

Approval of 2008 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 2008 Toronto Heritage Grant Program as set out in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

City Planning Division recommends that

1. City Council approve awards for the 2008 Toronto Heritage Grant Program for the 23 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. 7 Bin-Scarth Road, house, \$7,500
 - b. 18 Boswell Avenue, house, \$10,000
 - c. 270 Carlton Street, house, \$7,000
 - d. 63 Delburn Drive, house, \$10,000
 - e. 3 Draper Street, house, \$10,000
 - f. 5 Draper Street, house, \$10,000
 - g. 11 Draper Street, house, \$10,000
 - h. 16 Draper Street, house, \$10,000
 - i. 10 Elm Avenue, John Blaikie/Hugh Ryan House, \$10,000
 - j. 93 Gloucester Street, house, \$10,000
 - k. 2577 Kennedy Road, Elmridge House, \$10,000
 - l. 82 Lowther Avenue, house, \$10,000
 - m. 512 Queen Street West, commercial building, \$28,950

- n. Richview Cemetery, \$5,000
 - o. 55 Roxborough Drive, house, \$10,000
 - p. 16 Ryerson Avenue, stables (now Theatre Passe Muraille), \$10,000
 - q. 451 Sackville Street, house, \$10,000
 - r. 453 Sackville Street, house, \$10,000
 - s. 69 Spadina Road, Arthur R. Boswell House, \$10,000
 - t. 26 Sword Street, house, \$10,000
 - u. 56 Wellesley Street East, Paul Kane House, \$10,000
 - v. 396 Wellesley Street East, house, \$3,600
 - w. 76 Wychwood Avenue, Wychwood Car Barns, \$28,950
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.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. This report recommends grant awards for the 2008 Toronto Heritage Grant Program based on the 2008 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 2008 Toronto Heritage Grant Program, Council approved a budget of \$259,000.00 funded from the Community Heritage Reserve Fund.

A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Toronto Preservation Board at its meeting on September 19, 2008 for information.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Heritage Preservation Services staff sent notices to all heritage property owners across the City Staff advising of the 2008 Toronto Heritage Grant Program. A public workshop was offered in May to provide information and to assist property owners in preparing complete applications.

Staff received 39 grant applications. On July 2, 2008 the independent Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee convened to consider 23 eligible applications and make recommendations on grant awards. Applications were evaluated according to the Eligibility Requirements and Selection Criteria adopted by City Council.

The 2008 Selection Committee was made up of four individuals chosen for their expertise in heritage conservation:

- Christopher Borgal, Goldsmith Borgal and Company Limited
- Peggy Hlobil-Emmenegger, UCArchitect, Toronto Preservation Panel
- Michael McClelland, ERA Architects
- Sam Trigila, Vice-President, The Clifford Group

The 23 applications being recommended represent in excess of \$1.2 million in proposed heritage conservation work to properties across the City. In 2008, for every \$1 the city provides to property owners in Heritage Grants, it is estimated that the owner will spend \$5 on the restoration work providing a City-wide economic benefit.

COMMENTS

The Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee recommends a total of \$251,000.00 be awarded to 23 properties. The remaining \$8,000 of the Toronto Heritage Grant Program budget has or will be used to support the promotion of the program including: notification mail-outs, a public workshop, and the printing of a series of technical guides designed to assist the public on best practises for conservation.

The continued investment of local governments in its communities is a measure of its commitment to the infrastructure and quality of life that it facilitates for its citizens. Investment in heritage preservation has been demonstrated throughout Canada and abroad to return significant economic and cultural benefits to local governments.

Staff will be reporting separately to Council recommending a long-term budget strategy for the Toronto Heritage Grant Program. An appropriate long-term strategy is a critical component of a sustainable heritage grant program; one that encourages appropriate conservation, generates tax revenues, local employment, and contributes to improving the quality of life in Toronto.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 – 2008 Toronto Heritage Grant Awards – Scope of Work

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ATTACHMENT NO. 1

Property	Ward	Recommended Scope of Work	Grant Award (max.)	Total Estimated Restoration Cost
7 Bin-Scarth Road	27	Restore original front door	\$7,500	\$15,000
18 Boswell Avenue	20	Restore masonry & windows	\$10,000	\$30,000
270 Carlton Street	28	Restore masonry	\$7,000	\$47,000
63 Delburn Drive	41	Restore/reconstruct original front porch	\$10,000	\$75,000
3 Draper St	20	Restore slate roof, masonry & dormer	\$10,000	\$30,000
5 Draper St	20	Restore slate roof & dormer window	\$10,000	\$20,000
11 Draper St	20	Restore slate roof and dormer	\$10,000	\$20,000
16 Draper St	20	Restore slate roof and masonry	\$10,000	\$33,000
18 Draper St House, 1882	20	Restore slate roof, masonry & dormer	\$10,000	\$30,000
10 Elm Avenue	27	Restore slate roof and woodwork	\$10,000	\$420,000
93 Gloucester Street	27	Restore front porch, gables & windows	\$10,000	\$23,000
2577 Kennedy Road	39	Restore masonry	\$10,000	\$23,000
82 Lowther Avenue	20	Restore front porch	\$10,000	\$53,000
512 Queen Street West	20	Restore front facade	\$28,950	\$67,000
Richview Cemetery	03	Restore monuments	\$5,000	\$10,000
55 Roxborough Drive	27	Restore leaded glass windows	\$10,000	\$40,000
16 Ryerson Avenue	20	Restore chimney	\$10,000	\$23,000
451 Sackville Street	28	Restore masonry & window sills	\$10,000	\$20,000
453 Sackville Street	28	Restore masonry & window sills	\$10,000	\$20,000
69 Spadina Road	20	Restore stonework, soffits, woodwork, turret & fascia	\$10,000	\$20,000
26 Sword Street	28	Restore masonry, windows, and porch	\$10,000	\$56,000
56 Wellesley Street East	27	Restore wood shingle roof	\$10,000	\$30,000
396 Wellesley Street East	28	Restore masonry	\$3,600	\$7,000
76 Wychwood Avenue	21	Restore metal cornice and related masonry	\$28,950	\$109,000
TOTAL			\$251,000	\$1,221,000