Sharon Heritage Conservation District Study

HAC Meeting #1 – Introducing the HCD Study

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Agenda

- Presentation from the Project Team
  - Introduce the Team
  - Introduce the HCD Study
  - Why a HCD?
  - Progress To-Date
  - Preliminary Issues
  - Next Steps
- HAC Questions or Comments

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Project Team Introductions

- LHC Heritage Planning & Archaeology Inc.

- TMHC Inc.

What is Cultural Heritage?

Heritage Programs should be about community value!

"The popular answer is that cultural heritage is the things, places and practices that define who we are as individuals, as communities, as nations or civilisations and as a species. It is that which we want to keep, share and pass on."
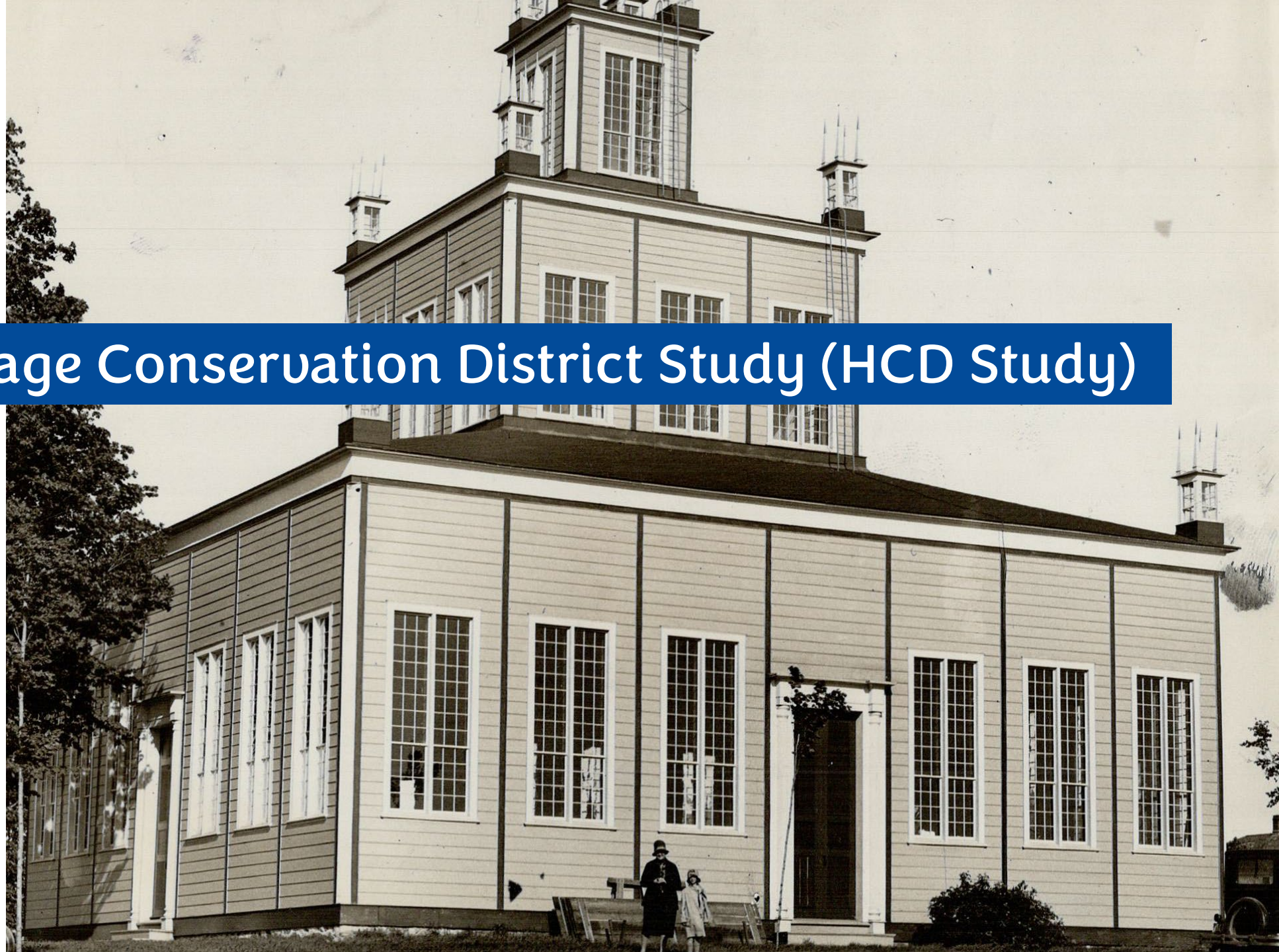
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The Heritage Conservation District Study (HCD Study)

