



**Town of Saugeen Shores**  
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April 27, 2026

**SENT VIA EMAIL:**

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Hon. Graham McGregor  
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
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**RE: Advocacy for Extension of Provincial Deadline –  
Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties**

Recent amendments to the *Ontario Heritage Act* introduced prescribed timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate (NOIDs) for listed non-designated heritage properties by a provincially mandated deadline. Municipalities across Ontario have raised concerns that the current timeline does not provide sufficient opportunity for research, evaluation, owner consultation, and public engagement prior to making designation decisions.

In response, the Town of Lincoln adopted a resolution (attached) requesting that the Province of Ontario grant an extension to the deadline. The Town of Saugeen Shores reviewed this resolution and determined that supporting a similar request would be appropriate for the Town of Saugeen Shores.

Without an extension, municipalities risk losing important cultural heritage resources due to insufficient time to complete the evaluation and designation process. An extension would allow for more informed Council decision-making, improved public consultation, and better outcomes for heritage conservation while balancing administrative capacity and financial impact.

The Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores has adopted the attached resolution.

Sincerely,

Mayor Luke Charbonneau  
Town of Saugeen Shores

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All Ontario Municipalities



# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SAUGEEN SHORES

**MOVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO:** XXX-2026

**SECONDED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** April 27, 2026

**Whereas** the Province of Ontario amended the Ontario Heritage Act to introduce prescribed timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate (NOIDs) for listed non-designated heritage properties by a provincially mandated deadline; and

**Whereas** many listed heritage properties require additional research, evaluation, owner consultation, and public engagement before Council can make an informed decision respecting potential designation; and

**Whereas** the current deadline of January 1, 2027, significant administrative and financial pressure on municipalities and increases the risk of losing important cultural heritage resources due to insufficient time to complete the required assessment processes; and

**Whereas** the Town of Lincoln adopted a resolution on March 25, 2026 requesting that the Province of Ontario grant a further extension to the deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for listed heritage properties;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores supports the request made by the Town of Lincoln and formally requests that the Province of Ontario extend the deadline for municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for listed heritage properties;

**And Further That** this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, Community Heritage Ontario, and Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

- Carried
  - Carried, as amended
  - Defeated
  - Deferred
  - Referred
  - Tabled
  - Withdrawn
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March 25, 2026

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Hon. Graham McGregor  
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**RE: Town of Lincoln Resolution – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties**

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Committee of the Whole Meeting held on March 23, 2026, passed the following resolution:

Resolution Number: PED-2026-22  
Moved by: Councillor Lynn Timmers

**WHEREAS** amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS** the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

**WHEREAS** the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

**WHEREAS** many municipalities, including the Town of Lincoln, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Council of the Town of Lincoln endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and
2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and
3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

**CARRIED**

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

  
Julie Kirkelos  
Town Clerk