



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

**FROM:** Peter Wokral, Heritage Planner

**DATE:** May 12, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Designated Heritage Property Grant Program  
Review of 2021 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 8 applications by the April 2, 2021 deadline;
- The total amount of grant assistance requested is \$36,441.00 which exceeds the \$30,000 allocation;
- The total amount of grant assistance recommended by Staff is \$29,999.99

### **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 7 of the 8 applications;

## **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

THAT Heritage Markham supports the funding of the following seven grant applications at a total cost of \$29,999.99 subject to the amounts and conditions noted on the individual summary sheets:

- 32 Washington Street, Markham Village;
- 33 Dickson Hill Road, Markham;
- 99 Thoroughbred Way, Markham;
- 11172 Warden Avenue, Markham
- 118 Main Street, Unionville;
- 123 Main Street North, Markham Village;
- 26 Colborne Street, Thornhill

THAT Heritage Markham does not support the grant application for 1 Millbrook Gate

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## **Designated Heritage Property Grant Summary**

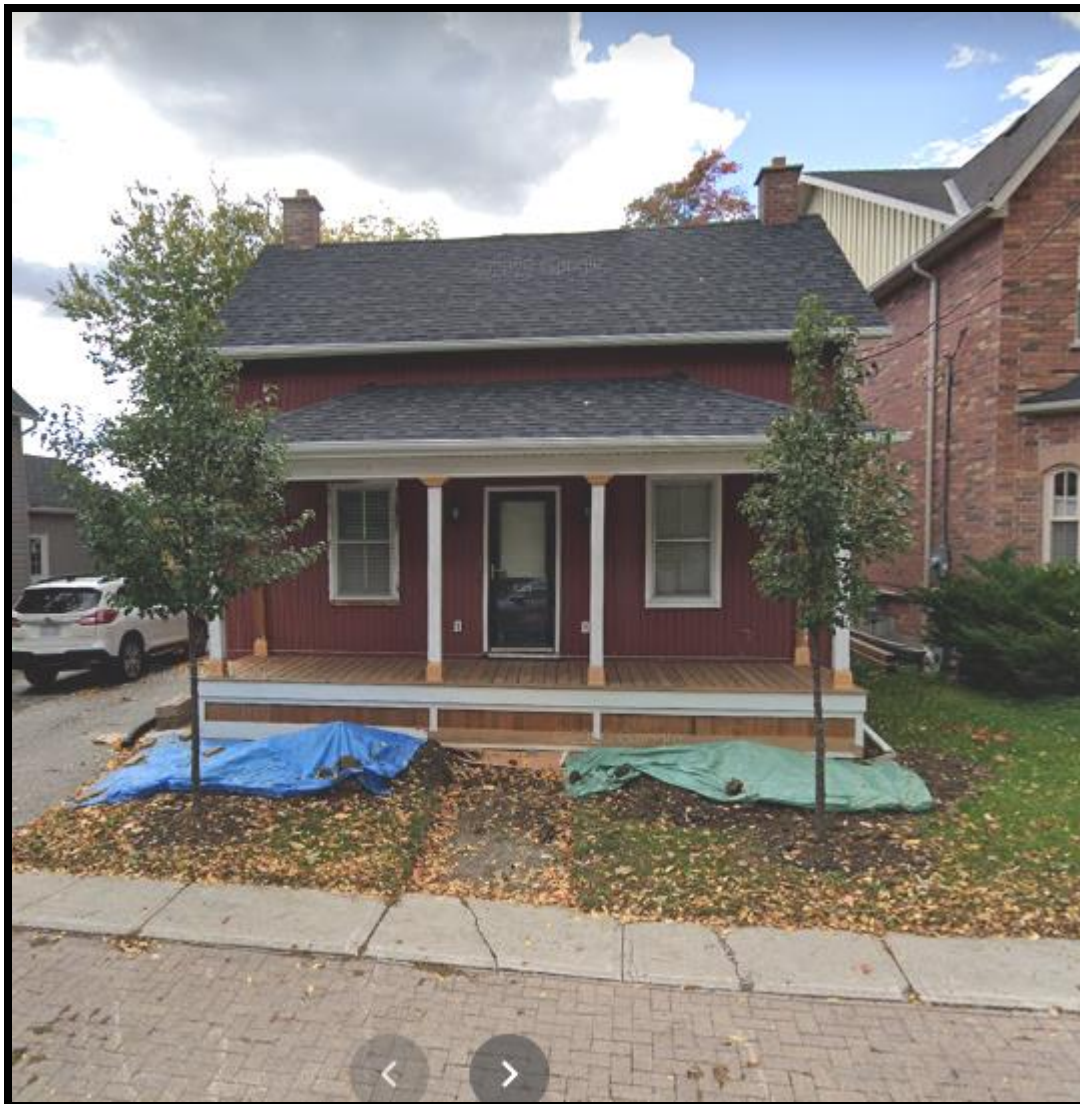
<b>Address</b>	<b>Eligible Work</b>	<b>Grant Amt. Requested</b>	<b>Grant Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Running Total</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1 Millbrook Gate, Buttonville	Yes	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Grant assistance is to replace deck and railings of rear veranda. A grant of \$5,000.00 for repairs to the north street facing veranda was provided to the same owner in 2018. Grant funding not recommended due to relative strength of other grant requests, work is not visible to public, work is on a non-heritage portion of the dwelling and homeowner has previously received a grant.
32 Washington St. Markham Village	Yes	\$4,520.00	*Up to \$4,186.32	\$4,186.32	Grant assistance is requested for the re-conditioning of 8 historic wooden windows and the replacement of existing aluminium storm windows with wooden storm windows. The same home owner was approved for a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to help fund the construction of the front veranda.
33 Dickson Hill Road, Markham	Yes	\$5,000.00	Up to \$5,000.00	\$9,186.32	Grant assistance is requested to help fund the restoration of 15 historic wooden 6 over 6 sash windows.
99 Thoroughbred Way, Markham	Conditional	\$5,000.00	*Up to \$4,630.89	\$13,817.21	Grant assistance is requested to repair and selectively replace damaged siding to repaint and repair eaves troughs
11172 Warden Road	Conditional	\$5,000.00	*Up to \$4,630.89	\$18,448.10	Grant assistance is requested to replace damaged brick of arches and to repoint brick and stone foundation. Proposed work can be considered eligible, but grant funding should be conditional upon the owner removing glazed front doors installed on school house without heritage approval and replacing them with new wooden doors approved by the City.
118 Main Street Unionville	Yes	\$1,921.00	Up to \$1,921.00	\$20,369.10	Grant assistance is requested to restore and recondition three of the historic wooden windows.
123 Main Street Unionville	Yes	\$5,000.00	Up to \$5,000.00	\$25,369.10	Repair and replacement of rotten boards of veranda floor deck and trims of veranda posts, sanding repainting of storm windows

