Township of Tay

Heritage Property Register

The Township is required under the **Ontario Heritage Act** to keep a register of listed heritage properties for which Council has elected to provide protection for their cultural heritage value or interest.

In addition, Council has elected to maintain an inventory of other heritage properties of interest that it has not yet listed for protection. (See **"Heritage Inventory"**)

Rural Tay

Address: 1047 Gratrix Road

Year Built: 1932

Built By: Thomas Potter

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: The structure of the building is unique, unlike any farmhouses in the area. The house has a gambrel roof line, and the façade does not have pitched eaves, the sides of the house do. The house still maintains its original bricks and fieldstone foundation.

Address: 2170 Newton Street

Year Built: 1879

Built By: William Crooke

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Many interior and exterior attributes remain largely the same since the day it was constructed. William Crooke came to Canada from Ireland around 1850, bought the 200-arce lot in pieces and constructed the core of the dwelling as it stands today.

Address:	16163 Highway 12
Year Built:	1925 - 1926
Built By:	Father F.J. Filion, S.J.
Type:	Shrine Church

Heritage attributes:

In 1910, a wooden church was built on what was then believed to be the site of St. Ignace. The church drew large crowds from the surrounding area, leading to the expansion of the church and the addition of a hostel. By the early 1920s however, serious doubt had been raised that the church was sitting on the actual location of St. Ignace. With the exact location of St. Ignace questioned, it was decided the new Shrine would be built on the hillside overlooking Sainte-Marie. Construction of the church began in October of that year and was not completed until the following summer. When the first mass was held June 26, 1926, ten thousand people had arrived by car, horse & buggy and trains to participate.

Address:	16164 Highway 12
Year Built:	1639 (reconstructed 1947-1964)
Built By:	Jesuit Missionaries
Type:	Museum

Heritage attributes:

The site of Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons as it stands today is a reconstruction of the Jesuit mission site constructed in 1639. The majority of the mission was constructed of un-machined lumber, like the wood used in the original mission would have been. The site features a palisade of sharpened logs surrounding the grounds of the mission, apart from the bastions at front of the mission.

The foundations for the Jesuit missions in Huronia with French explorer Samuel de Champlain and Recollet Father, Joseph Le Caron arrived in the area in 1623, however the Jesuits did not become involved in Huronia until 1626 when Fr. Jean de Brebuef arrived. By 1639, Jesuit missionaries had constructed a fortified village as a headquarters for their new mission. The mission operated until 1649 when existing tensions between the Wendat and Iroquois bands exploded into violent attacks.
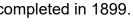
Address: 1290 Old Fort Road

Year Built: 1870

Built By: Alex Thompson

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: The discovery of newspapers in the wall regarding a massacre in the 1870s indicates the home may have been constructed in the early 1870s. Much of the home remains the same since the last addition was completed in 1899.

Address: 1207 Reeves Road

Year Built: 1891

Built By: Alexander Simpson

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Despite many renovations, the dwelling remains largely the same as it did when it was constructed. John McLeod, a well-known figure in the Township of Tay, was the first owner of the property.

Address: 1285 Reeves Road

Year Built: 1878 - 1880

Built By: William Russell

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Despite considerable renovations, the home has its original fieldstone foundation, as well as the original latticework remaining under the gables of the roof.

Address: 1806 Reeves Road

Year Built: 1885

Built By: John Dalton

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: The Daltons were one of the first families to settle in this area. They immigrated to Canada from England in 1880, purchased the property in 1881, and constructed the dwelling by 1885.

Address: 2258 Reeves Road

Year Built: 1930s

Built By: Levi S. Taylor

Type: Schoolhouse

Heritage attributes: Construction was likely completed in the thirties during the depression. The exterior was clad in cheap insulbrick, the walls were not very sturdy and what little insulation there was, was sawdust.

Address: 1240 Rumney Road

Year Built: 1886

Built By: Joseph Bell

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: One of the earliest houses in the area. House was constructed in three parts and completed as it stands today sometime in the early 1940s. Many architectural attributes are still the same as the date of construction.

