

Toronto Heritage Fund Grant - 7 Hart House Circle (Ward 24 - Downtown)

(City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee recommends the adoption of the following report (October 25, 1999) from the Managing Director, Toronto Historical Board:

Purpose:

To assist the property owner to complete the necessary restoration.

Funding Sources, Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

Funds are provided through the Toronto Heritage Fund.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Toronto Heritage Fund Grant application for 7 Hart House Circle of up to \$9,500.00 be approved, in principle;
- (2) the grant be conditional upon the owner entering into a Restoration Agreement prepared by the City Legal Department in consultation with the Acting Managing Director of Heritage Toronto; and
- (3) the owner ensure that Heritage Toronto's support for this project is suitably recognized.

Background:

On August 12, 1999, an application was made for a Toronto Heritage Fund grant by the Public Relations and Development Officer of Hart House to assist with the restoration of the stained glass window in the Upper Gallery.

At its meeting of October 20, 1999, the Board of Heritage Toronto adopted the staff recommendation to approve the Toronto Heritage Fund Grant application.

The property at 7 Hart House Circle is designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act by By-law No. 129-90, passed by City Council on February 20, 1990.

Discussion:

The lead in the windows has corroded and warped over time, causing many of the panes to bulge, loosen or crack. Repairs are required in each of the five windows. The work involves restoration as well as reconstruction using original patterns and glass. Each piece will be puttied and leaded as in the original.

The estimate for the project is \$22,500.00 and was provided by Top Em All - Stunning Stained Glass Thermo Windows. Staff requested the applicant provide a second estimate. Hart House is owned by the University of Toronto but receives no operating funds from the University. They are seeking support from public and private foundations and individuals that support heritage restoration.

The University of Toronto is the property owner. The applicant is Hart House, Attention Christine Campbell, 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto, ON M5S 3H3.

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