

Baby Point Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Plan

Presentation to ENAGB Youth Council

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Introductions

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Welcome

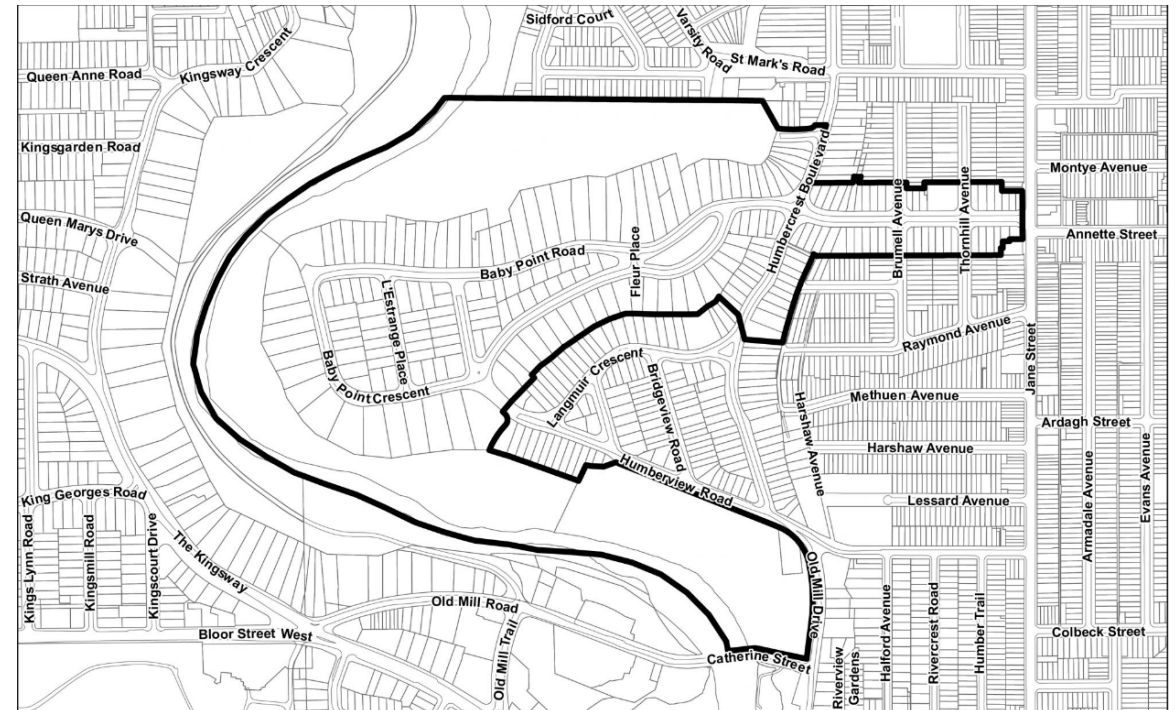
The **purpose** of this presentation is to introduce the Baby Point HCD Plan project and learn if the ENAGB Youth Council is interested in participating and providing feedback relating to this study.



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Baby Point HCD Study Area

Baby Point is **located atop a promontory overlooking** and defined by the oxbow shape of the **Humber River**.



Heritage Conservation Districts



An area, defined by a boundary, with a **concentration of cultural heritage resources** that **distinguishes** it from its surroundings; it can include structures, spaces, archaeological sites, natural elements, views/vistas, land use patterns



HCD Plan is a planning tool that ensures **ongoing change** conserves and enhances **heritage value** through **policies and guidelines**



Protected under Part V of the **Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)** and meet prescribed criteria of the OHA, enabled by Official Plan Heritage Policies and Municipal Code