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What is an HCD?

- Enabled by the Ontario Heritage Act (Part V)

- A municipal planning tool

- Conserves heritage and guides growth in historic neighbourhoods

- Based upon a required provincial approach which includes an HCD Study followed by an HCD Plan

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What are some characteristics of an HCD?

- A concentration of heritage buildings, sites, structures and landscapes that are connected by aesthetic, historical and socio-cultural contexts or use.

- A framework of structured elements including major natural features and built form. Such as:
    - Topography, land form, landscapes, water courses,
    - pathways, street patterns, landmarks, nodes, intersections, approaches and edges.

- A sense of visual coherence that conveys a distinct sense of time or place.

- A distinctiveness which enables districts to be recognized and distinguishable from their surroundings or from neighbourhood areas.

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The HCD Study

- Considers the history, architecture/design, and landscape/context of a neighbourhood

- Considers issues affecting heritage in that area

- Determines if an HCD is the appropriate planning tool

- Relies on community input

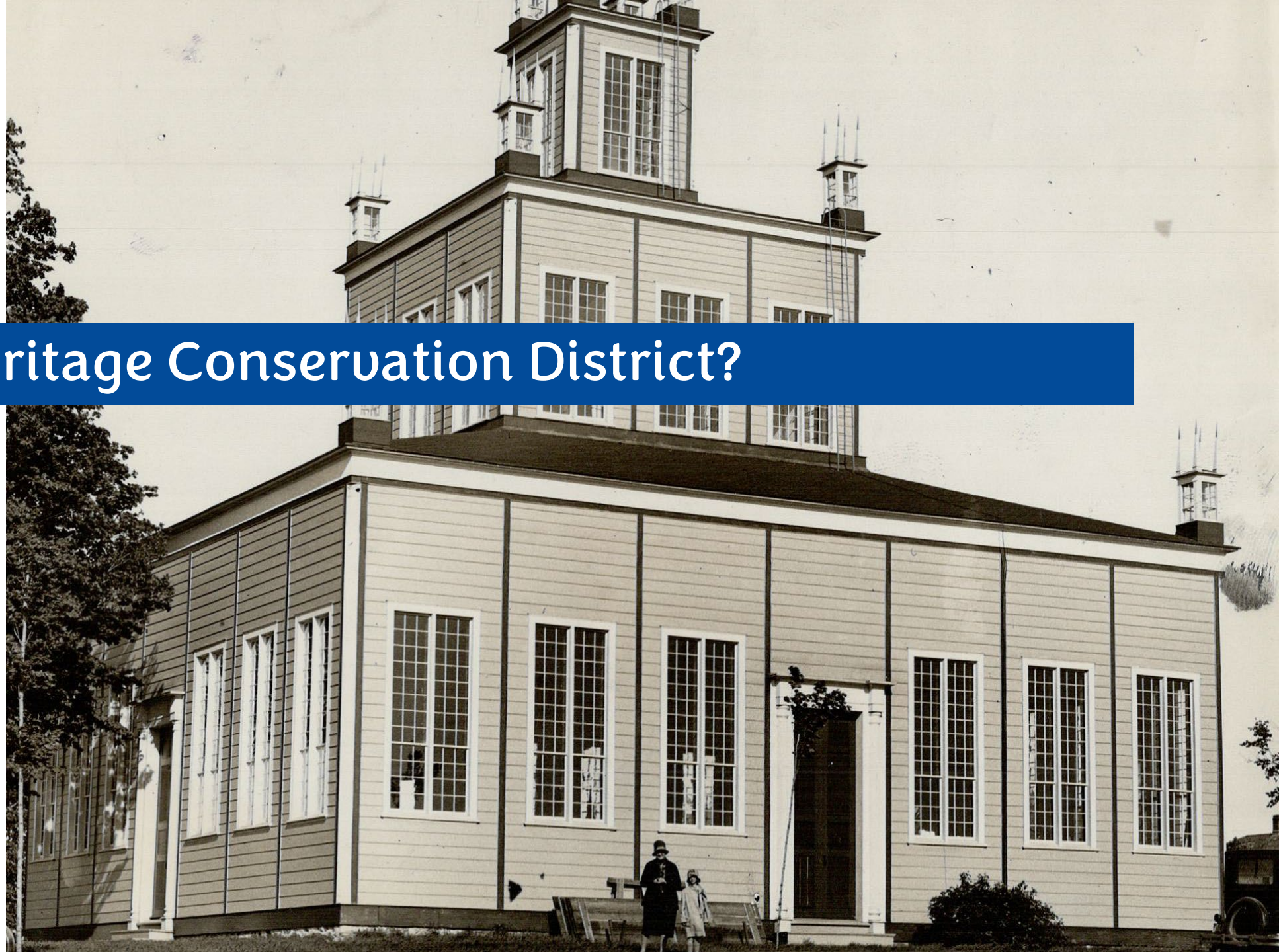Sharon
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The HCD Plan

