Heritage Status Diagram

What is the Inventory?

The Inventory is a compilation of over 25 years of data on buildings identified as having heritage value or interest. There are no legal restrictions imposed on property through listing on the Inventory. Inventoried properties are not subject to Heritage Permits. There are over 6,700 addresses listed on the Inventory city-wide.

What is the Municipal Heritage Register?

The Municipal Heritage Register is an administrative record of properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act and properties of heritage value or interest (non-designated). It requires consultation with our Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee and a Council resolution to include (or remove) a non-designated property on the Register. The Register provides short-term protection from demolition for non-designated properties by requiring an owner to give 60-days notice of their intention to demolish or remove a building or structure on the property. Non-designated registered properties are not subject to Heritage Permits. There are over 1,500 non-designated properties listed on the Register city-wide.

What is Heritage Designation?

A designated property is a significant heritage resource protected by a municipal by-law that identifies why the property has value and what features contribute to its value. Designation does not prevent change, but it allows the City to manage physical changes to a property through the Heritage Permit process. Designated properties are also eligible for City grants and loans to assist with their maintenance, restoration and adaptive reuse. There are over 600 designated properties in the City of Hamilton.