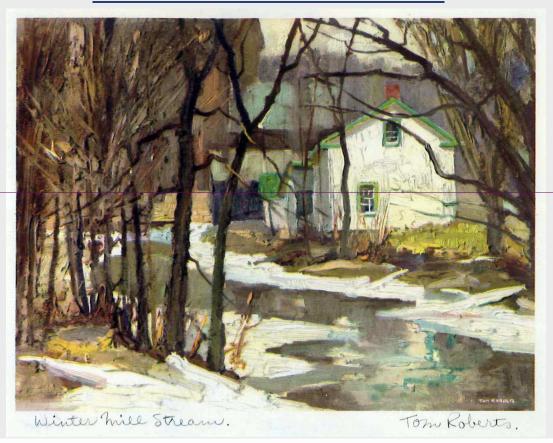
MEADOWVALE VILLAGE HCD PLAN REVIEW

BACKGROUND STUDY



OCTOBER 4, 2012



INTRODUCTION

- Resident concerns spark formation of ratepayers group in late 1960s
- OHA 1974 provides mechanism for a municipality to protect an HCD
- 1980 Meadowvale Village HCD adopted (first in Ontario)
- 2005 amendments to the OHA bring new provisions to an HCD
- Need to review the HCD Plan
- Review starts with a comprehensive history which has never been done
- You have to know what you have before you can save and protect it





PRE-CONTACT

- Archaeological evidence not far from the Village indicates there has been Aboriginal occupation of the area for thousands of years
- There are no registered Aboriginal sites within the HCD but high potential
- Late Woodland Period 1000 AD to 1650 AD Iroquoian tradition densely populated villages of longhouses, farming, with some hunting and gathering to add to subsistence
- Ontario Iroquoian were driven out of the area by warring Aboriginals about 1649 it was immediately after this that the Mississauga moved into southern Ontario and this area in particular

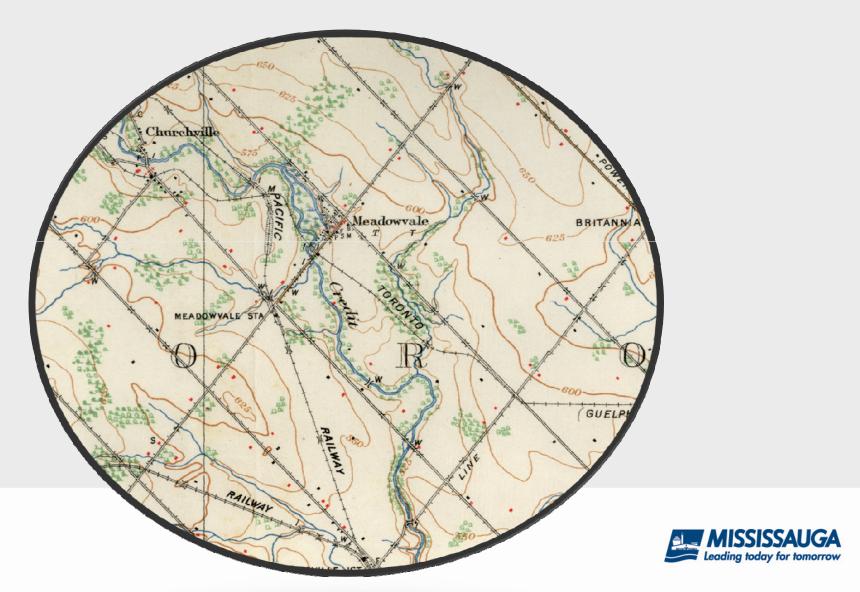


CONTACT PERIOD TO SETTLEMENT

- Mississauga existed in small groups, mostly hunting and gathering subsistence
- French traders were active in the area from about 1630 (Credit and Humber Rivers were major French trading corridors)
- Mississauga had a close trading relationship with the French and fought with them against the British – the French lost control of the area in 1760 and withdrew
- British began to trade and form treaties with the Mississauga
- Treaty of 1805 British Crown bought all lands along Lake Ontario south of what is today Eglinton Ave. – became known as the Old Survey
- Treaty of 1818 the Crown buys lands north of Eglinton New Survey
- 1819 first influx of United Empire Loyalists arrives from the United States

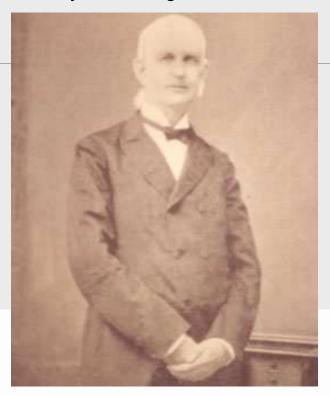


AREA CONTEXT - MAP 1922



EARLY SETTLEMENT: JOHN BEATTY

- Early 1819, twenty-nine Irish families from New York City, led by John Beatty, arrived in York
- On April 22, 1819, Beatty petitioned the Crown Council for land. He was awarded 200 acres on Lot 11 of Concession 3 in 1821
- The settlers decided upon the name of Meadowvale for their new settlement because of the grassy meadows near the river – Beatty built his home at the present 1125 Willow Lane
- 1832, Beatty abandoned farming he was offered the stewardship post of the Upper Canada Academy – settled permanently at Cobourg for the remainder of his life





EARLY SETTLEMENT: JAMES CRAWFORD

- Beatty sold his original 200 acre land grant to James Crawford in 1833. Crawford is believed to have built the Neo-Classical front addition
- Crawford built the first sawmill in the Meadowvale area
- It is generally believed that Crawford also built the house which would later be known as the Silverthorn House located at what is now 7050 Old Mill Lane in 1844







EARLY SETTLERS: JOHN SIMPSON

- 1837, John Simpson took up residence on 300 acres along the south side of the present day Old Derry Road
- He cleared forty acres of land and built a log cabin where they continued to reside until they built a grand brick house in 1860





- In 1838, Simpson built the first successful sawmill in Meadowvale
- Between 1838 and 1840 residents able to purchase lumber boards to construct the earliest stacked plank on plank houses in the area
- Simpson leased some of his land to William Bellas at what is now 1090 Old Derry Road
- Land Registry records state that Bell did not acquire this property until 1856
- John Simpson was a fervent Wesleyan Methodist. Simpson donated land in 1860 to the local Methodist congregation to construct the current United Church (1863) located at 1010 Old Derry Road
- He sold the land behind the Church, located at what is now 6970 Second Line West, to the School Trustees in 1871 for \$200
- Simpson also gave land to his daughter, Mary Jane, upon her engagement to Thomas Graham in 1861
- Thomas Graham's father, Joseph, then built them an impressive brick house for their wedding gift in 1862. This property still exists and is located at 1020 Old Derry Road





