



**My Life is in Ruins
and so is Heritage Planning (Sometimes)**

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Some thoughts on 30 odd years of heritage in land use planning in Ontario:

- Changes in cultural resources
- Cultural Heritage Landscapes
- Archaeology and Built Heritage
- Creativity in planning
- Role of government



Cultural Heritage Resources

Concepts have changed to accommodate wide range of resources but architecture/buildings still dominant.

Results in loss of diversity and loss of opportunities





Cultural Heritage Landscapes

Trying to find something that doesn't always exist

In the "old days" had streetscapes, farmscapes, parks, industrial districts, etc.

Recognized importance of pattern, context

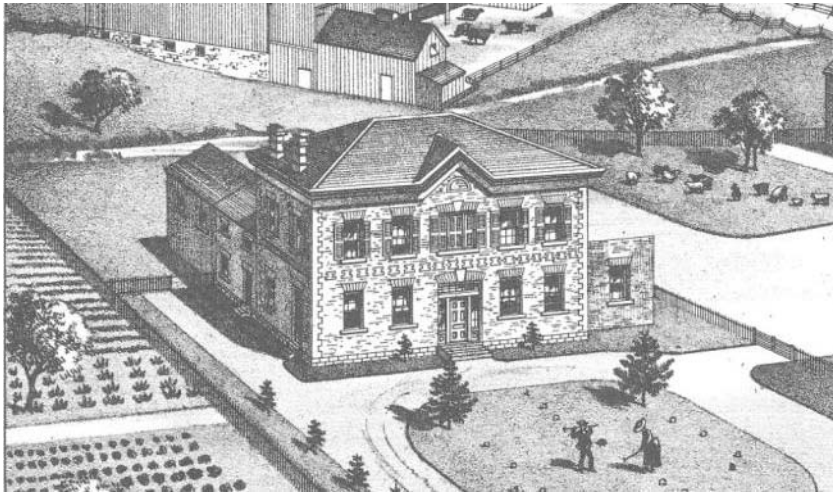
Today everybody is inventing best method of doing landscape study.





Historic Archaeology and Built Heritage

Archaeology is required in land use planning
Archaeology driven by First Nation/Pioneer Cultures
Little communication between archaeologists and built heritage





Creativity in Cultural Heritage Planning



Bridge design, maintenance subject to Canadian Bridge Code



Municipal Engineers Association looking for guidance for changes to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process



Heritage legislation more complex; government leadership slowing.

Heritage legislation and regulations have become more complex, and possibly stronger, but government leadership for how to implement these requirements is slow.

Standards and Guidelines for
Conservation of Provincial Heritage
Properties



So what do I think?

- We are conserving only our perception/understanding of the past
- Be realistic in our expectations of what the planning process can and cannot do
- Be creative and compromise



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