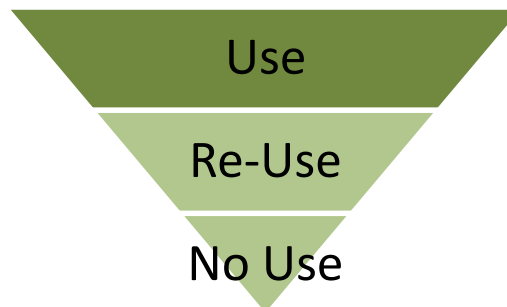


## DRAFT Stewardship Approach for Heritage Buildings:

Decisions about investment in and removal of heritage buildings will be made with an:

1. **Evidence-based** approach that includes:
  - Building condition assessments
  - Structural, space or other studies
  - External heritage designations
  - Internal USask Heritage Register (2014)
2. Supported by **Heritage Principles**:
  - Principles are designed to be **“always true”** because they align with an organization’s vision, mission and values
  - **Principles “support” decision-making criteria**, but are not decision-making criteria
  - The following **“hierarchy”** is the basis for the criteria
3. A **Holistic and Comprehensive** Approach:
  - All USask buildings, including those with heritage features, will be regularly assessed, in a strategic building renewal matrix to ensure a holistic and comprehensive approach to all investment and removal decisions

### Heritage Preservation Hierarchy



### Draft Heritage Principles (version 2)

1. The best way to preserve buildings and sites is to ensure they have a **use** that meets the USask teaching and research mandate.
2. The best way to preserve a building that is no longer meeting the USask mandate, is to identify a financially feasible **re-use** that meets the USask mandate.
3. Operating buildings as **museums** unto themselves is not part of the USask mandate, but some buildings may be a feasible landscape feature.
4. USask has **reputational obligations** to buildings and sites that have existing external designations but will not seek new external designations unless there are financial and usage advantages.

### Existing Constraints / Realities / Best Practices:

In the Preservation of any building USask will experience the following known constraints:

- **Changing the use** of a building will bring updated code requirements into effect that may reduce the financial feasibility of preservation.
- In nearly all cases, an investment in **hazardous material remediation** will be required.
- Prioritizing the **roof, foundation and window maintenance** is often needed to maintain the integrity of the structure
- **Removal** of buildings that have **no use** will continue to be necessary in order to prioritize resources on facilities that are serving the academic mission.