

# Other Policies



## Other Policies:

### • Cultural Heritage & Indigenous Engagement

- Following a review of Provincial plans, legislation, policy direction and Regional strategies, other policy focus areas have been identified as needing updates.
- **Cultural heritage and Indigenous engagement** are part of these other policy focus areas that require Regional Official Plan policies to stay consistent and conform to Provincial plans and legislation.

Images: Wetland in Peel (Left), Indigenous Dance at Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives (Right).

## Cultural Heritage & Indigenous Engagement



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Overview



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### Overview

#### Why is Cultural Heritage important?

The Region of Peel recognizes the need to continue cooperative efforts that support the conservation and promotion of cultural heritage and archaeological resources, as they contribute to the Region's sense of place and support the social, economic, and cultural well-being of all communities.

#### Why is Indigenous Engagement important?

The Region of Peel recognizes the need to ensure meaningful involvement and build relationships when engaging with Indigenous communities throughout the land use planning process.

The Region's Official Plan policies relating to cultural heritage and Indigenous engagement require updating as a result of additional Provincial policy direction identified through the Growth Plan, 2019 and Provincial Policy Statement, 2020. The proposed policy revisions address Provincial changes, but also strengthen existing policies in an aim to:

- Strengthen cultural heritage policies as they relate to coordination and collaboration between municipalities, stakeholders and Indigenous communities
- Acknowledge the importance of fragile and limited cultural heritage resources in contributing to the well being of communities
- Recognize the importance of engaging with Indigenous communities, and acknowledge their unique role and perspectives in the land use planning process

*Image: Gage Park, City of Brampton*

## Cultural Heritage

### Cultural Heritage Overview

#### What is Cultural Heritage?

##### Cultural heritage resources

- resources produced or left by the people in a specific area and represent a cultural identity that make important contributions to our understanding of the history of a place, an event or a people

##### Cultural heritage landscapes

- any areas that may have been modified by humans and have been identified as important and necessary to preserve; can include buildings, structures, spaces, views, archeological sites, or natural elements that together are valued for their interrelationship or association

##### Built heritage resources

- a building, structure, monument, installation or any manufactured or constructed part/remnant that contributes to a property's heritage value or interest (Note: these are not identified in the Region's plan since local municipalities manage built heritage resource registries)

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*Image: Riverwood Conservancy, City of Mississauga*

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While recent updates have been made at a Provincial plan level, no significant changes to policies were made with respect to cultural heritage resource policies. The Region will be making efforts to strengthen existing policies.

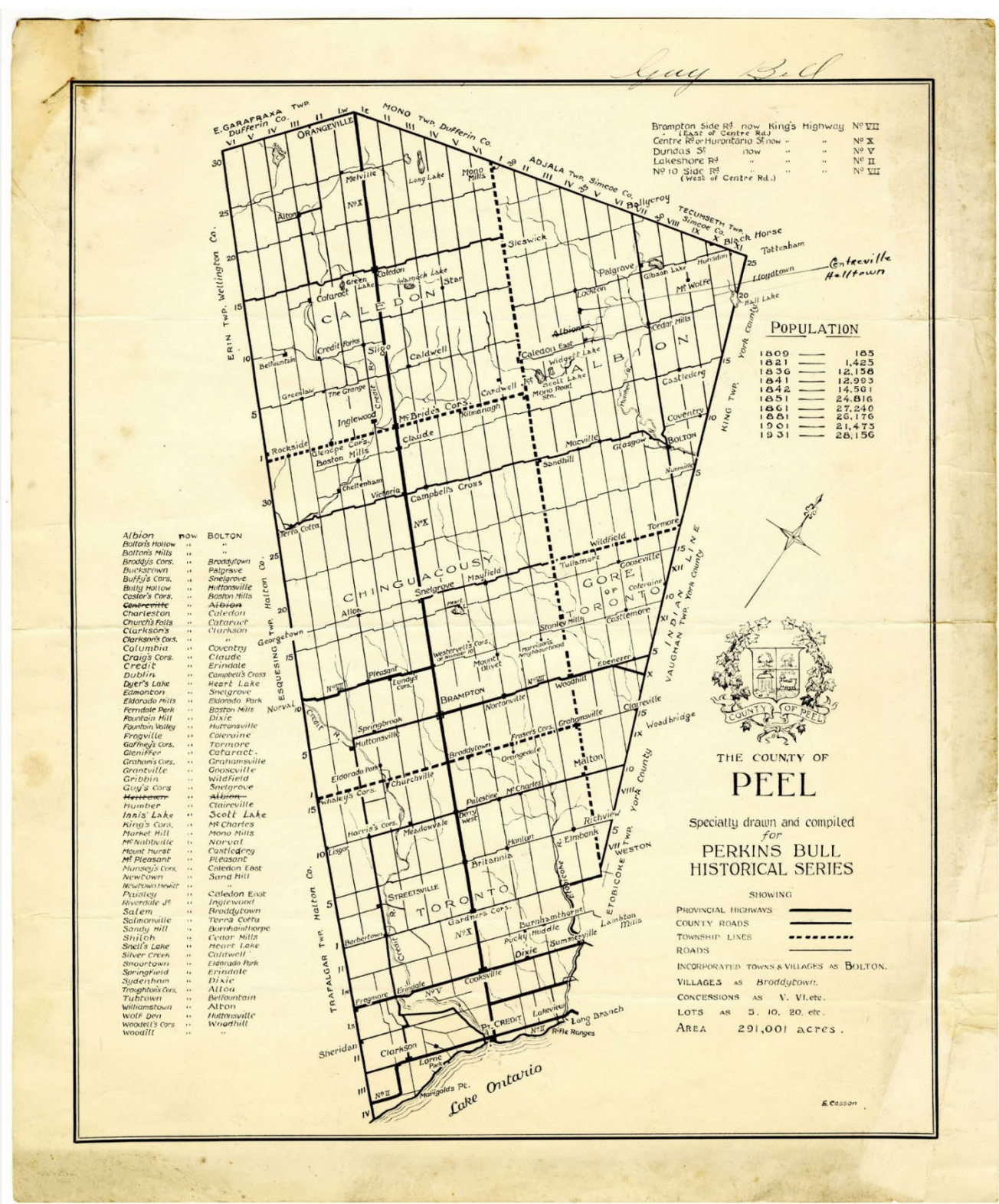
Image: County of Peel map, 1934, Wm. Perkins Bull fonds, Region of Peel Archives at Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives

