
Subject: Request for deputation to solicit Heritage Funds - Ebenezer United Church

From: Ralph Dunham

Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2011 3:35 PM

To: Bavington, Kitty

Subject: RE: Request for deputation to solicit Heritage Funds - Ebenezer United Church

Thanks Kitty and I appreciate your prompt reply.

The restoration work that needs to be completed will ultimately cost between \$300K and \$400K and will be completed over at least a two year period. Of this amount approximately \$40,000 must be spent before this winter in order to fix a badly leaking roof. It is the urgency of the roof repairs that is the basis for our deputation request – we simply can't wait to fix the roof until next year when Heritage Funds will potentially be available. We also recognize that we must accept responsibility for covering the majority of the costs ourselves and we are undertaking a fund-raising campaign for this purpose. Any support that can be provided this fall would be greatly appreciated and we hope that the Committee will recommend Ebenezer receive the maximum Heritage Grant amount of \$5,000 for the 2011 roof project.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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Hello Mr. Dunham,

This will acknowledge receipt of your request for a deputation to the Development Services Committee seeking Heritage Funding support. I understand that the issue is the funds have already been depleted for this year. I also understand you have been speaking to George Duncan in the Heritage Division regarding your request. Can you please advise us of the amount you are seeking?

Your request for deputation will be reviewed by Senior Management prior to scheduling the deputation to the Committee, and we will keep you informed. Please forward the requested \$\$ amount so that we can proceed.

Regards,

Kitty Bavington

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From: Ralph Dunham rdunham@ebenezer.org
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 9:50 AM
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Greetings Kitty.

Thank you very much for the information you provided on the telephone. As a result of our conversation I have attached a brief outline of the situation at Ebenezer and our wish to present to the Development Services Committee to seek Heritage funding support. Please advise if the attached is sufficient or if additional information is required. Thank you again. Take care.

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Ebenezer United Church

Ebenezer United Church was built in 1878 and was considered one of the finest rural churches in the area at the time. It has served the communities of Markham, Milliken, and Scarborough since then and is designated as a Heritage property (Part IV) by the Town of Markham. Currently, several congregations worship at Ebenezer and the building is used to provide a community daycare facility and English-as-a-second-language classes to local immigrants new to the area. Ebenezer continues to be a visible reminder of the community's heritage as well as a centre for neighbourhood outreach.

Recently, the church has experienced significant deterioration. The roof is in need of replacement and the original exterior brickwork needs repair/restoration. Attached are photos of some of the damaged areas. The congregation is committed to maintaining this historical landmark, but is experiencing financial challenges at the present time. Deterioration has reached a critical point and repairs are urgently required. To ensure the heritage value of the building is protected, we have contacted Markham Heritage Section staff for advice and guidance on how best to proceed. We understand that Designated Heritage Property Grant Program funds have been allocated for the current year. We are very concerned about the continued deterioration that will occur unless action is taken immediately and therefore, wish to solicit financial support from the Town of Markham to assist in making the repairs. We would appreciate an opportunity to present a deputation in support of this request.



