

**Toronto Heritage Fund Grant
2 Strachan Avenue,
The Horse Palace (Trinity Niagara)**

(City Council at its regular meeting held on October 3, 4 and 5, 2000, and its Special Meetings held on October 6, 2000, October 10 and 11, 2000, and October 12, 2000, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee recommends the adoption of the following report (August 29, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:

Purpose:

To assist the owner in completing the necessary restoration.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement :

The Ontario Heritage Act authorizes municipalities to issue grants to support the preservation of designated historic properties. In 1987, the former City of Toronto, with financial assistance from the Province, created the Toronto Heritage Fund. The fund makes matching grants available to owners of designated properties who invest in approved restoration projects. Since amalgamation, owners of designated properties throughout the entire City are eligible to apply for grants.

Grants made through this program are not new expenditures. Monies are held in a dedicated City reserve account. The program was previously administered by the Toronto Historical Board and as a result of its incorporation into the City of Toronto, applications are now reviewed by staff and by the Toronto Preservation Board.

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Toronto Heritage Fund Grant application for 2 Strachan Avenue, The Horse Palace, of up to \$5,000.00 be approved, in principle;
- (2) the grant be conditional on the owner entering into a Restoration Grant Agreement prepared by the City Solicitor in consultation with the Manager of Preservation Services; and
- (3) the owner ensure the City of Toronto's support for this project is suitably recognized.

Background:

On April 19, 2000, an application was made for a Toronto Heritage Fund grant by Mr. Danny Chui, Manager, Capital Works, Exhibition Place, to assist with the restoration of a set of main doors at the north west corner of The Horse Palace to its original Art Deco design.

The property at 2 Strachan Avenue, The Horse Palace, Exhibition Place, is designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act by By-law No. 821-88, adopted by City Council on September 15, 1988.

Comments:

Due to financial restrictions the doors in question were not included in a 1993 restoration program that assisted in the restoration of the original doors throughout the building. Exhibition Place is now in a position to address the restoration of these doors, located on the north west corner of The Horse Palace. This restoration is intended to replicate the original Art Deco design as per the overall heritage restoration program.

The property is owned by Exhibition Place, Board of the City of Toronto, City Property Capital Works Department, c/o Mr. Danny Chui, 2 Strachan Avenue, General Services Building, Toronto, Ontario, M6K 3C3.

Conclusion:

This is an eligible project and worthy of receiving a Toronto Heritage Fund Grant.

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