

## **What is a Heritage Conservation District?**

A Heritage Conservation District is an area that has been designated historically important and is then protected from unsympathetic development through the use of established guidelines.

## **How is a Heritage Conservation District designated?**

Initially an open public meeting is held to confirm there is community support for a District. Then City Council passes a by-law that defines the area within the municipality as an area to be examined for designation as a heritage conservation district.

While the Ontario Heritage Act does not require a study or plan for the area, such an examination provides background to the historical, architectural and character defining features that make the area special. Thus historical information about each house must be researched. In addition architectural features are documented by an architectural consultant. The study will actually be written by this consultant.

Design guidelines may also be developed for the proposed area. The local community is encouraged to participate in this process. After the examination and approval by the Toronto Preservation Board, City Council passes a by-law that establishes the heritage conservation district.

Specific steps are:

1. Staff Evaluation
2. Community Meeting
  - a. Notification
  - b. Support to move forward
  - c. Funding
3. Study by-law enacted
  - a. Toronto Preservation Board input
  - b. Local Board to assist in study and research
  - c. Consultants hired
  - d. Community meetings
  - e. Toronto Preservation Board meeting
  - f. Community council
  - g. City council passes by-law
  - h. Notification to property owners
  - i. Potential appeal & OMB hearing

## **Weston Heritage Conservation District Board**

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We are currently working on Phase 1 of the District. This area includes Little Avenue, King Street Crescent, Coulter Avenue, Fern Avenue, Cross Street, George Street and Church Street (west of the railroad tracks).

We have completed research on Fern Avenue, Little Avenue, some of Cross Street and some of George Street.

The WHCD Board meets every other Thursday at 1901 Weston Road (Weston Historical Society Office). We are always looking for help. For more information call Cherri Hurst at 416-241-9322