



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

**FROM:** Peter Wokral, Heritage Planner

**DATE:** May 13, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Designated Heritage Property Grant Program  
Review of 2020 Applications

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### **Program Details:**

- Council approved the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program in 2010.
- Total funding of \$120,000 was allocated to the program over a four year period (2010-2013) based on a targeted allocation of \$30,000 per year;
- The program was extended for an additional three years (2014-2016) and again from (2017-2019);
- In 2019, the program was extended for an additional three years (2020-2022) with an allocation of \$30,000 per year;
- Council must consider extending the program beyond 2022;
- Assistance to the owner is in the form of a grant representing 50% of eligible work up to a maximum limit of \$5,000 per property for eligible work, and through an amendment to the program in 2016, a maximum amount of \$7,500.00 for the replacement of a cedar shingle roof in Markham Heritage Estates;
- Minimum amount of eligible work - \$500.00;
- Properties must be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act (Part IV or Part V). In the case of Part V (Heritage Districts), only properties identified in a district plan as being of cultural heritage value or interest are eligible;
- Ineligible Projects:
  - Commercial façade grant projects are specifically related to “*the entire exterior front surface of a building which abuts the street from grade to eaves*”, and are not eligible as there is a separate program. However, other conservation work on a commercial property is considered eligible under the Designated Heritage Property Grant program. At the discretion of Council, an applicant may be limited to receiving only one heritage related financial assistance grant in a calendar year;
  - Projects in Markham Heritage Estates (under 20 years) as these owners already receive a financial incentive through reduced lot prices;

- Grants are to be awarded on an annual cycle following a request for applications with a deadline established;
- Only one grant per calendar year per property;
- First time applicants will get priority each year and repeat applicants will be considered only if the annual cap is not reached by first time recipients;
- Subject property must be in conformity with municipal by-laws and regulations;
- Eligible work primarily involves the repair, restoration or re-creation of heritage features or components (cornices, parapets, doors, windows, masonry, siding, woodwork, verandas, etc.);
- Eligible costs include the cost of materials, equipment and contracted labour (but not donated labour or materials or labour performed by the applicant). A grant of up to 50% for architectural/ design/ engineering fees to a maximum of \$1,000 (as part of the maximum permitted grant of \$4,000) is available;
- Exterior Painting- in documented original colours to a maximum grant contribution of \$2,000 or 25% of the cost, whichever is the lesser. One time only grant.
- Two separate estimates of work (due to the specialized nature of the work) are to be provided by a licensed contractor (other than the owner) for consideration;
- Applications will be reviewed by City (Heritage Section) staff and Heritage Markham and recommended submissions will be forwarded to Council for approval;
- Grant commitments are valid for 1 year and expire if the work is not completed within that time period (an extension may be granted);
- Grants are paid upon submission of receipts to the satisfaction of the City;
- Approved work commenced since last year's deadline for applications can be considered eligible for grant funding;
- Approved applicants will be required to enter into a Letter of Understanding with the City.

### **Application/Proposal**

- Staff received 6 applications by the April 3, 2020 deadline;
- The total amount of grant assistance requested is \$24,940.53;
- The total amount of grant assistance recommended by Staff is \$24,940.53

### **Staff Comment**

- See attached summary chart for recommended applications
- See attached photographs for each application
- Staff used the following when evaluating each application:
  - Preference will be given to applications where the integrity of the property may be threatened if the proposed work is not undertaken
  - Preference will be given to applications proposing work visible to the general public
  - Priority will be given to first time applicants
  - Must comply with heritage conservation guidelines, principles and policies
  - Scope of the work is to be clear, logical and demonstrate the maximum retention of historic fabric and heritage attributes
  - Grant is not to reward poor stewardship
  - The addition of new features (re-introduction of heritage features) needs to be backed up with evidence (physical, documentary or archival)

- Staff recommends approval of grant funding for all 6 of the applications;
- The total amount of grant assistance requested for the 6 applications is \$24,940.53 which is \$5,059.47 less than what is available for the 2020 program;

### **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

THAT Heritage Markham supports the funding of the following five grant applications in the amounts noted at a total cost of \$24,940.53 subject to conditions noted on the individual summary sheets:

- 15 Colborne Street, Thornhill (up to \$2,774.15);
- 17 Euclid Street, Unionville (\$1,694.48);
- 8 David Gohn Circle (\$7,500.00);
- 10 David Gohn Circle (\$5,000.00)
- 16 George Street, Markham Village (\$5,000.00);
- 309 Main Street North, Markham Village (\$2,971.90);

AND THAT \$5,059.47 of the unallocated funds in the 2020 Designated Heritage Property Grant Program be returned to the funding source;

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## **Designated Heritage Property Grant Summary**

<b>Address</b>	<b>Eligible Work</b>	<b>Grant Amt. Requested</b>	<b>Grant Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Running Total</b>	<b>Comment</b>
15 Colborne Street, Thornhill	Yes	\$2,774.15	Up to \$2,774.15	\$2,774.15	Grant assistance is requested for the cost of repairs to the cedar shingle roof which were completed after the deadline for application in 2019 and for proposed repairs to the masonry chimney.
17 Euclid Street, Unionville	Yes	\$1,694.48	Up to \$1,694.48	\$4,468.63	Grant assistance is requested for the replacement of two second storey windows with historically authentic wooden windows as seen in an archival photograph of the house.
8 David Gohn Circle	Yes	\$7,500.00	Up to \$7,500.00	\$11,968.63	Grant assistance is requested to replace the existing cedar shingle roof with new cedar shingles.
10 David Gohn Circle	Yes	\$5,000.00	Up to \$5,000.00	\$16,968.63	Grant assistance is requested to repair/replace the existing false brick veneer covered plywood chimneys.
16 George Street	Yes	\$5,000.00	Up to \$5,000.00	\$21,968.63	Grant assistance is requested to make repairs and replace front veranda floor deck and railing and to continue reconditioning historic wooden windows.
309 Main Street North	Yes	2,971.90	Up to \$2,971.90	<b>\$24,940.53</b>	Grant assistance is requested to restore and recondition three of the historic wooden windows.

## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Diane Berwick
<b>Address</b>	15 Colborne Street, Thornhill
<b>Status</b>	Part V dwelling in the Thornhill HCD
<b>Grant Project</b>	Repairs to the cedar shingle roof which were completed last year after the 2019 deadline for applications, and for the repair of the brick chimney.
<b>Estimate 1</b>	\$5,548.30 -Cedar Roof Ontario and Andrew's Restoration Ltd.
<b>Estimate 2</b>	\$11,074.00 –Avenue Road Roofing and Everest Restoration
<b>Eligibility</b>	Both the completed work and the proposed work meet the eligibility requirements of the program.
<b>Conditions</b>	No conditions- The proposed work has already been approved through the heritage permitting process.
<b>Previous Grants</b>	No
<b>Comments</b>	Recommended for approval
<b>Grant Amount</b>	Up to \$ 2,774.15





## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Victor Chau
<b>Address</b>	17 Euclid Street, Unionville
<b>Status</b>	Part V
<b>Grant Project</b>	Replacement of two inappropriate second storey windows with historically authentic wooden windows
<b>Estimate 1</b>	\$3,388.96 – Fieldstone Windows
<b>Estimate 2</b>	\$3,496.40 – Pella Windows
<b>Eligibility</b>	The proposed work meets the eligibility requirements of the program
<b>Conditions</b>	Work must be approved through the heritage permitting process
<b>Previous Grant</b>	No
<b>Comments</b>	Recommended for Approval subject to noted condition.
<b>Grant Amount</b>	Up to \$1,694.48



## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Nicholas & Katherine Minovski
<b>Address</b>	8 David Gohn Circle, Markham Heritage Estates
<b>Status</b>	Part IV designated dwelling
<b>Grant Project</b>	Re-shingling of roof in cedar shingles.
<b>Estimate 1</b>	Cedar and Copper Roof Ontario - \$41,810.00
<b>Estimate 2</b>	Emerald Cedar Contracting - \$ 30,510.00
<b>Eligibility</b>	The home was relocated to Markham Heritage Estates in 1990 and meets the eligibility requirement of having been in Heritage Estates for at least 20 years.
<b>Conditions</b>	Proposed work must be approved through the heritage permitting process
<b>Previous Grants</b>	No
<b>Comments</b>	Recommended for Approval subject to noted condition.
<b>Grant Amount</b>	Up to \$7,500.00





## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Zachary Wilkie
<b>Address</b>	10 David Gohn Circle, Markham Heritage Estates
<b>Status</b>	Part IV designated dwelling
<b>Grant Project</b>	Re-construction of “dummy” masonry chimneys
<b>Estimate 1</b>	Casa Loma Masonry - \$15,255.00
<b>Estimate 2</b>	Three Little Pigs Masonry - \$20,905.00
<b>Eligibility</b>	The home was relocated to Markham Heritage Estates in 1990 and meets the eligibility requirement of having been in Heritage Estates for at least 20 years.
<b>Conditions</b>	Proposed work must be approved through the building permitting process
<b>Previous Grants</b>	<b>Yes, \$7,500.00 in 2017 for re-shingling of roof in cedar shingles</b>
<b>Comments</b>	Recommended for Approval subject to noted condition.
<b>Grant Amount</b>	Up to \$5,000.00





## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Aram Agopian
<b>Address</b>	16 George Street
<b>Status</b>	Part V Class 'A' dwelling in the Markham Village HCD
<b>Grant Project</b>	Reconditioning of historic wooden windows and repair of front veranda floor deck and railings
<b>Estimate 1</b>	Colour Strokes - \$13,560.00
<b>Estimate 2</b>	Century Craft Custom Builders Inc. - \$17,515.00
<b>Eligibility</b>	Proposed work meets eligibility requirements of the program
<b>Conditions</b>	Building Permit/ Heritage Permit
<b>Previous Grants</b>	<b>Yes, \$5,000.00 for basement waterproofing in 2012, and \$5,000.00 for window reconditioning in 2019</b>
<b>Comments</b>	Recommended for Approval, subject to noted condition.
<b>Grant Amount</b>	Up to \$5,000.00



## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Saleem Khan & Rita Ahola Kahn
<b>Address</b>	309 Main Street North, Markham Village
<b>Status</b>	Part V Class 'A' designated dwelling in the Markham Village HCD
<b>Grant Project</b>	Reconditioning of three historic wooden windows, production of new wooden storm windows
<b>Estimate 1</b>	Dave Wylie Restoration Ltd. \$5,943.80
<b>Estimate 2</b>	Casella Carpentry Services \$6,780.00
<b>Eligibility</b>	The proposed work is eligible for funding.
<b>Conditions</b>	Proposed work requires a heritage permit
<b>Previous Grants</b>	<b>Yes, Property received \$3,885.00 in 2010</b>
<b>Comments</b>	Recommended for approval subject to the applicant securing a heritage permit for the work and providing the invoice for the completed work.
<b>Grant Amount</b>	Up to \$2,971.90

