



WALTON STREET COMMERCIAL AREA

Port Hope, Ontario, Canada

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Walton Street boasts an extremely attractive and well preserved collection of Commercial buildings, most dating from the later nineteenth century. It is considered as one of Ontario's best examples of a nineteenth-century commercial streetscape. Prior to our involvement in the project, the street had been designated a Heritage Conservation District.

In association with other consultants, we undertook to develop a façade improvement programme which respected the history and character while enhancing commercial activity. The façade study was supported by improvements for public areas, pedestrian amenities, planting, and a marketing strategy.

The challenge was to avoid the trap of generic guidelines by providing recommendations and solutions which were practical and specific to individual buildings. This was done on a building-by-building basis - using 'folios' specific to each property, setting out history, specifications for repairs, as well as designs for shopfronts.