26 Colborne St. Thornhill	Yes	\$5,000.00	*Up to \$4,630.89	<b>\$29,999.99</b>	Removal of later wooden cove siding on east façade to reveal and restore underlying earlier clapboard siding. The same homeowner received a grant of \$5,000.00 for the 2015 grant year.
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- Grant amounts adjusted proportionally based on relative eligibility, the amount of grant money available, and whether the property had previously received grant funding

## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Mark Roche
<b>Address</b>	32 Washington Street, Markham Village
<b>Status</b>	Part V dwelling in the Markham Village HCD
<b>Grant Project</b>	Re-conditioning of 8 historic wooden windows and replacement of aluminium storm windows with wooden storm windows
<b>Estimate 1</b>	\$9,040.00- Alois Ledinek
<b>Estimate 2</b>	\$11,300.00 –Ramsden Contacting
<b>Eligibility</b>	The proposed work meets the eligibility requirements of the program.
<b>Conditions</b>	No conditions- The proposed work has already been approved through the site plan control process.
<b>Previous Grants</b>	<b>Yes, \$5,000.00 for the construction of the front veranda in 2019</b>
<b>Comments</b>	Recommended for approval
<b>Grant Amount</b>	Up to \$4,186.32





## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Adam Marmo
<b>Address</b>	33 Dickson Hill Road, Markham
<b>Status</b>	Part IV
<b>Grant Project</b>	Restoration and Reconditioning of Historic 6 over 6 woooden windows
<b>Estimate 1</b>	\$40,680.00 – David Wylie Restoration Ltd.
<b>Estimate 2</b>	NA
<b>Eligibility</b>	The proposed work meets the eligibility requirements of the program
<b>Conditions</b>	Work was approved through the City's building permit process
<b>Previous Grant</b>	No
<b>Comments</b>	Recommended for Approval
<b>Grant Amount</b>	Up to \$5,000.00



## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Jinny Lok & Raymond Layno
<b>Address</b>	99 Thoroughbred Way, Markham
<b>Status</b>	Part IV designated dwelling
<b>Grant Project</b>	Repair and selective replacement of historic clapboard siding
<b>Estimate 1</b>	RGR Contracting-\$11,074.00
<b>Estimate 2</b>	Caselin Construction Ltd. - \$ 14,012.00
<b>Eligibility</b>	Require confirmation that proposed work is required
<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 \$4,630.89





## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Asad Azizi
<b>Address</b>	11172 Warden Avenue, Markham
<b>Status</b>	Part IV designated school house converted into a dwelling
<b>Grant Project</b>	Selective replacement of brick in buttresses, arches and repointing of brick and stone foundation
<b>Estimate 1</b>	Johnson Playfair Brick & Stone Masonry - \$12,927.20
<b>Estimate 2</b>	Alsalg Stoneworks Limited-\$ - \$11,733.52.00
<b>Eligibility</b>	The work is eligible for grant funding but the property is not due to the unauthorized replacement of the wooden front doors in 2015. A Heritage Permit to resolve this deficiency was approved, but the grant should be conditional on confirmation that this issue has been satisfactorily resolved.
<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 \$5,000.00



## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Roger Kortschot
<b>Address</b>	118 Main Street Unionville
<b>Status</b>	Part V Class 'A' dwelling in the Unionville HCD
<b>Grant Project</b>	Production of wooden storm windows to appropriately fit the historic window openings
<b>Estimate 1</b>	Schell Lumber - \$3,842.00
<b>Estimate 2</b>	N/A
<b>Eligibility</b>	Proposed work meets eligibility requirements of the program
<b>Conditions</b>	Heritage Permit
<b>Previous Grants</b>	No
<b>Comments</b>	Recommended for Approval, subject to noted condition.
<b>Grant Amount</b>	Up to \$1,921.00





## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Hana Song
<b>Address</b>	123 Main Street Unionville
<b>Status</b>	Part IV & V Class 'A' designated dwelling in the Unionville HCD
<b>Grant Project</b>	Repair of front veranda floor deck and repair of trims of veranda posts and sanding and repainting of storm windows
<b>Estimate 1</b>	Varley Homes Inc. \$12,317.00
<b>Estimate 2</b>	Fresh Coat Painting \$12,995.00
<b>Eligibility</b>	The proposed work is eligible for funding.
<b>Conditions</b>	Proposed work requires a heritage permit
<b>Previous Grants</b>	No
<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 \$5,000.00



## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	David & Valerie Burke
<b>Address</b>	26 Colborne Street , Thornhill
<b>Status</b>	Part V Class 'A' dwelling in the Thornhill HCD
<b>Grant Project</b>	Removal of later wooden cove siding in order to reveal and restore earlier wooden clapboard siding
<b>Estimate 1</b>	David Wylie Restorations Ltd. \$28,250.00
<b>Estimate 2</b>	Mac Gillivray Painting & Decorating \$37,290
<b>Eligibility</b>	The proposed work is eligible for funding.
<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Yes, \$5,000.00 in 2015 for the restoration of clapboard siding</b>
<b>Previous Grants</b>	No
<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 \$4,630.89





## Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

<b>Name</b>	Stephanie Ho
<b>Address</b>	1 Millbrook Gate, Buttonville
<b>Status</b>	Part IV & V Class 'A' dwelling in the Buttonville HCD
<b>Grant Project</b>	Repairs to floor deck and railing of south facing veranda
<b>Estimate 1</b>	Dreamhouse Fence and Deck \$15,374.30
<b>Estimate 2</b>	Velusina design and Construction Inc. \$19,871.57
<b>Eligibility</b>	The work was considered eligible for funding in 2019 at the discretion of the Manager of Heritage Planning despite not being visible to the public nor part of the heritage portion of the dwelling.
<b>Conditions</b>	NA
<b>Previous Grants</b>	<b>Yes, \$5,000.00 in 2018 for repairs to the north street facing veranda</b>
<b>Comments</b>	Not recommended for approval based on the amount of funding available in 2021 and because the work is not visible from the public realm, it incorporates non-heritage materials and does not restore or preserve a genuine heritage feature of the property.
<b>Grant Amount</b>	\$0.00