Address: 1796 Rumney Road

Year Built: 1888

Built By: William John Jones

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Bricked with the rare buff brick from Beaverton, the house sits atop the original fieldstone foundation and contains Victorian features such as the decorative trim on the eaves. The property has not left the Jones family line but has been passed on to sons and cousins.

Address: 31 Tanners Road

Year Built: 1886 - 1892

Built By: Frank Evans

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Shortly after the Evans family sold the property to the Pattison family in 1893, the Tanner family bought the house. The Tanner clan established 'Tanners Mill'. The term 'Tannerville' was used to describe the area once the mill and surrounding area was established.

Address: 4320 Vasey Road

Year Built: 1882

Built By: John Alexander Swan

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Swan came from Ireland in 1864 and bought the 100 acre homestead on the Vasey Line in 1870. It was at this time that Swan sent for the rest of his family to come over from Ireland. Descendants of the Swan family still live in the Vasey area to this day.

Address: 3706 Vasey Road

Year Built: 1926

Built By: School Board of Simcoe

Type: Schoolhouse

Heritage attributes: The schoolhouse operated until the mid 1960's. Once the school was closed, students were transferred to Waubaushene. Now converted to a dwelling, the exterior remains largely the same.

Address: 2162 Wood Road

Year Built: 1890

Built By: Frank Holland

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: The fieldstone foundation and cobblestone exterior are original to the structure. Activity on the property occurred as early as 1890 with multiple small structures erected, however additions were constructed up until 1926.

Address: 1369 Gervais Road

Year Built: 1890

Built By: Unknown

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: There is an insignia of a cross just under the northwestern gable of the house, a cross which was probably a trademark of the particular builder in the area. Marking on bricks indicates 1890 construction.

Port McNicoll

Address: 556 Algoma Avenue

Year Built: 1912

Built By: Bennet, Joe Evans, & George Patterson

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Owned by the McCannell Family. James McCannell Sr. assisted in bringing the S.S. Keewatin to Canada. McCannell Sr. later became the Captain of the S.S. Assiniboia in 1913.

Address: 476 Ann Street

Year Built: 1906

Built By: The Ney Family

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: The prominent Ney Family owned the property from 1881-1916. The Ney family, particularly William Ney was heavily involved in Township politics for more than 20 years, also sitting on many sub-committees.

Address: 460 Assiniboia Street

Year Built: 1908

Built By: Isaac Wardell

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: One of the first homes built in Port McNicoll. Wardell was an active member of the community, helping to build the community of Port McNicoll in many ways.

Address: 449 Assiniboia Street

Year Built: 1913-1914

Built By: Isaac Wardell & Charter Members

Type: Church

Heritage attributes: Isaac Wardell donated time, money, materials, and his masonry expertise to the construction of this church.

Address: 752 Fourth Street

Year Built: 1910

Built By: Royal Bank of Canada

Type: Bank

Heritage attributes: Originally constructed to be used as a federal building, then eventually became a branch of the Royal Bank. It now has been divided into a six-plex and has since been rented and heavily renovated.
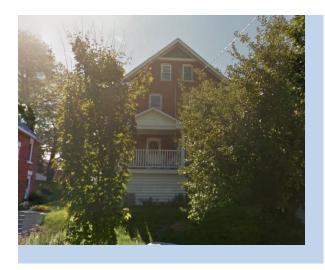

Address: 741 Seventh Street

Year Built: 1912

Built By: Unknown

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Brick houses were rather expensive to build and usually were owned by the more affluent members of the community. This house was owned by numerous prominent members of the Port McNicoll community.

Address: 718 Sixth Avenue

Year Built: 1912

Built By: Percival Beattie

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Brick houses were rather expensive to build and usually were owned by the more affluent members of the community. This house was owned by Percival Beattie, owner and operator of the first drug store in Port McNicoll.

Address: 326 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1912

Built By: Joseph Connelly

Type: Commercial

Heritage attributes: Constructed in the 'boomtown commercial' style featuring a flat roof and large front windows. Historically operated as a pool hall and barbershop, with residential apartments on the second storey.

Address: 342 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1912 / 1925

Built By: Unknown

Type: Boarding House

Heritage attributes: Served as a boarding house for men who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. By 1932 it was converted into apartments, continuing to serve the workers within Port McNicoll.

