

## Public input sought for Town's Heritage Conservation Study

In December 2015, the Town of Orangeville embarked on a Heritage Conservation District Study (HCD) for historic neighbourhoods adjacent to the Downtown Heritage Conservation District.

This HCD Study is the first phase in the designation process and will assess the cultural heritage resources within these neighbourhoods, and recommend whether an area or areas within them should be considered for HCD designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. The intent of the HCD Study is to develop a framework that conserves and enhances the historic 'small town' character and charm of the historic residential core of the Town while allowing for compatible growth and change.

The community plays an important role in building a thorough understanding of the character-defining values and heritage resources in the study areas. A community consultation meeting will be held as part of the study process and is scheduled for June 21, 2016 at the Orangeville Public Library, Main Branch, on Mill Street. The formal presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

In addition, a survey has been prepared which will help the Town gain additional insight into what residents value in their neighbourhoods, and how the heritage resources contribute to a sense of community. Prior to the first community meeting, residents and business owners within the study area will receive this community questionnaire by mail. The survey will also be available at [www.surveymonkey.com/t/heritage-study](http://www.surveymonkey.com/t/heritage-study). Input is welcome from all Town residents.