



## The Corporation of the Township of King Report to Council

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**From:** Growth Management Services – Planning Division

**Report Number:** GMS-HER-2026-004

**Date:** Monday, February 23, 2026

**Title:** **2920 King Road (King Heritage and Cultural Centre Property)  
Heritage Designation Housekeeping: Repeal of By-law 90-80  
and Amendment to By-law 92-123**

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### Recommendation

1. That Council receive Report GMS-HER-2026-004 for information.
2. That Council direct Staff to issue a Notice of Intention to Repeal Designation By-law 90-80 and Amending By-law 2024-044, to consolidate all heritage features of the property under a single by-law.
3. That Council direct Staff to issue a Notice of Intention to Amend Designation By-law 92-123 to incorporate the King Station and the Laskay Hall into the existing heritage designation.
4. That, should no objection to the proposed repeal of Designation By-law 90-80 be received during the statutory 30-day notice period, Council enact the repeal of By-law 90-80 and the amendment of By-law 92-123.

### 1. Report Highlights

- The Heritage Advisory Committee carried forward a motion on February 5, 2026, in support of the above-referenced recommendations.
- Restoration works to the heritage structures at the King Station (2920 King Road) are now complete, creating an opportunity consolidate the site's heritage designations.
- The current designation By-law 90-80 for the King Station, is outdated and does not meet post-2005 Ontario Heritage Act requirements as it lacks a statement of cultural heritage value and a list of heritage attributes.
  - The King Christian Church at 2920 King Road is designated under By-law 92-123, which was updated on June 6, 2024, and now reflects current legislative standards.
- As there is no need to maintain two separate by-laws for 2920 King Road, By-law 90-80 can be repealed and By-law 92-123 can be amended to include the King Station

and the Laskay Hall, allowing all heritage structures on the property to be protected under a single, modern designation.

- Consolidating the designations will modernize the designation by-law, ensure consistent protection for all structures, and simplify future administration, interpretation, and title registration.

## **2. Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council consolidate all heritage resources located at 2920 King Road under a single, up-to-date heritage designation by-law, and to repeal outdated or superseded heritage designation by-laws.

## **3. Background**

### **King Station**

The King Station is believed to be the oldest surviving railway station in Canada. It was constructed in 1853 in King City (formerly Springhill), in part of the east half of Lot 3, Concession 4. It was made using a standard design that was featured in multiple locations along the Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron Railway (OS&H) in its early years of operation. The first train arrived in King on May 16, 1853. The OS&H was reorganized as the Northern Railway of Canada in 1859 and following this, the station changed hands several times. In 1879, the Northern Railway merged with the Hamilton & North-Western Railway to form the Northern & Northwestern Railway, with a total of five trains stopping at King Station daily. Seven years later, in 1888, the North & Northwestern was purchased by the Grand Trunk Railway, which made slight modifications to the station in 1900. In 1923, the Grand Trunk Railway Company merged once again, this time with Canadian National (CN).

The King Station closed to passengers in 1964, after which it sat abandoned for several years. It was relocated to the Kortright Centre in 1968 but was neglected and began to deteriorate. In 1989, the King Station was returned to King Township and was relocated to 2920 King Road, the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, where it presently resides.

The subject property was designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in 1990 under by-law 90-80. To ensure clarity and to bring the designation into compliance with current legislative requirements, Staff are recommending that By-law 90-80 be repealed and that the property's cultural heritage value and attributes be incorporated into the existing, up-to-date designation By-law (92-123) for the property, through amendment. This approach will consolidate the designation of all three structures on the property into a single, comprehensive by-law, eliminating the need for multiple designation instruments for the same property.

## **Laskay Hall**

Formerly located at 12840 Weston Road, the Laskay Hall was built by a local division of the Sons of Temperance (No. 220) in 1859 on land donated by Senator David Reesor. The local Temperance Division had opened in Laskay in 1848.

The Temperance Division eventually went dormant but was reorganized about 1888 and flourished under the energetic work of its members. Around this time local option came into force, and the sale of alcohol was banned in the Township. As a result of succeeding in its mission, the local Temperance Division was disbanded, and the Hall was turned over to the Laskay Branch of the Women's Institute.

The Laskay Hall is one of the few surviving Temperance Halls in York Region and represents an important element of the Township's social and cultural history. Constructed in a simple and serviceable vernacular style typical of early community halls, it has long served as a gathering place for meetings, events, and social functions. In 1910, the Laskay Women's Institute formally assumed responsibility for the Hall, continuing its role as a focal point for community life and extending its legacy as a place of assembly, education, and civic engagement. The building was designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in 1986 in recognition of its cultural heritage value.