Address: 365 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1911

Built By: C.P.R. Company

Type: Company Staff House

Heritage attributes: Served as a boarding house for men who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Building is split into two separate units. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.

Address: 367 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1911

Built By: C.P.R. Company

Type: Company Staff House

Heritage attributes: Served as a boarding house for men who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Building is split into two separate units. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.

Address: 379 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1911

Built By: C.P.R. Company

Type: Company Staff House

Heritage attributes: Served as a boarding house for men who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Building is split into two separate units. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.
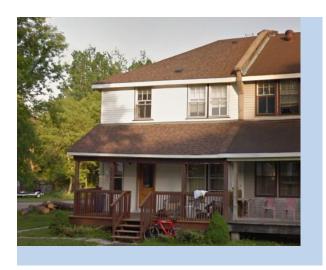
Address: 381 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1911

Built By: C.P.R. Company

Type: Company Staff House

Heritage attributes: Served as a boarding house for men who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Building is split into two separate units. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.

Address: 387 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1911

Built By: C.P.R. Company

Type: Company Staff House

Heritage attributes: Served as a boarding house for men who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Building is split into two separate units. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.

Address: 389 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1911

Built By: C.P.R. Company

Type: Company Staff House

Heritage attributes: Served as a boarding house for men who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Building is split into two separate units. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.

Address: 393 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1911

Built By: C.P.R. Company

Type: Company Staff House

Heritage attributes: Served as a boarding house for men who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Building is split into two separate units. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.

Address: 395 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1911

Built By: C.P.R. Company

Type: Company Staff House

Heritage attributes: Served as a boarding house for men who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Building is split into two separate units. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.

Address: 459 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1921

Built By: George Adam

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Built and owned by George Adam, Chief Engineer for the Canadian Pacific Railway operating in Port McNicoll. The house remains in the Adam family to this day.

Address: 465 Talbot Street

Year Built: 1916

Built By: Thomas E. Ney

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: The Ney family, a prominent family throughout the Township, built numerous homes on the south side of Talbot Street in Port McNicoll. Brick houses were owned by the more affluent members of the community.

Victoria Harbour

Address: 266 Albert Street

Year Built: 1937

Built By: Community of Victoria Harbour

Type: Church

Heritage attributes: The church was originally built on William Street in 1882. It served the community until it was destroyed by a fire in 1937. Less than a year later it was rebuilt where it stands today.

Address: 278 Albert Street

Year Built: 1910

Built By: The Stoddard Family

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: The dwelling was constructed sparing no expense. All the best building materials and High Victorian furnishings were used. The dwelling has been well preserved and restored to some extent.

Address: 356 Albert Street

Year Built: 1905

Built By: John Dillingno

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: John Dillingno was the builder and first owner of the house. He was a very prominent member of the Victoria Harbour community.

Address: 95 Jephson Street

Year Built: 1906

Built By: John Waldie

Type: Church

Heritage attributes: John Waldie, president of the Victoria Harbour Lumber Company funded the construction of the church. The interior is very special as the pine used was carefully selected as it doesn't contain a single knot.

Address: 135 Jephson Street

Year Built: 1912 – 1922

Built By: Victoria Harbour Lumber Company

Type: Forman's House

Heritage attributes: This home, was constructed by the Victoria Harbour Lumber Company for the purpose of housing the foreman. Hence, they have come to be known as the 'Foreman's houses'.

Address: 137 Jephson Street

Year Built: 1912 – 1922

Built By: Victoria Harbour Lumber Company

Type: Forman's House

Heritage attributes: This home, was constructed by the Victoria Harbour Lumber Company for the purpose of housing the foreman. Hence, they have come to be known as the 'Foreman's houses'.

Address: 141 Jephson Street

Year Built: 1912 - 1922

Built By: Victoria Harbour Lumber Company

Type: Dwelling / Manse

Heritage attributes: The property was originally used as lumber mill worker housing then later donated by John Waldie to the congregation of St. Paul's as the manse of the local church.