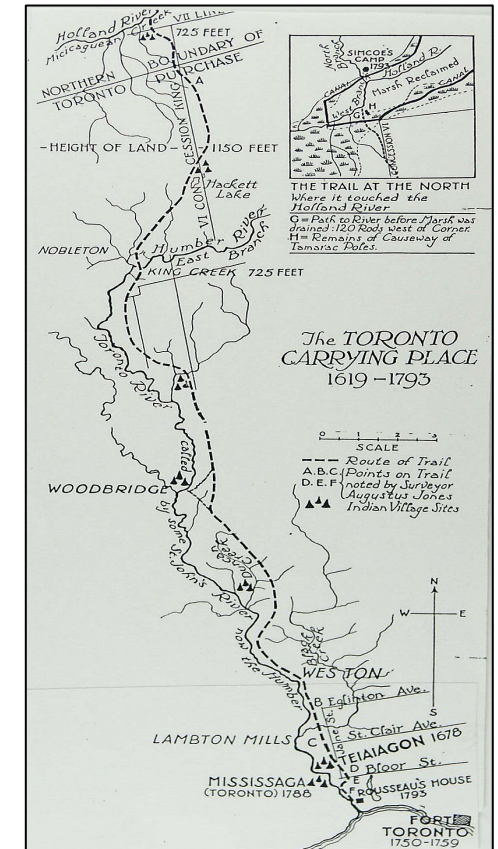
Baby Point HCD Plan Process

We Are Here



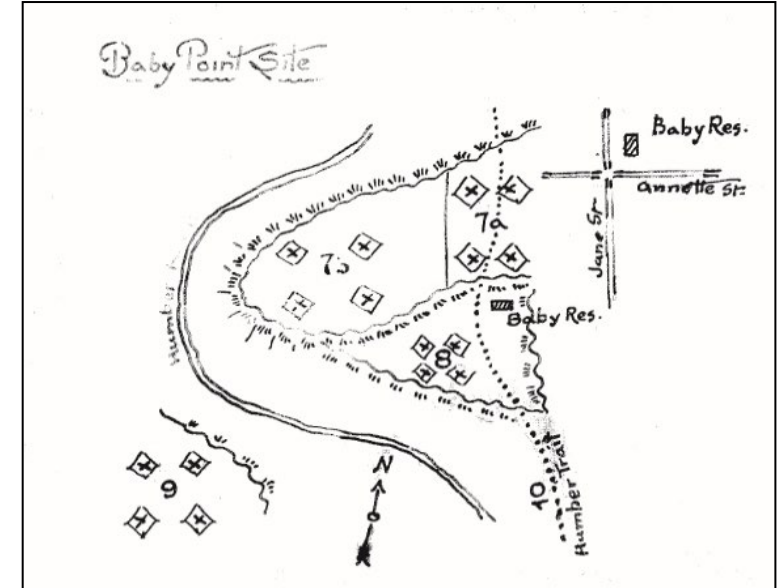
Baby Point – Indigenous Land Use

- The study area has been traversed, used, and inhabited by First Nation Peoples for millennia.
- The area is of particular significance to Indigenous communities given its known history as a site used by their ancestors, including as a place of burial.
- Located on the Toronto Carrying Place Trail, an ancient travel route that provided access to hunting grounds, connected Indigenous communities, and served as part of long-distance trade networks.
- The promontory is perhaps best known as the location of the seventeenth century Haudenosaunee village of Teiaiagon.
- Teiaiagon likely supported 500-800 people. Important resources included salmon from Humber and crops from surrounding fields.

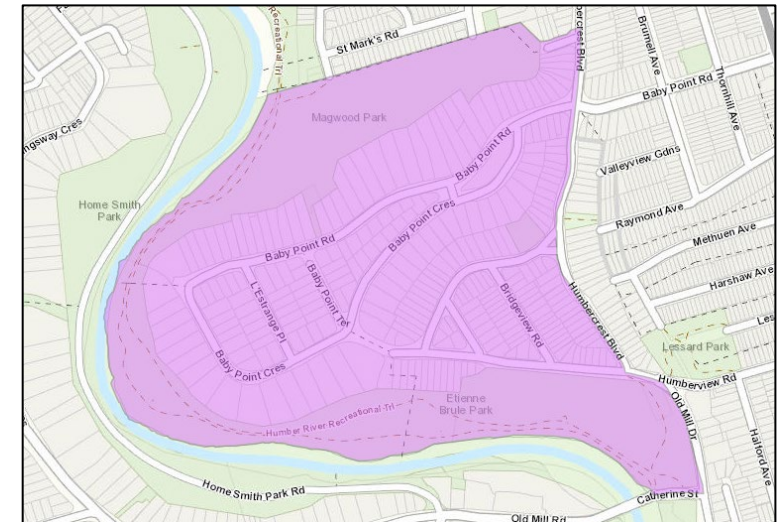


Teiaiagon Archaeologically Sensitive Area (ASA)

- Teiaiagon has been investigated by archaeologists since the late 19th Century.
- In recognition of the incredible sensitivity and significance of the site, the City of Toronto designated the area as an Archaeologically Sensitive Area.
- ASA designation requires that any activities that will result in soil disturbances are reviewed by Heritage Planning to determine archaeological impacts.
- A goal of the HCD project is to enshrine these protections into applicable law (By-law)

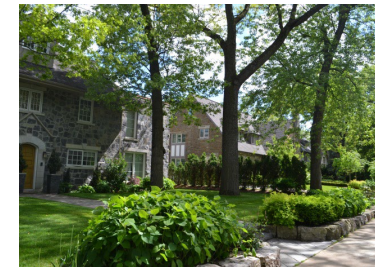
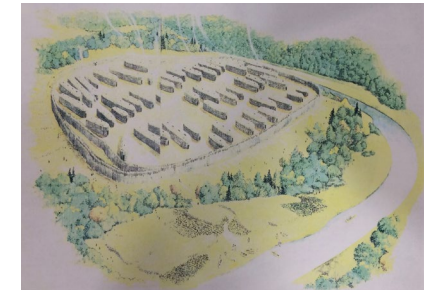
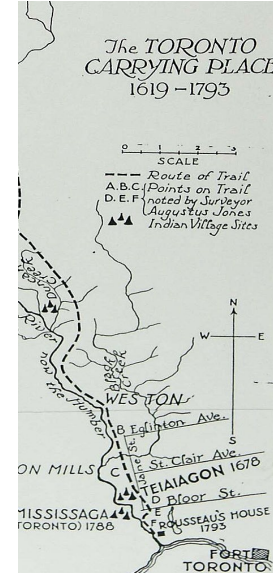


A.F. Hunter's 1889 map of Baby Point



Why Baby Point Merits HCD Designation

- Historic importance as the location of Teiaiagon, a Haudenosaunee Confederacy settlement sited atop the promontory
- Its enduring significance to Indigenous populations
- Its physical character relating to its development as one of Toronto's earliest designed garden suburbs
- The mature trees and the tree canopy contribute to the cultural heritage value of its streets and properties, but also reflects a design intention



Questions & Feedback

Any questions or feedback following today's meeting can be provided to:

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

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/planning-studies-initiatives/baby-point-heritage-conservation-district-study/>

Thank you!