- Outlines the specific objectives, policies and design guidelines of a Heritage Conservation District.

- Provides detailed heritage policies and guidelines for

  - new developments,

  - demolitions,

  - additions, and

  - modifications on heritage properties in an HCD

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Why a Heritage Conservation District?

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HCD or Something Else?

- Different planning tools available.

- What is the appropriate tool for Sharon to:

  - Conserve heritage

  - Manage change

- If Official Plan or Zoning By-law amendments are required

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HCD Study Progress

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Background Research

- Sharon history

- Existing Section 27 listed and Section 29 designated OHA properties

- Potential boundaries

- Municipal plans and policies

  - Local

  - Comparable HCDs

  - Best practice tools

- NEW – More Homes Built Faster Act 2022

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Consultation Strategy

- Phase 1 – HCD Study
- Identify local stakeholders
- Develop passive communication tools
  - Town website
  - Frequently asked questions (FAQs)
- Organize meetings
  - Public Information Session (2)
  - HAC (2)
  - Municipal Council (2)

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Preliminary Issues

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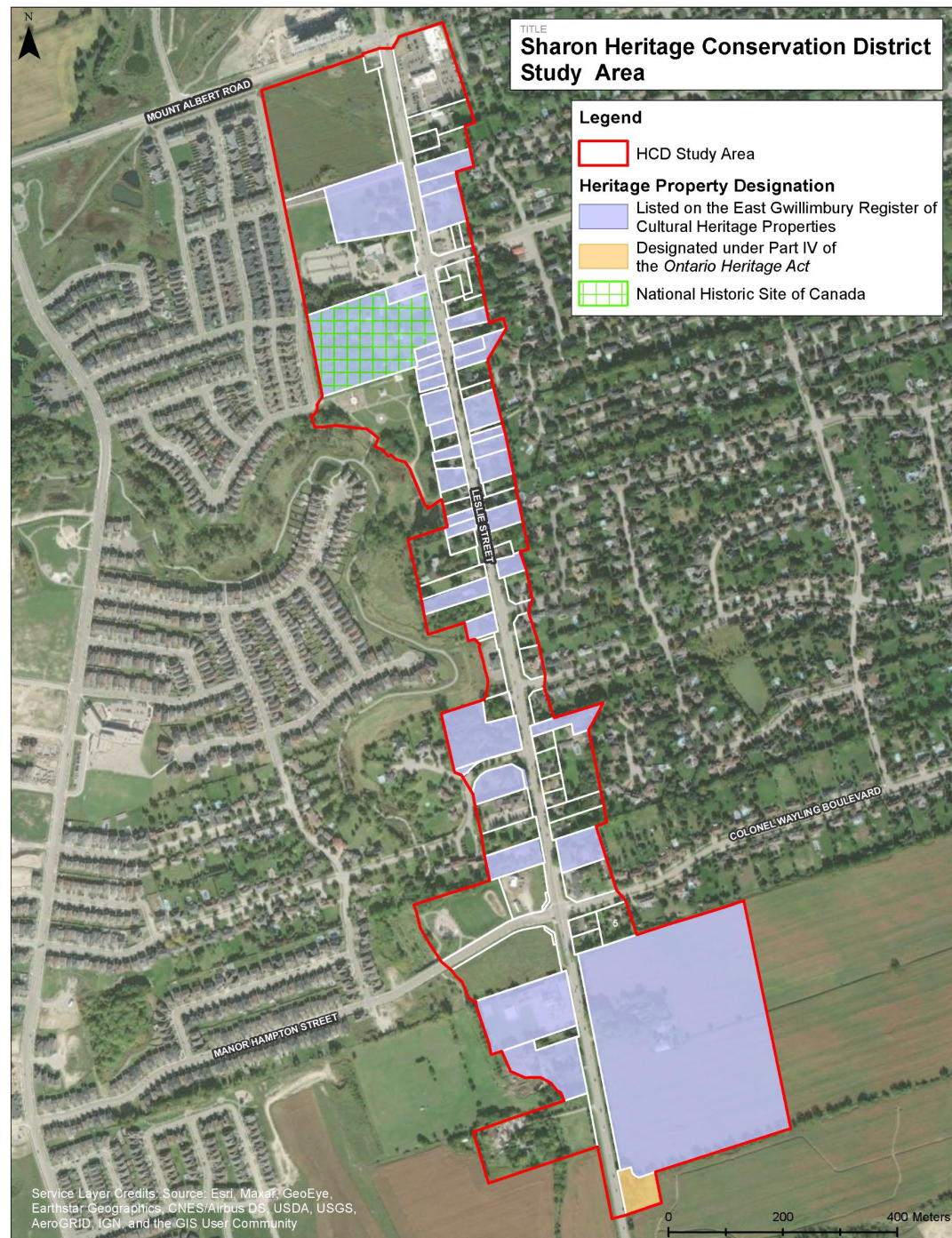
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More Homes Built Faster Act 2022 (Bill 23)

- Changes to HCDs

    - At least 25% of properties within a proposed HCD area must meet two or more O.Reg. 9/06 criteria

    - Municipal councils can amend HCD by-laws

    - Municipal councils can repeal HCD by-laws

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Preliminary HCD Study Area Boundary

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Sharon Heritage Conservation District Study Area

Legend

HCD Study Area

Heritage Property Designation

Listed on the East Gwillimbury Register of Cultural Heritage Properties

Designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*

National Historic Site of Canada

MOUNT ALBERT ROAD

LESLIE STREET

COLONEL WAYLING BOULEVARD

MANOR HAMPTON STREET

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What comes next?

- This meeting – we answer your questions

- HCD Study work continues

- Town website and emails –stay tuned for updates

- Public Meeting #1: introduce the HCD Study -March 2023

- HAC Meeting #2: present findings/discuss options -May 2023

- Public Meeting #2: present Draft HCD Study -Late May 2023

- Council Meeting #2: present HCD Study recommendations

- HCD Plan development -Late 2023

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Questions?

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