Cultural Heritage

**Policy Framework**

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#### Proposed Policies

##### Objectives

- Identify, conserve and promote non-renewable cultural heritage resources for the well-being of present and future generations
- Recognize the important role that Indigenous communities play in the cultural landscape of communities
- To promote well-designed built form to support a sense of place, help define community character, and contribute to Peel's environmental sustainability goals

##### Partnership & Collaboration

- Work with local municipalities, stakeholders and Indigenous communities in developing and implementing official plan policies and strategies for the identification, wise use and management, and conservation of cultural heritage resources
- Encourage the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of all communities by supporting the designation of cultural heritage landscapes in local municipal official plans
- Consider the interests and needs of Indigenous communities in conserving cultural heritage resources and archaeological resources
- Encourage and support the local municipalities to prepare a cultural heritage master plan and archaeological management plan

##### Strengthen Policies on Resources

- Ensure appropriate notification when Indigenous archaeological resources and burial places are found through archaeological assessment or during the development processes
- Encourage local municipalities to consult with the Indigenous communities when commemorating cultural heritage resource and archaeological resources
- Strengthen existing policies on infrastructure projects, to ensure recommended outcomes from the cultural heritage resource impact assessments are considered

##### Definitions

- Regional policies will change based on updated Provincial definitions and would be reflected in local municipal official plan policies through their respective reviews

*Image: Etobicoke Creek*

### Indigenous Engagement

#### Indigenous Engagement Overview

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*Map source: Peel Data Centre, 2020; treaty boundary mapping is based on James L. Morris, Indians of Ontario (Toronto Department of Land and Forests, 1943)*

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Regional role in Indigenous engagement

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In Peel, while there are no reserves within one kilometre of the municipal boundaries where specific engagement is required by the Planning Act, Indigenous communities are engaged and notified throughout the planning and infrastructure development process.

*“We would like to begin by acknowledging the land on which we gather, and which the Region of Peel operates, is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples inhabited and cared for this land.*

*In particular we acknowledge the territory of the Anishinabek, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Ojibway/Chippewa peoples; the land that is home to the Metis; and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who are direct descendants of the Mississaugas of the Credit.*

*We are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land, and by doing so, give our respect to its first inhabitants.”*

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Provincial policies now encourage planning authorities to co-ordinate planning matters with Indigenous communities and encourage municipalities to build constructive, co-operative relationships to facilitate knowledge sharing in growth management and land use planning processes.

The draft policies being proposed underwent a review by the Indigenous communities that Peel engages with most often through the planning process. The policies also respond to the following documents:

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- Update outdated language to better reflect the more inclusive term Indigenous communities or Indigenous Peoples.

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- Encourage building cooperative relationships to ensure informed involvement and meaningful engagement.
- Aim to coordinate Indigenous engagement on planning matters at a Regional and local municipal level, where possible.
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*Image: Indigenous Dance Demonstration at Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives*

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If you have any questions on Cultural Heritage and Indigenous Engagement, please feel free to contact Virpal below:



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