Address: 147 Jephson Street

Year Built: 1900 – 1901

First Owner: Albert Eplett

Type: Dwelling / Minister Housing

Heritage attributes: The house was first owned by Albert Eplett, the town butcher. Eplett lived here with his wife and nine children. In 1956 the dwelling was sold to St. John's United Church to be used for minister housing, which it continues to be used as to this day.

Address: 163 Jephson Street

Year Built: 1890

First Owner: Isaac Wardell

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: This house was built by Judge Isaac Wardell, a prominent man in the area and the first Reeve of Port McNicoll. In 1913, Judge Wardell sold the house to T. W. Brown, who was the local pharmacist in Victoria Harbour.

Address: 38 Richard Street

Year Built: 1902

Built By: Charles Gouett

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: This home was constructed by Victoria Harbour Lumber Company foreman, Charles Gouett. This home is recognized under the heritage register due to its craftsmanship, and previous ownership.

Address: 98 Richard Street

Year Built: 1905

Built By: Job Smyth

Type: Dwelling / Physicians Office

Heritage attributes: The home and office of Dr. Duncan MacKenzie, the village physician for a span of 50 years from 1914-1964.

Address: 121 Richard Street

Year Built: 1915 – 1916

Built By: Charles Stoddard

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: First owned by Jacob Gill, a foreman at the Victoria Harbour Lumber Company. Many original features and Gill's personal effects remain within the home. Gill owned the home until 1941 until the home was purchased by the Heel family, another prominent family.

Address: 106 William Street

Year Built: 1888 – 1890

Built By: Victoria Harbour Lumber Company

Type: Company House

Heritage attributes: Constructed to attract men and their families from Quebec to the Victoria Harbour lumber mills. The homes were rented to workers for between four and six dollars a month. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.

Address: 110 William Street

Year Built: 1888 – 1890

Built By: Victoria Harbour Lumber Company

Type: Company House

Heritage attributes: Constructed to attract men and their families from Quebec to the Victoria Harbour lumber mills. The homes were rented to workers for between four and six dollars a month. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.

Address: 112 William Street

Year Built: 1888 – 1890

Built By: Victoria Harbour Lumber Company

Type: Company House

Heritage attributes: Constructed to attract men and their families from Quebec to the Victoria Harbour lumber mills. The homes were rented to workers for between four and six dollars a month. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.

Address: 120 William Street

Year Built: 1888 – 1890

Built By: Victoria Harbour Lumber Company

Type: Company House

Heritage attributes: Constructed to attract men and their families from Quebec to the Victoria Harbour lumber mills. The homes were rented to workers for between four and six dollars a month. Follows U.S. 'Salt Box' style architecture.

Address: 181 William Street

Year Built: 1895

Built By: Sam & Chris Burns

Type: Church

Heritage attributes: For many years the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations shared a Church. In 1895 it was decided that the construction of this Church was needed. This is one of the three original churches in the area (part of the Penetanguishene Circuit).

Address: 223 William Street

Year Built: 1888 - 1890

Built By: Victoria Harbour Lumber Company

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: This building differs from the 'Salt Box' style common to Victoria Harbour Lumber Co. houses, and the foreman and supervisor's homes. For these reasons it is unclear why Victoria Harbour Lumber Co. built the home.

Address: 283 William Street

Year Built: 1910

Built By: Federal Government

Type: Historic Lighthouse

Heritage attributes: One of two lighthouses built by the Federal Government in 1910 used as navigational beacons for the Canadian Pacific Railway's passenger and freight ships.

Waubaushene

Address: 216 Cherry Street

Year Built: 1877 – 1893

Built By: Georgian Bay Lumber Company

Type: Dwelling / Company House

Heritage attributes: Built and owned by the Georgian Bay Lumber Company. Likely built for the purposes of boarding for the lumber mill workers.

Address: 235 Cherry Street

Year Built: 1878

Built By: Georgian Bay Lumber Company

Type: Dwelling / Company House

Heritage attributes: Built and owned by the Georgian Bay Lumber Company. Likely built for the purposes of boarding for the lumber mill workers.

Address: 316 Cherry Street

Year Built: 1880s

Built By: Unknown

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Home resembles other buildings in the area which were constructed at the same time and owned by the Georgian Bay Lumber Company. Previous owners of the home have strong connections to Tay's political past.

