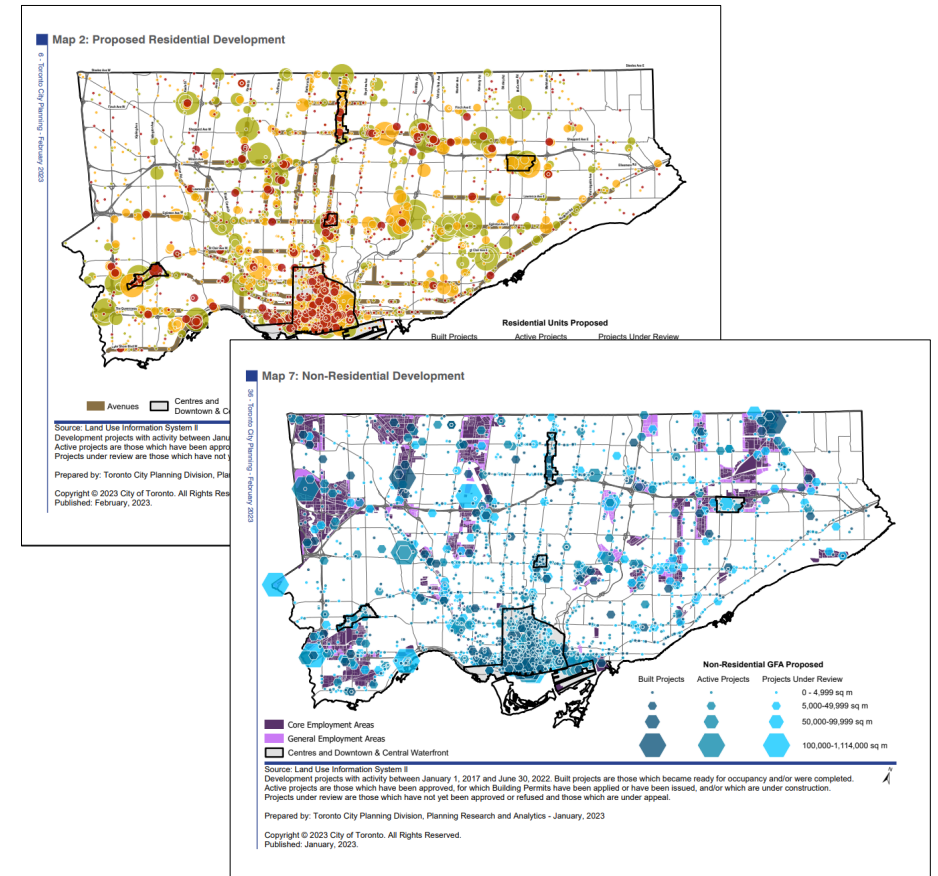
Principle 4: Leverage City Planning work in progress



Heritage Conservation Districts
(in progress)



Planning Studies



Development Pipeline
(as of Q4 2022)



Principle 5: Support efforts to increase housing



Massey Tower
(Image courtesy of Doublespace Photography)



1 Yorkville Avenue
(Image courtesy of AlbertC via Urban Toronto)



Amica Islington Village Seniors' Community
(Image Courtesy of Montgomery Sisam Architects)



Mirvish Village
(Image courtesy of smalby via Urban Toronto)

Project Engagement: Community Preservation Panels

- Meeting held February 21, 2024
- Brought together all four Community Preservation Panels
- Panel members received similar information as tonight and completed a workshop
- Positive feedback received:
 - Liked a prioritization strategy that is defensible and repeatable
 - Supported a process that enables quick prioritization
- Understood the rationale for prioritizing designations in areas anticipated for change
- Panel Members also suggested:
 - Continued consultation with the Panels
 - Prioritization could consider other information such as ownership, surrounding context, cultural heritage values, and architectural merit

Project Engagement: Public Meeting

- Tonight, February 26th
- Focus of the session is to share information about City's emerging strategy, answer questions from attendees, and respond to inquiries that the City has been receiving.

Project Engagement: Upcoming

- Technical Advisory Group
 - Members of the heritage industry invited to participate
 - First meeting to be held March 5, 2024
 - Objective of first meeting: present and discuss draft Prioritization Principles
- Toronto Preservation Board
 - Meeting to be held March 28, 2024
 - Present Prioritization Principles
 - Share what we've heard from Community Preservation Panels, Public and Technical Advisory Group

Project Engagement: Later in 2024

- To shape a vision for the Heritage Register of the future and how it can grow in a more representative way

Public Survey

Community
Preservation
Panels

Toronto
Preservation
Board

Pop-ups

Public Forum

Technical
Advisory Group

Question and Answer Period

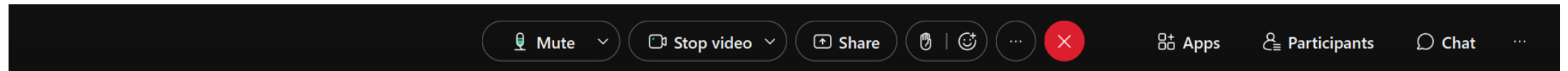


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Contact the dedicated Project Manager:

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City Planning Division, Heritage Planning

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Take part in a Future Event:

An event for the public will take place later in 2024 and will focus on the City's longer-term strategies beyond 2025 for the Toronto Heritage Register.