

21.13 HERITAGE22/06/2006
C46(Part 2)**21.13-1 Overview**22/06/2006
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Kingston's wide ranging heritage assets include residential, commercial, industrial, community and environmental buildings and areas. These places comprehensively demonstrate the important eras in the growth of Kingston and survive in a reasonably intact state.

The City of Kingston is committed to the conservation and enhancement of its places of heritage significance. It is important that heritage places are recognised, protected and retained, and that new development is effectively managed, and integrated sympathetically with the heritage values of the place and area. Council's role in managing the future development of these sites and nearby land to ensure the potential impacts on the heritage values are considered is of the utmost importance.

To effectively conserve the municipality's heritage assets and to facilitate the community's continued interaction with it constantly, Council will work with owners of heritage places to achieve positive outcomes that contribute to the values of the site, and continually seek to enhance the community's understanding and involvement in the conservation and enhancement of the municipality's heritage assets.

21.13-2 Key issues22/06/2006
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- Protection of sites of cultural heritage value to the municipality for present and future generations.
- Pressure to demolish or develop places of cultural heritage value.
- Need to facilitate high quality development change that has regard for conserving the integrity of places of cultural heritage values.
- Ensuring new development adjacent to heritage buildings or within heritage precincts considers the surrounding heritage context.
- Managing development pressures which change the character of an area and would inappropriately impact on the significance of heritage assets and precincts.
- Increasing community recognition of the cultural heritage assets of the municipality.

21.13-3 Objectives, strategies and implementation22/06/2006
C46(Part 2)**Objective 1**

To identify, protect and enhance places of cultural heritage value and those elements that contribute to the significance of heritage places by the retention of significant buildings, places, trees, monuments and landscapes.

Strategies

Strategies to achieve this objective include:

- Identify and assess the cultural significance of heritage places.
- Encourage on going further studies and research into aspects of the municipality's heritage.
- Protect places identified as having scientific, aesthetic, architectural, or historical interest or other special cultural values from inappropriate demolition and development.

- Encourage restoration and renovation of heritage buildings in a manner that will enhance the heritage value of the place.
- In places where the natural and built form of a heritage asset could sustain a greater range of use options, consider uses that would be otherwise prohibited.
- Investigate funding opportunities available through Commonwealth and State governments for conservation and enhancement of places of heritage significance.

Objective 2

To ensure new development and renovation does not adversely affect the significance of heritage places and areas, and contributes positively to identified heritage values.

Strategies

Strategies to achieve this objective include:

- Encourage all new development within a Heritage Overlay to visually and harmoniously integrate with and be recessive to the original character of the streetscape or heritage place.
- Encourage all heritage places in a Heritage Overlay to be conserved, restored and renovated in a sympathetic manner that will enhance the heritage value of the place.
- Ensure new development does not adversely affect the setting or context of the significant heritage place.
- Ensure new buildings and works complement and are sympathetic to the heritage place in terms of views, vistas, existing vegetation, landmarks, building form, setbacks, frontage width, height, finish and fenestrations without necessarily replicating historical detailing.
- Ensure urban consolidation in Heritage Overlay areas only where it can be achieved without adversely affecting the identified significance of the heritage place.
- Strengthen, design and encourage the design of public spaces where it contributes to the identified heritage characteristics of the area.
- As appropriate require planning permit applications under the Heritage Overlay (including demolition) to be accompanied by a heritage impact statement and/or management plan.
- Ensure new development is sympathetic and complementary with the heritage value of the place by applying the objectives and strategies of the Heritage Policy (Clause 22.12) and the Heritage Victoria Guidelines to new buildings and to additions and alterations to existing buildings and works.
- Provide information and design advice to owners and occupiers in relation to improvements to places of heritage value, new development in heritage areas and infill development.

Objective 3

Continue to increase community awareness and knowledge about the municipality's heritage.

Strategies

Strategies to achieve this objective include:

- Continue to raise awareness of the value of heritage places and their significance to Kingston and make historical information readily available.

- Continually strengthen partnerships with historical societies to promote to the broader community the histories of Kingston.
- Continue to provide community access to a heritage adviser.
- Prepare a tour and establish information plaques to promote the heritage of the municipality to local residents and tourists.
- Continue the role of the library in the provision of information pertaining to Kingston's heritage as a means of increasing community awareness of historic issues in Kingston.

Implementation

These strategies will be implemented by:

Policy and exercise of discretion

- Using the Heritage Policy (Clause 22.12) to manage new development (including additions and alterations, use and demolition of all or part of a heritage place) in all areas covered by a Heritage Overlay.
- Considering the heritage significance of places as listed in the Kingston Heritage Study in the assessment of planning applications which may impact upon their heritage values.
- Requiring applicants seeking permission to demolish/alter buildings at a heritage place or in a heritage area to demonstrate that the replacement building/alteration has been designed to reflect and complement the heritage significance of the place or area.
- Allowing non-conforming uses, which will not compromise the significance or amenity of the neighbourhood, as a means of guaranteeing, continue viable use of a heritage building.
- Seeking advice from a heritage adviser as required.
- Use the Kingston Heritage Study, July 2004 to reinforce, protect and conserve places of heritage significance.
- Ensuring planning applications on land adjoining sites identified in the schedule to the Heritage Overlay acknowledge the importance of the identified site.
- Reviewing any management plans for heritage places when assessing applications.
- Ensuring advertising signs located on or abutting land listed in the schedule to the Heritage Overlay are designed and sited to complement the heritage values of the listed property or area.

Zones and overlays

- Applying the Heritage Overlay to areas and individual properties and other significant heritage places identified in the Kingston Heritage Study and various other strategies.
- Applying the Vegetation Protection Overlay where appropriate.
- Applying the Heritage Overlay as an interim measure to protect identified heritage assets while sites are being assessed through the planning scheme amendment process.

Further strategic work

- Conducting new studies to further investigate places of heritage significance throughout parts of the City of Kingston
- Prepare an amendment to implement the recommendations of any relevant work coming from the continued review of heritage related matters.

- Collecting and maintaining a database of information which enhances the knowledge and understanding of Kingston's heritage.
- Providing access to heritage advice, planning and other forms of assistance and incentives.
- Assessing the incremental impact of development proposals on the integrity of heritage assets.
- Developing management plans for publicly owned sites containing heritage assets.
- Develop and enhance mechanisms that assist and encourage property owners to identify, conserve and protect heritage sites
- Develop a heritage policy to guide decisions on demolition and the use of heritage buildings for a purpose that is prohibited under the zone provisions.

Other actions

Continue to examine potential heritage places with a view to their inclusion in the Kingston Heritage Study.

Provide ongoing opportunities for the community to participate in local heritage initiatives.

Apply for relevant heritage funding.

Publish and distribute information on the municipality's history and heritage, including interpretative material.

Investigate further opportunities to promote heritage assets of the municipality and in so doing promote the benefits of heritage preservation.

Providing incentives to encourage and reward sympathetic redevelopment, restoration, and renovation.

Further develop an education program to identify the benefits of heritage listing in the planning scheme.

Ensure that when undertaking structure plans throughout the municipality recognised heritage precincts and individual heritage places are prioritised for conservation.

Use community festivals to increase community awareness of the municipalities history.

Establish an awards system to actively promote appropriately designed new development and renovations that do not adversely affect the significance of heritage places and positively contribute to an existing neighbourhood.