



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Peter Wokral, Senior Heritage Planner

DATE: May 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program
Review of 2020 Grant Applications

Background

- The City created the Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program in 2004 to assist in the exterior improvement of privately owned buildings in commercial use located within the City's heritage conservation districts;
- Grant assistance: 50% of eligible costs up to \$10,000 for a non-heritage district property and 50% of eligible costs up to \$15,000 for a heritage property;
- In 2015, the program was expanded to make buildings individually designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, and in commercial use, eligible for grant funding, provided the property meets all other eligibility requirements of the program. Previous to this change, only commercial properties located within the City's four heritage conservation districts were considered to be eligible for grant funding;
- This Program was advertised in the winter of 2020 with a deadline for applications of April 3, 2020;
- The City has received one application;
- Applications must be reviewed by Heritage Markham as part of the approval process;
- Currently, there is \$20,000.00 in the 2020 grant budget for this program;
- The requested grant is for up to \$10,000.00 leaving \$10,000.00 available; The grant request is recommended for approval subject to certain conditions;

The application and the amount of grant assistance requested is as follows:

Address	Description of Work	Grant Request
10137 Woodbine Ave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sanding, priming and repainting of the historic wooden siding of the schoolhouse;• Replacement of the wooden heritage	\$10,000.00

	<p>style front doors of the schoolhouse due to deterioration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covering top of window sills with sheet metal to prevent splitting and paint loss 	
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Staff Comments

10137 Woodbine Ave.

- The subject property is an individually designated heritage property, also protected by a heritage conservation easement, in commercial use as a Montessori school;
- The proposed work to scrape, prime and repaint the exterior tongue and groove vertical siding is eligible for funding, but the proposed replacement of the two front doors to the school would only be eligible for grant funding if the doors were custom made of wood and not a synthetic material;
- Staff recommends that applicant obtain separate quotes to have new custom replica doors made out of a durable wood product such as Accoya as this would be eligible for grant funding.

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

THAT Heritage Markham supports a matching grant of up to \$10,000.00 for the scraping, priming and painting of the historic wooden tongue and groove exterior cladding, window sill metal treatment, and for the replication of the two wooden recessed panel entrance doors of the Victoria Square Schoolhouse at 10137 Woodbine Avenue;

Summary of 2020 Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Request

10137 Woodbine Ave.

Status: Part IV Designated Building south of Victoria Square subject to a Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement



Proposed Work	Quote 1	Quote 2
Re-conditioning of historic wooden tongue and groove exterior cladding and replication of wooden recessed panel entrance door	Best Ontario Home and Office Improvement Services Inc.-\$10,113.50	Suna Enterprises-\$10,819.75
Cost	\$10,113.50	\$10,819.75
Replication of wooden recess panel entrance doors and protecting top of sills with sheet metal.	Quotes in the process of being obtained (estimated cost for this type of work is around 7,000)	
Estimated Total Cost	\$17,113.50	\$17,819.75

Staff Comment: Staff supports funding of up to \$10,000.00 to cover 50% of the expected total costs. The applicant has met all eligibility requirements of the program.

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