



# Georgina Heritage Register: Individually Designated Properties

Individual Designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act is a statement that the community recognizes the property being of cultural heritage value. Properties may be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act if they meet one or more of the following three criteria.

- 1. Design or Physical Value** – meaning the property may be a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method. It could also display a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic method, as well as demonstrating a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.
- 2. Historical or Associative Value** – meaning the property may have direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community. It could also demonstrate or reflect the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community.
- 3. Contextual Value** – meaning the property may be important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area. It could also include the property being physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings, or it is identified as a landmark.

If you think your property may meet one or more of the above criteria and are interested in designating your property or want more information on the designation program, contact the Town of Georgina Clerks Division at 905-476-4301.

## Recently Designated Properties



**Name:** “Auld Castle Cemetery”

**Address:** 26280 Park Rd.

**Heritage Feature(s):**

The Old Castle farm property has a direct association with William Johnson, a half-pay naval officer who settled in Georgina Township in 1819. About 1827, he founded the mills at Pepperlaw.



**Name:** St. James Parish Hall

**Address:** 35 River St.

**Styles:** Pre-confederation Church

**Built:** 1842

**Heritage Feature(s):**

The St. James Parish Hall was built in 1842 as the first school house in Sutton. This building is one of the few remaining examples of pre-confederation buildings.



**Name:** Mossington Bridge

**Address:** Black River Road

**Style:** Ontario Regency Cottage

**Built:** 1912

**Heritage Feature(s):**

The Mossington Bridge represents the historic crossing of the mouth of the Black River at Lake Simcoe. The bridge likely begins with the aboriginal population using it as a foot bridge.



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):

### **Q: Does designation affect the interior of my property?**

A: Generally, no. Designation only pertains to the exterior of the building. Interior features may be included in the designation, such as a carved mantelpiece or decorative crown molding, but including these kinds of features are at the discretion of the owner.

### **Q: Can I do any alterations or additions to my property after it is designated?**

A: Yes! Alterations and additions may be made to the exterior of the property, so long as they do not affect the heritage features. In most cases, staff or the Heritage Committee will be able to assist the property owner in ensuring proposed alterations and additions meet heritage guidelines. This will provide for efficient and timely approvals of permit applications.

### **Q: Would I need to open my property to the public?**

A. No. There is no requirement to open your property for public viewing.

### **Q: Does designation affect my property value?**

A: Yes! It may increase the sale value of your property. Studies have shown that designated homes tend to sell for more than their non-designated counterparts and fare better from home market fluctuations.

### **Q: When I sell my home, what happens to the designation?**

A: When the property changes ownership, the designation title stays on the property.

### **Q: Does designation affect the way I use my property?**

A: Building use must comply with applicable zoning. Approval would only be required if physical changes are proposed to the building to adapt it to a new use.

### **Q: May I demolish a designated property?**

A: The Town is committed to the preservation of entire buildings and will encourage retention and reuse. Designated property owners must submit an application to demolish the property, available from the Planning Department. This application will be reviewed by the Town's Heritage Committee before Council provides a final decision.