

Heritage for Whom?

Conserving Community Spaces

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The pandemic affects all people and communities in Canada, although the effects are not equal (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2020). The diverse impacts of the pandemic are deeply rooted in pre-existing socio-economic inequalities based on race, gender, ability, income, wages, health, housing.

Who makes up the heritage sector?

What percentage of heritage sector workers self-identify as a visible minority in Ontario?

- 2% of museum employees
- 5% of archive employees
- 8% of historic site employees

(State of Heritage Report, Heritage Toronto, 2019)

29% of Ontarians self-identify as a visible minority.

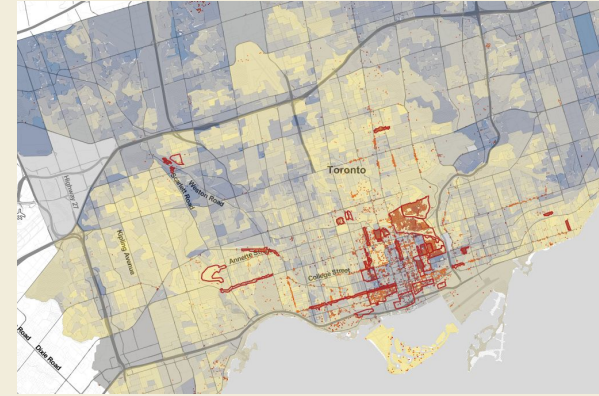
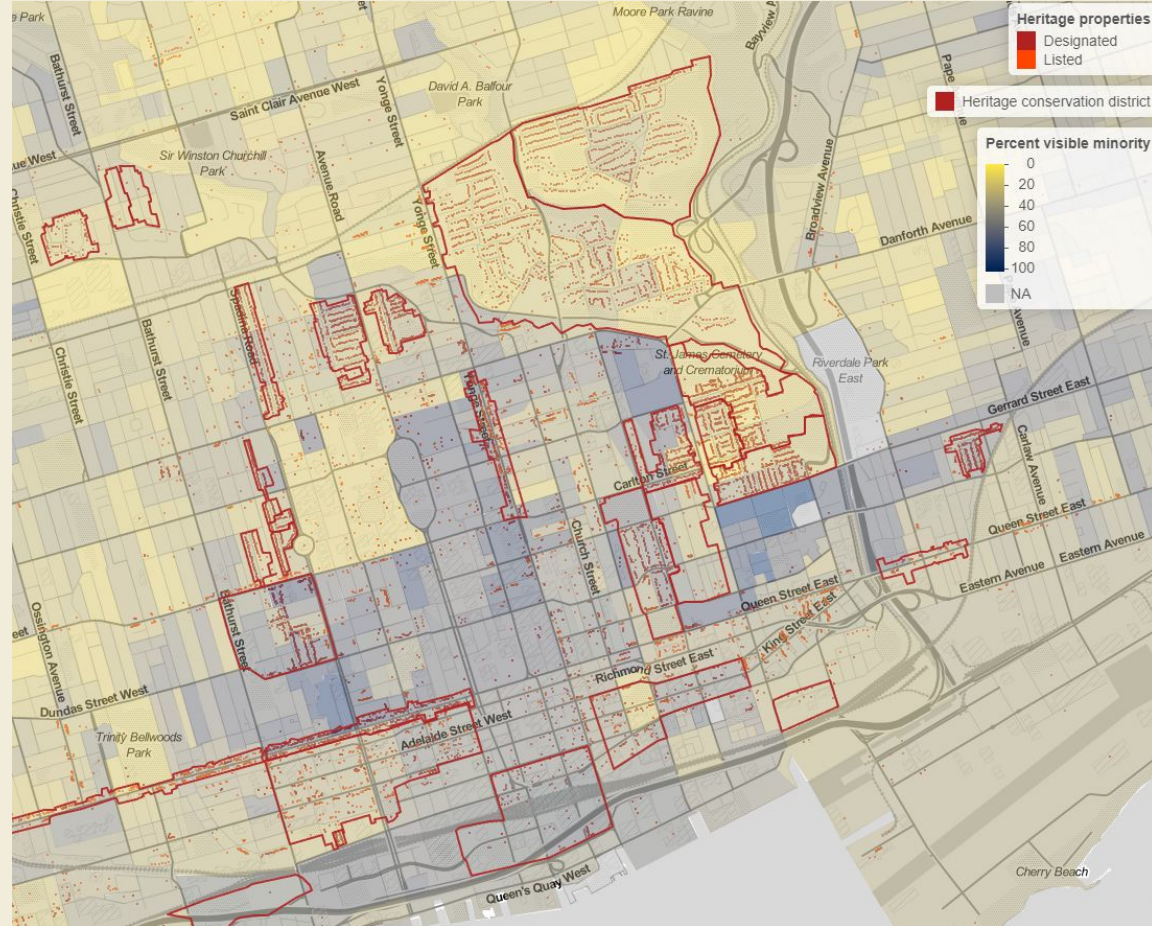
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In 2017, the Canadian Heritage sector received assistance from over **114,400 volunteers, contributing over 6 million hours**. This is the equivalent to approximately 2,888 full-time equivalent positions. Volunteers outnumbered paid employees 3 to 1, making up 75% of the heritage workforce. (Government of Canada Survey of Heritage Institutions)

Volunteering is “a privilege as well as a responsibility”

(Hiromi Taniguchi, Men's and Women's Volunteering: Gender Differences in the Effects of Employment and Family Characteristics, University of Louisville)

Who benefits from designation?



