



Source: City of Hamilton

DUNDURN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

LOCATION: HAMILTON, ON
CLIENT: THE CITY OF HAMILTON
TYPE: CULTURAL HERITAGE LANDSCAPE, MASTER PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION
DATE: 2002 - 2011

Dundurn is an important designed cultural heritage landscape. A Landscape Restoration Master Plan was prepared for this large site that has been a city park since 1900, making it the oldest public park in Hamilton and one of the oldest in Ontario. This project involved the restoration and interpretation of the original 0.73 hectare kitchen garden, the drive shed, the significant picturesque landscape and the 'Inchbuie' family burial ground. Other landscape items that were restored include the ornamental beds and circular carriage drive of the north lawn and the south lawn turf and tree collection. Historic photographs and archaeological evidence were used to guide the design. General park improvements were aimed at enhancing public accessibility and safety as there are over 90,000 visitors to the site annually. Construction was completed in 2010. This project won the 2005 City of Hamilton Urban Design and Architecture Award of Merit for Excellence in Heritage Conservation. The phased plan had a total of 23 separate tasks and an estimated cost of \$1.2 Million. New park features integrated with historic features include lighted walking routes, a small playground and a picnic pavilion for large groups. Recent work includes improvements to the parking lot and an assessment of the many out buildings and their landscape settings to increase the interpretive value of this important historic site.

