

**TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

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**RE: MOTION 18-G-075 – EXPANDING THE HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOOD STRATEGY**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with a response to motion 18-G-075 that directed staff to explore the feasibility of expanding the Historic Neighbourhood Strategy (HNS) to include the East End and Kempenfelt Village. Staff propose that rather than amend the HNS document the two neighbourhoods be recognized in the draft new Official Plan. There are two underlying reasons why this approach is better suited to protecting these neighbourhoods when compared to expanding the HNS.

Firstly, the HNS has no legislative authority as it was not implemented through any avenue under the *Planning Act* or the *Ontario Heritage Act*. As a result, staff have no way to implement the policies of the HNS when reviewing and commenting on development applications. Expanding a document which lacks legislative authority would therefore be largely a symbolic gesture rather than clear policy direction.

Secondly, the draft new Official Plan – which will have legislative authority under the *Planning Act* once approved by the Province – contains comprehensive policies regarding the protection of the City’s cultural heritage resources and historic neighbourhoods. Further, the draft new Official Plan includes a map (see Appendix “A”) which illustrates and recognizes the City’s historic neighbourhoods; Figure 1 below shows that the East End and Kempenfelt village are recognized in Map 8 – Cultural City of the draft new Official Plan.

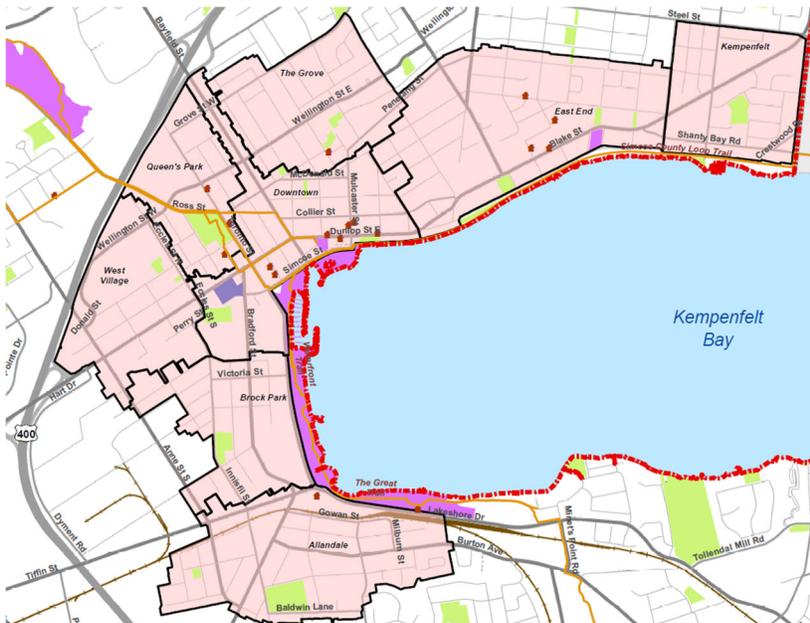


Figure 1 (left) – A screenshot of Map 8 – Cultural City of the draft new Official Plan which illustrates the East End and Kempenfelt Village are recognized as historic neighbourhoods.