On August 30, 2017, the Hall was relocated from its original site in the Hamlet of Laskay to the King Heritage & Cultural Centre at 2920 King Road. The relocation was undertaken by the Township of King to ensure the long-term conservation and continued public use of the structure, following structural assessments and community consultation. The building was transported along Weston Road and King Road to its new location, where it now forms part of the Township's heritage campus and continues to serve as an important community resource.

Prior to the relocation, the original designation by-law was repealed, to facilitate the relocation process. With the relocation complete and restoration works to other heritage structures on the property now finalized, it is an appropriate time to update the existing designation for the King Heritage & Cultural Centre property. Amending By-law 92-123 to include the Laskay Hall will ensure that its cultural heritage value and heritage attributes are formally recognized and protected in its permanent location.

## **4. Analysis**

### **Repeal of By-law 90-80 (King Station)**

By-law 90-80, which designated the King Station under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act is outdated. Staff are recommending that Council repeal By-law 90-80 as the property is also designated under By-law 92-123. Maintaining two overlapping designation By-laws for the same property creates unnecessary administrative duplication and may lead to confusion regarding which by-law governs alterations, heritage permits, and property management.

Although the King Station is located on the lands subject to By-law 92-123, it is not currently included in that by-law's Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or its list of heritage attributes.

As part of the proposed update, the King Station will be formally added to By-law 92-123 to ensure that its cultural heritage value and attributes are clearly identified and protected. Repealing By-law 90-80 will ensure that the King Station is regulated solely under the updated and consolidated designation framework established through By-law 92-123.

### **Amendment to By-law 92-123**

By-law 92-123 has been amended previously by By-law 2024-044 to remain consistent with the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act. In addition to the repeal of By-law 90-80, Staff are recommending that By-law 2024-044 also be repealed. Repealing these by-laws ensures that the new consolidated by-law becomes the single, comprehensive, and authoritative designation by-law for the property, eliminating duplication and avoiding potential inconsistencies between multiple by-laws and amending by-laws in force.

The parent by-law does not include the King Station or the Laskay Hall, both of which are located on the property and possess significant cultural heritage value. Amending By-law 92-123 will consolidate all designated structures on the site under a single, modernized by-law, improving clarity for staff, Council, property managers, and the public.

### **Notice, Appeal, or Objection**

Should Council direct Staff to issue the required Notices of Intention, the Township will initiate the statutory notice period. For the proposed repeals of Designation By-law 90-80 and Amending By-law 2024-044, any member of the public may submit a written objection within the prescribed timeline. For the proposed amendment to Designation By-law 92-123, only the property owner may file an objection. Where an eligible objection is received, the matter must be referred to the Ontario Land Tribunal for a decision. If no objections are received, Council may proceed to enact the repeal and amendment by-laws

### **Heritage Advisory Committee**

Following a brief discussion of the subject matter during its February 5, 2026, meeting, the Heritage Advisory Committee carried a motion to recommend that Council repeal Designation By-law 90-80 and Amending By-law 2024-044, and further amend By-law 92-123 in order to consolidate all heritage features of the property under a single, updated designation by-law.

## **5. Financial Considerations**

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

## **6. Alignment to Strategic Plan**

The Corporate Strategic Plan (CSP) reflects the priorities of utmost importance to the community and defines the obligations and commitments of the Township of King to its citizens and to the public. The CSP is aligned with the Townships long-term vision defined in the “Our King” Official Plan. The CSP also aims to ensure that Staff initiatives focus on and work towards supporting King’s Vision, Mission and Values.

This report is in alignment with the CSP's Priority Area(s), and/or associated Objective(s) and/or Key Results(s):

Priority Area: Complete Communities

Objective: Enrich community well-being and make King the ideal place to live, work and play.

Key Result: Not Applicable.

## 7. Conclusion

Updating By-law 92-123 to include both the King Station and the Laskay Women's Institute Hall will create a unified, accurate, and comprehensive designation by-law for the King Heritage & Cultural Centre property. This approach ensures consistency in the application of the Ontario Heritage Act, simplifies future heritage permit review processes, strengthens long-term conservation planning for the site, and provides clear direction for property management and public interpretation. A consolidated by-law also aligns with best practices in heritage conservation by reducing redundancy and ensuring that all designated structures on a multi-building heritage campus are governed under a single, coherent legislative instrument. As per the reasons outlined in this report, Staff recommend Council to direct Staff to issue a Notice of Intention to Repeal Designation By law 90-80, in order to consolidate all heritage features of the property under a single, updated designation by law. Staff further recommend that Council direct Staff to issue a Notice of Intention to Amend Designation By law 92-123 to incorporate the King Station and the Laskay Hall into the existing heritage designation.

## 8. Attachments

Attachment 1 – Location Map

Attachment 2 – Reference Plan

Attachment 3 – Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Attachment 4 – Draft Amending By-law

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