<https://jdawang.github.io/heritage>

Mapping heritage, race,
and income in Toronto

Jacob Loo Dawang, 2022



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Replying to @HousingNowTO @CreateTO and 4 others

Wed. June 16th - the #HousingNow site located on the Surface Parking-Lot at #405SHERBOURNE has to go before the "Toronto Preservation Board", to allow the City to build new #AffordableHousing on this Designated #HeritageParkingLot in #TOPoli... 🤔

LINK - app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgen...

A part of our heritage



HousingNowTO and CityPlanTO

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By Star Editorial Board
Mon., April 9, 2018 · 1 min. read

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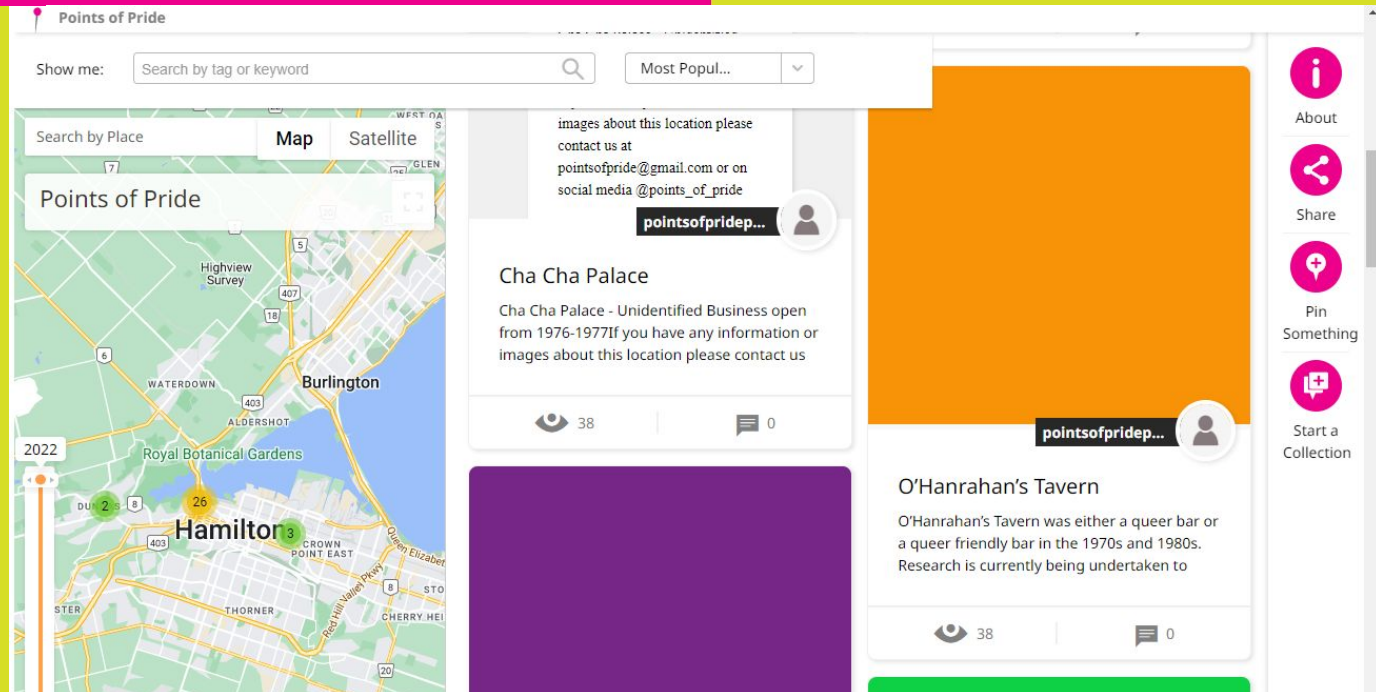
Should we pick up our old ways of doing things?

Are further transitions needed?

- Acknowledge the lack of diversity in heritage and the systemic barriers in our industry
- Critically ask “**who does this benefit? And who is left out?**” When exploring new advocacy files and shift focus from individual narratives to community benefits
- Leverage heritage as a tool that can support equity-deserving communities and **help combat the housing crisis, climate crisis, and other socio-economic challenges**

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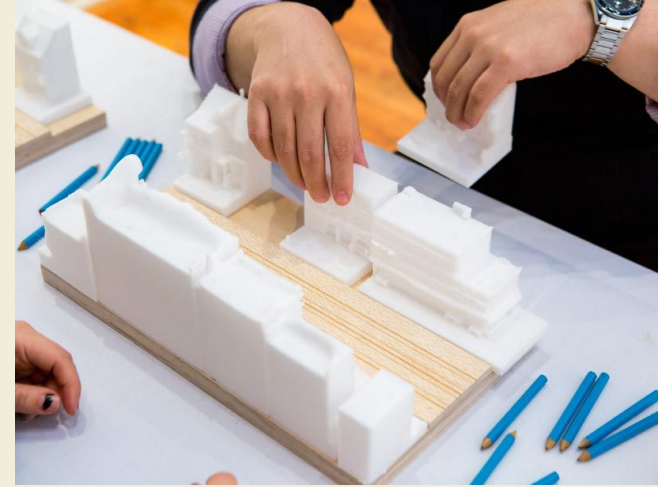
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