

OLD TOWN TORONTO

Heritage Landscape and Resources Guide

Old Town Toronto: A Heritage Landscape Guide

Old Town Toronto: A Heritage Landscape Guide was produced in 2001 by the Citizens for the Old Town and the Heritage Resources Centre, University of Waterloo. It was apparently intended to be widely available to tourists and history enthusiasts interested in the Old Town, and to be kept updated to this end. This appears not to have happened, as the only available copies appear to be reference-only at the Toronto Reference Library and are working versions. The booklet does not appear to be available online or an electronic edition either.

This is unfortunate because the *Guide* is a concentrated and yet accessible introduction to the Old Town. It is just detailed enough to provide an accurate and engaging picture of the history and development of the area without being overwhelming. One of its most useful features is its division of the Old Town into discrete sites. These subdivisions are useful aids to organizing an otherwise complex topic and could be a boon to explorers of the locales.

The *Guide* is now in need of updating. It does not reflect various developments that have taken place since 2001, most notably the refurbishment of the Distillery District and the recognition of the Parliament Buildings site. It also does not reflect the new reality of digital communication: a modern version would, for example, give URLs for sites open to the public.

Source:

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