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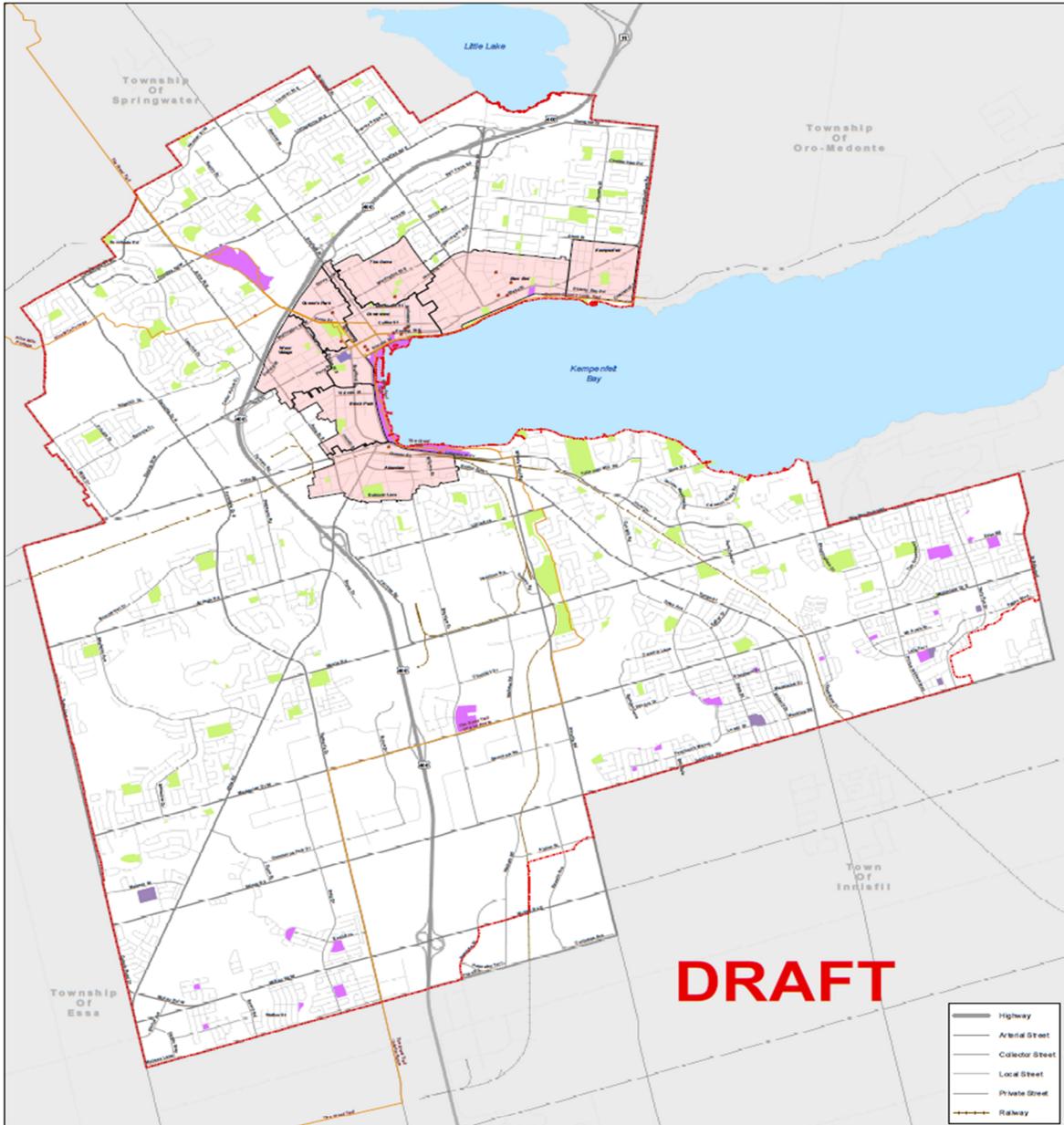
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Staff are of the opinion that this approach, one where the protection of the City's cultural heritage is tied to planning policy and legislation, will be more effective at protecting the historic neighbourhoods than expanding the HNS. Further, staff have advised the Heritage Barrie Committee of the proposed approach. The Committee agrees that recognizing the East End and Kempenfelt Village in the draft new Official Plan is appropriate as opposed to amending the HNS document.

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APPENDIX "A"

Draft City of Barrie Official Plan Map 8: Cultural City



**OFFICIAL PLAN**  
**MAP 8**  
**Cultural City Features**  
September 2020

- Designated Heritage Properties
- Gathering Space
- City Boundary
- Cultural Trails
- Celebration Space
- Settlement Area
- Historic Neighbourhood Boundary
- Future Celebrating Space (Final Location to be Determined)
- Lands outside City Boundary



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