



Report to: Development Services Committee

Report Date: May 6, 2014

SUBJECT:	Designated Heritage Property Grant Applications - 2014
PREPARED BY:	Peter Wokral, ext. 7955
REVIEWED BY:	Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning ext. 2080

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the staff report dated May 6, 2014 entitled "Designated Heritage Property Grant Applications -2014", be received;
- 2) That Designated Heritage Property Grants for 2014 be approved in the amounts noted for the following properties, totaling \$25,000.00, provided that the applicants comply with eligibility requirements of the program;
 1. 180 Main Street N. Markham Village- \$5,000.00 for the restoration and reconditioning of the historic wooden windows;
 2. 303 Main Street N. Markham Village-\$5,000.00 to re-open and restore the front veranda;
 3. 33 Artisan Trail, Victoria Square-\$5,000.00 for the reconditioning of the historic wooden windows and production of new wooden storm windows;
 4. 15 Euclid Street, Unionville-\$5,000.00 for the replacement of damaged exterior stucco;
 5. 131 Main Street, Unionville-\$5,000.00 for the repair of historic masonry on the old portion of the building.
- 3) That the grants be funded through the Designated Heritage Property Grant Project Fund, Account 620-101-5399-14009 (\$30,000.00 available for 2014) and that remaining funds of \$5,000.00 be returned to the original funding source;
- 4) And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval of applications for the 2014 Markham Designated Property Grant Program.

BACKGROUND:

The deadline for grant application submissions was March 7, 2014, and five applications were received.

Markham's Designated Heritage Property Grant Program

On January 19, 2010, Council approved the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program. Highlights of the Program include:

- 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 per year for eligible work;
- Minimum amount of eligible work - \$500;

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- 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 projects in heritage districts as there is a separate program, and projects in Markham Heritage Estates (that have been in place less than 20 years);
 - 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;
 - 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). 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 \$5,000) 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. 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 completed since the 2013 deadline for applications to the program can be considered eligible for grant assistance;
 - Approved applicants will be required to enter into a Letter of Understanding with the City.

Council has extended the program for another three years

In October 2013, Council passed a resolution to extend the program for another three years from 2014 to 2016 totaling \$90,000.00 from the Heritage Loan Reserve Fund. Staff advertised the availability of the 2014 grant assistance this winter in the local newspapers, and on the City of Markham web page.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

All applications were reviewed by Heritage Section staff, and Heritage Markham Staff undertook a comprehensive review of the five applications. Each application was fully examined giving consideration to the type of work proposed, its eligibility using the program guidelines, the quoted cost of the work, and any conditions that would need to be attached to an approval. Then each application was assessed using the following evaluation criteria which were adopted by Council as part of the program:

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- 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
 - The proposed work 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)

All five applications are recommended for approval

Staff is recommending grant assistance for all five of the applications received, totaling \$25,000.00 to be funded subject to conditions (see Appendix 'A' for Grant Summary).

Heritage Markham supports the recommended applications

On April 9, 2014 the Heritage Markham committee reviewed the recommended applications and individual summary sheets for all applications. The Committee supported the recommendations of staff subject to the specific conditions. (See Heritage Markham Extract of April 9, 2014 Appendix 'B')

Letter of Understanding is required

Once grant applications are approved by Council, owners will be required to enter into a Letter of Understanding with the City detailing any conditions associated with the grant assistance. Applicants must still obtain standard development approval and permits to undertake the work.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)

In October of 2013 Council resolved to extend the Designated Grant program for another three years allocating \$90,000.00 transferred from the Heritage Reserve Loan Fund.

Therefore, there is \$30,000 allocated for the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program for 2014. The total amount of funding assistance requested for 2014 is \$25,000.00 from account 620-101-5399-14009. The remaining money will be returned to the original funding source.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

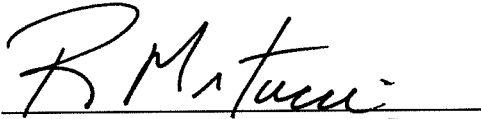
ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This project aligns with the Growth Management priority by working to preserve resources and features of cultural heritage value in order to create a better quality of community.

