

Approval of 2007 Toronto Heritage Grant Awards

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From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director City Planning Division
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SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council approve the recommended grant awards for the 2007 Toronto Heritage Grant Program as set out in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council approve awards for the 2007 Toronto Heritage Grant Program for the 22 heritage properties in the City of Toronto, as set out below, to assist in funding the scope of restoration work generally described in Attachment No. 1 of this report, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Toronto Heritage Grant Program previously approved by City Council:
 - a. 11 Bernard Avenue, house - \$8,000
 - b. 13 Bernard Avenue, house - \$8,000
 - c. 427 Bloor Street West, Trinity St. Paul – United Church \$32,500
 - d. 58 Chestnut Park, house - \$10,000
 - e. 9 Draper Street, house - \$8,000
 - f. 10 Draper Street, house - \$10,000
 - g. 12 Draper Street, house - \$10,000
 - h. 13 Draper Street, house - \$10,000
 - i. 18 Draper Street, house - \$10,000
 - j. 22 Draper Street, house - \$10,000
 - k. 30 Draper Street, house - \$7,500
 - l. 90A Isabella Street, house - \$10,000

- m. 92 Isabella Street, house - \$10,000
 - n. 23 Jason Road, Elmbank - \$10,000
 - o. 64 King Street (Weston), Tyrrell House - \$10,000
 - p. 17 Manorpark Court, George S. Henry House - \$10,000
 - q. 27 Old Kingston Road, John Richardson House - \$10,000
 - r. 47 Rosedale Road, George Murray House - \$10,000
 - s. 382 Sackville Street, Henry & Catherine Pettigrew House - \$10,000
 - t. 608 Spadina Avenue, Toronto City Mission - \$10,000
 - u. 8 St. Joseph Street, house - \$10,000
 - v. 53 Turner Road, John Agnew House - \$10,000
2. That use of the grant awards outlined in recommendation (1) of this report, be limited to only the proposed restoration work approved by the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, and that issuing of the grant award be subject to the grant recipient satisfying all conditions as set out in the Letter of Understanding between the City and the grant recipient; and

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. This report recommends grant awards for the 2007 Toronto Heritage Grant Program based on the 2007 budget approved by City Council.

DECISION HISTORY

The Toronto Heritage Grant Program forms part of the City's Community Partnership and Investment Program and provides matching grant funds for eligible heritage restoration work to owners of properties in the City of Toronto designated under Part IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act. The Program is administered by Heritage Preservation Services, City Planning Division.

For the 2007 Toronto Heritage Grant Program, Council approved a budget of \$259,000.00 funded from the Community Heritage Reserve Fund.

In 2005, following the restructuring of the program as approved by Council, City Council approved 27 grant applications. In 2006, 29 grants were approved.

At its meeting on September 12, 2007 the Toronto Preservation Board was informed of the recommendations of the Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee in a report from the Director, Policy and Research.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Heritage Preservation Services staff sent notices to all heritage property owners across the city advising of the 2007 Toronto Heritage Grant Program. A public workshop was offered in May 2007 to provide information and to assist property owners in preparing complete applications. The workshop was a success with nearly 50 heritage property owners in attendance.

Staff received 38 grant applications representing in excess of \$1 million in proposed heritage restoration work to properties across the City. On July 4, 2007 the independent Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee convened for a full day to consider 24 eligible applications and make recommendations on grant awards. Applications were evaluated according to the Eligibility Requirements and Selection Criteria adopted by Council.

The Selection Committee is made up of five individuals chosen for their expertise in heritage conservation or for their contribution as developer, owner, or citizen adviser to a significant heritage conservation initiative(s) in the City of Toronto. The Selection Committee members for the 2007 program included:

- Christopher Borgal, Goldsmith Borgal and Company Limited
- Yew-Thong Leong, Associate Professor, Ryerson University
- Alex Spiegel, Context Development
- Jill Taylor, Principal, Taylor Hazell Architects
- Sam Trigila, Vice-President, The Cifford Group

COMMENTS

The Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee recommended that a total of \$234,000 be awarded to 22 properties. The remaining 10% of the 2007 Toronto Heritage Grant Program budget has or will be used to support the promotion of the program including: notification mail-outs, the public workshop and the production of heritage conservation technical guides designed to assist the public on best practises for restoration initiatives.

Heritage restoration work has two notable benefits for the City. First, the work employs skilled tradespersons in the construction sector. In 2007, for every \$1 the city provides to property owners in Heritage Grants, it is estimated that the owner will spend \$3 on the restoration work providing a City-wide economic benefit.

Second, a Heritage Grant assists in the rehabilitation of a heritage property which increases the overall value of a property thereby increasing its property tax assessment and the taxes the City collects on the property.

Investment in heritage preservation has been demonstrated throughout Canada and abroad to return significant economic benefits to local governments.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 – 2007 Toronto Heritage Grant Awards – Scope of Work

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