

Downtown

As a Designated Heritage Conservation District, downtown Port Hope is home to many historic and architecturally significant buildings. Pride in our downtown is evident in the beautifully restored buildings, the collection of eclectic and vibrant businesses and year round festivals and events that draw thousands of visitors into our community and bring people back time after time.

Port Hope's downtown is made up of a wide variety of retailers, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, galleries, service providers, banks, parks and walking trails to provide an excellent opportunity to work, shop and play.

Our downtown is supported by the **Port Hope Heritage Business Improvement Area**. Officially started in 1977 it formally became recognized as the Heritage BIA in February 1990. The HBIA is committed to improving and promoting the Heritage Business District through investment and advocacy and promote it as premier shopping, business and entertainment destination. In August 1998 the Walton Street Heritage Conservation District was approved, which included the north and south sides of Walton between Mill and Pine Streets. In June 2008 the JOQS Heritage District was approved which includes portions of John, Ontario and Queen Street.

The **Port Hope and District Chamber of Commerce** is recognized as the 'Voice of Business' and is dedicated to promoting and nurturing a prosperous business community within the Municipality of Port Hope. Through membership programs and services, policy and advocacy work, organization and administration, technology planning and governance – the Chamber strives to make Port Hope a better place to live, work and play.



Heritage Port Hope

Port Hope's Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (Heritage Port Hope) is a strong, active and dedicated group of people who advise on restoration and preservation of the many historic and architecturally significant buildings in the area. Heritage Port Hope also concerns itself with the preservation of the natural features of our beautiful countryside.
905-885-4544

Heritage Preservation

ACO

The Port Hope Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario is one of the largest and most active branches in the province. The mission of the A.C.O is to help preserve buildings and structures of architectural merit and to protect places of natural beauty.
905-885-7929.

EAST DURHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The East Durham Historical Society is another group that has proudly been preserving history in the area since 1964. The group operates Dorothy's House Museum in Garden Hill.
(905) 885-5984

PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

For the past 195 years, The Municipality of Port Hope and surrounding communities have been particularly fortunate in having an unusually high proportion of collectors of local history. With the creation of The Port Hope Archives, we have the opportunity to build on this magnificent legacy, preserving and recording the many documents, pictures and ephemera of our region.
(905) 885-1673

