

**SECTION D**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Recommendation One: Conservation Guidelines for Industrial Heritage

The following Guidelines should be read in conjunction with those prepared for the Equipment Register.

1. When historically important equipment or areas cannot be preserved in *situ*, the area should be recorded to standards similar to that of the Historic American Engineering Record.
2. Material evidence that traces the location of former equipment should be preserved; this is especially true of the iron castings and plaster evidence that marks the location of the former steam engine in Building #2A and the Maltings, Buildings #35/36.
3. Artifact policies should be developed so that equipment, **signage** and small artifacts identified during the redevelopment of the property can be inventoried and placed in safe storage such as that presently provided in Buildings 58 and 74.
4. Conservation policies should be developed so that machinery and artifacts **can** be conserved and safely displayed and interpreted in the future redevelopment of the **G&W** complex.
5. Remnants and artifacts within the **G&W** complex that do not have high intrinsic historic value – bins, tanks, boilers, and equipment bases – or are superfluous to interpretation needs could nevertheless be left in place to provide visual interest in the redevelopment.
6. Artifacts not retained for interpretive purposes should, if historically significant, be offered to appropriate museums.
7. When a space will not be used either due to building code restrictions, or its lack of commercial value, that space should be made secure and the artifacts conserved, inventoried and stabilized.
8. Wherever possible equipment, and traces of equipment should be preserved in situ and interpreted. In particular, exterior pipes and small details – such as the excise double locks on doors, explosion proof fixtures, and pulleys – should be left in place.

### Recommendation Two: Historic Archaeological Resources

Archaeological investigations should be undertaken as appropriate, or required, in order to further the understanding of the social, economic and technological evolution of the distilling industry in Ontario, and to assist in site interpretation.

**Recommendation Three: Interpretation Programme**

1. An advisory board for the management of interpretive programmes and the conservation of historic resources should be developed.
2. A visitor survey should be undertaken to determine the type and number of visitors expected and the scale, cost and content of interpretive programmes and facilities.
3. Capital and operating budgets should be established for the conservation and interpretation of heritage resources.
4. A professional interpretive team should be assembled prior to the redevelopment phase to ensure that significant artifacts are protected and to develop an interpretive programme. An appropriate staff should be hired once development is complete

**Recommendation Four: Resources of Scientific/Historic Value**

The following building areas have been identified as so historically significant that all, or a significant part, of each area should be preserved in situ and the redevelopment scheme be modified, if necessary, to accommodate their preservation. In each case, these areas represent rare survivors of process spaces that were either once technologically important and no longer exist or, were always rare industrial activities:

Engine Room, Building #2A [Reasons: wall finishes, evidence of floors, shape of room, vestiges of power transmission]

Malt House/Kilns, Buildings #35/36 [Reasons: floor finishes and profiles, evidence of kiln floors, kiln furnace and ventilation, shape of rooms]

Pure Spirits, Buildings #53–56 [Reasons: evidence of floors, shape of rooms, multiple floor levels, evidence of tank bases]

Scale Loft, Building #61 [Reasons: tank scales, confined space, pipes and manifolds]