Address: 33 Coldwater Road

Year Built: 1900

Built By: Georgian Bay Lumber Company

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: The building was initially used as a storage shed for the Georgian Bay Lumber Company. It is located on the water, so ships could dock and drop off supplies. It has since been converted into a residence.

Address: 115 Coldwater Road

Year Built: 1878

Built By: Georgian Bay Lumber Company

Type: Library

Heritage attributes: The building was first constructed by the Georgian Bay Lumber Company with intentions of it being a library. Later, the building became the community center, then after being moved it became a general store.

Address: 127 Coldwater Road

Year Built: Late 1880s

Built By: Georgian Bay Lumber Company

Type: Company House

Heritage attributes: Originally built by the Georgian Bay Lumber Company for the purpose of worker housing, prompting the simple U.S. 'Salt Box' architectural design.

Address: 49 Elm Street

Year Built: 1888

Built By: Dr. Frank Porter

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Home was built by Dr. Frank Porter, a prominent member of the community at the time. He frequently used the home as community refugee and small hospital.

Address: 53 Elm Street

Year Built: 1923

Built By: CP Stocking

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Built for Charles P. Stocking, a retired executive and director of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company. One of the first ever brick houses in Waubaushene.

Address: 22 Hazel Street

Year Built: 1881

Built By: William E. Dodge

Type: Church

Heritage attributes: Built in 1881 in memory of Theodore W. Buck by William E. Dodge, owner of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company. Theodore W. Buck was the former general manager of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company.

Address: 46 Hazel Street

Year Built: 1883

Built By: Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Toronto

Type: Church

Heritage attributes: Second Catholic church, and one of the oldest buildings in Waubaushene. Now converted into a dwelling.

Address: 313 Ouida Street

Year Built: 1871 – 1899

Built By: Unknown

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Thought to have been originally built in 1871, then rebuilt in 1899. Likely used as a company house for the Georgian Bay Lumber Company at some point in time.

Address: 414 Sturgeon Bay Road

Year Built: 1886

Built By: Georgian Bay Lumber Company

Type: Company House

Heritage attributes: Originally built by the Georgian Bay Lumber Company for the purpose of worker housing, prompting the simple 'Salt Box' architectural design.

Address: 465 Sturgeon Bay Road

Year Built: 1909

Built By: Mr. Parnham

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: It is one of the only properties in the immediate area that was not owned by the Dodge family or bought for lumbering purposes. In fact, the family had little to do with the lumber industry altogether. Mr. Parnham ran a mail route during his time in the house.

Waverley

Address: 1005 Bannister Street

Year Built: 1885

Built By: Unknown

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Surrounding properties were owned by the Bannister and Kettle families, some of the first settlers of Waverley. It is believed that this dwelling may have been built by one of the two families.

Address: 242 Darby Road

Year Built: 1895 – 1896

Built By: John Bath & Sons / James Brown

Type: Church

Heritage attributes: Land donated for construction of church by David Bannister, one of the first settlers of Waverley. Construction materials donated by several other prominent figures of the time.

Address: 6470 Highway 93

Year Built: 1885

Built By: Unknown

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: Constructed using readily available timber from nearby mills. Potentially built and owned by Thomas Parker, one of the earliest settlers of Waverley.

Address: 6517 Highway 93

Year Built: 1880

Built By: Unknown

Type: Hotel / Dwelling

Heritage attributes: The house is one of the oldest in the area. It is rumoured through the community that the house once was used as a hotel.

Address: 6152 Vasey Road

Year Built: 1880

Built By: John Bannister

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: The house is one of the oldest in the area. Built by John Bannister, son of David Bannister, one of the first settlers of Waverley.

Address: 6177 Vasey Road

Year Built: 1890

Built By: Dennis Cooper

Type: Dwelling

Heritage attributes: The home was owned at a time by the Scarlett family who had come to Canada from Ireland in 1866. It came to be known as the "Saints Rest", acting as a place for immigrants from Ireland to come and stay while they prepared their own homes in Waverley and the surrounding area.