

HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOOD STRATEGY

Recommended Action Plan, **High Priority** Items, updated to 1 September 2015

		Goals	Results to Date
1.0	Protection of Character of Historic Neighbourhoods: Urban Design and Architectural Standards Respecting Historic Relevance	a Architectural Design Standards: Prepare enforceable architectural design standards for development respecting historical relevance and supporting compatibility.	Urban design guidelines for Intensification Areas in final preparation. These guidelines facilitate increased density.
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		c Heritage Conservation Plan: Prepare plan to conserve heritage by encouraging investors and private land owners to recognise and protect historic features.	Heritage Registry has been established, under Ontario Heritage Conservation Act.
		d Formal Protection of Historic Neighbourhoods	Allandale Pilot Project. Public meetings scheduled for late September to present proposed zoning changes and development guidelines.
2.0	Streetscapes and Landscapes	a Plaques: To recognise historic buildings and features.	Nothing so far except private program by C. Froese in Allandale
		b Street Signage:	Pilot project in Allandale complete, second one proposed for downtown.
3.0	Housing Reflects Compatible Balance of old and new, and rental and ownership in a range of forms and sizes.	a Affordable housing: Encourage new affordable housing to be built and work with interested applicants to move such applications forward.	Affordable Housing Strategy under development.
		b Mix of housing form and tenure: Ensure official plan and zoning by-law permits a range of building forms and tenure.	See Official Plan and Intensification Study.

4.0	Re-development proposals are appropriate in size and scale to the surrounding neighbourhood.	a	Size and Scale: Use good urban design and architectural controls to ensure development proposals are complementary to their surroundings.	Urban Design Guidelines have been prepared, and are reviewed in conjunction with all development proposals.
		b	Mixed-Use development: Where appropriate, encourage mixed-use development, with residential units on upper floors, with street-level service shops, office or commercial uses that benefit area residents.	Where appropriate, staff encourage new development to be developed as mixed-use development.
		c	Community Improvement Plans: Encourage eligible property owners to take advantage of financial incentives to encourage improvements to existing buildings.	Financial incentive program (CIP) available through the City of Barrie which is a business improvement loan. In place since 2010, applies to part of Allandale and to Downtown.
5.0	Residents of Historic Neighbourhoods have a strong sense of community, and communicate with each other routinely and in an inclusive manner.	a	HNS Community Committee: Retain the HNS committee and welcome new members to provide support, assistance and a monitoring mechanism for the implementation of the Historic Neighbourhood Strategy.	On-going recruitment for new members associated with the existing neighbourhood structure.