

MRP Summary

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Comparing Canadian Heritage Management Strategies: A Case Study Considering Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver

Heritage management is a complex, constantly changing process that is handled differently between municipalities. Buildings and landscapes are surrounded by multifaceted issues with ranging themes. This has historically included economic constraints to preserve, political pressures to eliminate and environmental concern to protect heritage and landscapes, among other factors. Contemporary heritage management strategies are further being threatened by the increased development pressure in growing Canadian municipalities. This paper considers heritage management policies and procedures between three (3) Canadian municipalities, being the Cities of Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, to address their strengths, weaknesses and challenges. The comparisons inform a discussion around heritage management best practices and a set of recommendations that apply to all three municipalities. The intention of this paper was to develop an understanding around the strengths and benefits for heritage management strategies in Canada.

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