

# Councillor Briefing Sessions

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### Supporting Heritage in the Community

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## **STAFF REPORT**

On December 12, 2007 Council passed resolution # 2007-554 to establish a Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel for Greater Sudbury. The appointments to the panel were passed by the Nominations Committee in March, 2008 and ratified by City Council in April, 2008. The Panel consists of 14 members, including:

two City Councillors;

two local representatives from the Northern Ontario Society of Architects;

one representative from the Sudbury District Archives Interest Group;

one representative from the Downtown Village Development Corporation; and,

eight citizens with expertise in local history, culture, geography or anthropology.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel is distinct from other Advisory Panels, as part of its role is defined by the Ontario Heritage Act. The Ontario Heritage Act requires that Council consult with the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel before making certain decisions relating to built and cultural heritage resources. For example, Council is required to consult with the Municipal Heritage Advisory Panel before giving notice of its intention to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest. Council is also required to consult with the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee before its makes a decision regarding the alteration of the heritage attributes of a designated property.

City Staff, with the assistance of the Ministry of Culture, are conducting a day long orientation session with the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee on June 5, 2008. This session is designed to provide Panel members with a full and complete understanding of cultural heritage value, the municipal framework for heritage conservation, and establishing and sustaining an effective municipal heritage committee. It is currently anticipated that this first orientation session will be followed by a second strategic planning session, where Panel members will have an opportunity to create a vision and mandate, which in turn, will be brought back to Council for approval, likely in the Summer.

Ministry of Culture Staff will be present at the June 4, 2008 Priorities Committee Meeting to discuss the provincial context for heritage conservation.