

Proposed Provincial Planning Statement  
Track Changes: Amendments to Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Section  
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**Policy Excerpts**

**2.64.6 Cultural Heritage and Archaeology**

2.6.11. ~~Significant Protected heritage property, which may contain built heritage resources and or significant cultural heritage landscapes,~~ shall be conserved.

2.6.22. ~~Planning authorities shall not permit development~~ Development and site alteration ~~shall not be permitted~~ on lands containing archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential unless the significant archaeological resources have been conserved.

2.6.33. Planning authorities shall not permit development and site alteration on adjacent lands to protected heritage property ~~except where the proposed development and site alteration has been evaluated and it has been demonstrated that unless~~ the heritage attributes of the protected heritage property will be conserved.

2.6.44. Planning authorities ~~should consider and promote~~ are encouraged to develop and implement:

a) archaeological management plans and cultural plans in for conserving cultural heritage and archaeological resources; and

b) proactive strategies for identifying properties for evaluation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

2.6.55. Planning authorities shall engage early with Indigenous communities and ~~consider ensure~~ their interests are considered when identifying, protecting and managing ~~cultural heritage and archaeological resources,~~ built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes.

**Relevant Definitions**

**Adjacent lands:** means

cd) for the purposes of policy 42.6.3, those lands contiguous to a *protected heritage property* ~~or as otherwise defined in the municipal official plan.~~

**Archaeological resources:** includes artifacts, archaeological sites, ~~and~~ marine archaeological sites, as defined under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The identification and evaluation of such resources are based upon archaeological ~~fieldwork undertaken in accordance with~~ assessments carried out by archaeologists licensed under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**Areas of archaeological potential:** means areas with the likelihood to contain *archaeological resources* as evaluated using the processes and criteria that are established under the ~~Criteria to identify archaeological potential are established by the Province. The Ontario Heritage Act requires archaeological potential to be confirmed by a licensed archaeologist.~~

**Built heritage resource:** means a building, structure, monument, installation or any manufactured or constructed part or remnant that contributes to a property's cultural heritage value or interest as identified by a community, including an Indigenous community. ~~*Built heritage resources are located on property that may be designated under Parts IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act, or that may be included on local, provincial, federal and/or international registers.*~~

**Conserved:** means the identification, protection, management and use of *built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes* and *archaeological resources* in a manner that ensures their cultural heritage value or interest is retained. This may be achieved by the implementation of recommendations set out in a conservation plan, archaeological assessment, and/or heritage impact assessment that has been approved, accepted or adopted by the relevant planning authority and/or decision-maker. Mitigative measures and/or alternative development approaches ~~can~~ should be included in these plans and assessments.

**Cultural heritage landscape:** means a defined geographical area that may have been modified by human activity and is identified as having cultural heritage value or interest by a community, including an Indigenous community. The area may include features such as buildings, structures, spaces, views, archaeological sites or natural elements that are valued together for their interrelationship, meaning or association. ~~*Cultural heritage landscapes may be properties that have been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, or have been included on federal and/or international registers, and/or protected through official plan, zoning by-law, or other land use planning mechanisms.*~~

**Heritage attributes:** means, as defined under the Ontario Heritage Act, the principal features or elements in relation to real property, and to the buildings and structures on the real property, the attributes of the property, buildings and structures that contribute to ~~a protected heritage property's~~ their cultural heritage value or interest, ~~and may include the property's built, constructed, or manufactured elements, as well as natural landforms, vegetation, water features, and its visual setting (e.g. significant views or vistas to or from a protected heritage property).~~

**Protected heritage property:** means

- property designated under Parts IV, V or VI of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- property included in an area designated as a heritage conservation district under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- property subject to a heritage conservation easement or covenant under Parts II or IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- property identified by ~~the Province and a~~ provincial ministry or a prescribed public ~~bodies~~ body as provincial having cultural heritage property value or interest under Part III.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act and the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties* heritage standards and guidelines;
- property with known archaeological resources in accordance with Part VI of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- property protected under federal heritage legislation; and UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

**Significant:** means:

- e) ~~in regard to cultural heritage and archaeology, resources that have been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest. Processes and criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest are established by the Province under the authority of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.~~