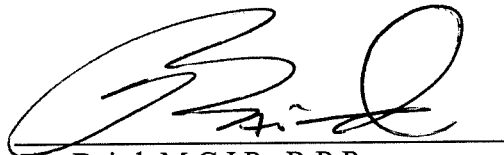
BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Reviewed by Finance Department and the Heritage Markham Committee

RECOMMENDED BY:



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Director of Planning & Urban Design



Jim Baird, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Commissioner of Development Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix 'A'	Grant Application Summary 2014
Appendix 'B'	Heritage Markham Extract April 9, 2014

Designated Heritage Property Grant Summary

Address	Eligible Work	Grant Amt. Requested	Grant Amount Recommended	Comment
180 Main St. N. Markham Village	Yes	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Grant assistance is requested for restoration of historic wooden windows which was completed in the fall of 2013.
303 Main St. N. Markham Village	Yes	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Grant assistance is requested to re-open and restore the front veranda which had been enclosed prior to the creation of the Markham Village Heritage Conservation District.
33 Artisan Trail	Yes	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Grant assistance is requested to recondition the existing historic wooden windows and doors and for the production of new wooden storm windows.
15 Euclid St. Unionville	Yes	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Grant assistance is requested to replace the existing damaged historical stucco with new stucco cladding to match the original.
131 Main St. Unionville	Yes	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Grant assistance is requested to repair and restore historical brickwork of the old portion of the church.
	TOTAL	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	

Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

Name	Salvatore Faraci
Address	180 Main St. N. Markham Village
Status	Part V designated building
Grant Project	Re-conditioning of existing historic wooden windows.
Estimate 1	Magic Hands \$15,368.00
Estimate 2	Daniel Casella \$22,035.00
Eligibility	The completed work meets the eligibility requirements of the program
Conditions	None, work was approved and is already completed.
Comments	Recommended for approval. Received \$10,000.00 in grant funding over the years 2010 and 2011.
Grant Amount	\$5,000.00



Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

Name	Raymond Watt Professional Corporation
Address	303 Main St. N. Markham Village
Status	Part V designated building
Grant Project	Re-opening and restoration of enclosed front veranda
Estimate 1	Lionhead Contracting \$15,763.50
Estimate 2	JL Contracting \$16,667.50
Eligibility	Proposed work meets eligibility requirements of the program
Conditions	Proposed work will require a heritage permit
Comments	Recommended for approval
Grant Amount	\$5,000.00



Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

Name	Sherali Bhamani
Address	33 Artisan Trail
Status	Part IV designated dwelling south of Victoria Square
Grant Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-conditioning of existing historic windows and doors• Production of new traditional wooden storm windows
Estimate 1	David Wylie Restorations Ltd. \$11,285.00
Estimate 2	Renaissance Restoration and Woodwork \$14,305.80
Eligibility	Proposed work meets eligibility requirements of the program
Conditions	Proposed work will require a heritage permit
Comments	Recommended for Approval
Grant Amount	\$5,000.00



Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

Name	Robert & Jane Vet
Address	15 Euclid Street, Unionville
Status	Part V designated, Class B dwelling
Grant Project	Replacement of damaged existing stucco cladding with new matching stucco cladding
Estimate 1	Contractors Masonry Ltd. \$11,017.50
Estimate 2	Lorenzo Vaglica \$15,820.00
Eligibility	Proposed work meets eligibility requirements of the program
Conditions	Proposed work has already been approved by a Heritage Permit
Comments	Recommended for approval. Received a grant of \$5,000.00 in 2012.
Grant Amount	\$5,000.00



Designated Heritage Property Grant Application

Name	Trustees of Central United Church
Address	131 Main Street, Unionville
Status	Part V designated Class A place of worship
Grant Project	Restoration of historical masonry
Estimate 1	Siloam Masonry Ltd. \$13,447.00
Estimate 2	George Masonry Contractors Ltd. \$14,548.75
Eligibility	Proposed work meets eligibility requirements of the program
Conditions	Proposed work will require a heritage permit and possibly a building permit
Comments	Recommended for Approval
Grant Amount	\$5,000.00

