

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# **Approval of 2013 Toronto Heritage Grant Awards**

Date:	May 10, 2013
То:	Toronto Preservation Board Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	Chief Planner & Executive Director, City Planning Division
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2013\Cluster B\PLN\PGMC\PG13042

# SUMMARY

This report recommends that City Council approve the recommended grant awards for the 2013 Toronto Heritage Grant Program as set out in this report.

The Toronto Heritage Grant Program 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 Toronto Heritage Grant Program is administered by Heritage Preservation Services, City Planning Division.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **City Planning Division recommends that:**

- 1. City Council approve awards for the 2013 Toronto Heritage Grant Program for the 24 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. 3180 Bathurst Street, place of worship, \$35,000
  - b. 469 Broadview Avenue, log house, \$10,000
  - c. 62 Brunswick Avenue, house, \$8,500
  - d. 34 Chestnut Park, house, \$7,500
  - e. 6 Draper Street, house, \$8,000
  - f. 14 Draper Street, house, \$10,000
  - g. 23 Draper Street, house, \$9,000

- h. 29 Draper Street, house, \$7,000
- i. 2154 Dundas Street West, converted factory, \$30,000
- j. 68 East Liberty Street, former prison chapel, \$40,000
- k. 136 First Avenue, house, \$3,000
- 1. 194 First Avenue, house, \$6,000
- m. 92 Isabella Street, house, \$7,700
- n. 141 McCaul Street, monastery, \$20,000
- o. 31 Prince Arthur Street, house \$2,300
- p. 39 Queen's Park Crescent, coach house, \$10,000
- q. 159 Roxborough Drive, place of worship, \$20,000
- r. 443 Sackville Street, house, \$3,500
- s. 19 Trinity Square, place of worship, \$30,000
- t. 332 Wellesley Street East, house, \$3,500
- u. 80 Willcocks Street, house, \$7,500
- v. 82 Willcocks Street, house, \$9,000
- w. 83 Willcocks Street, house, \$10,000
- x. 85 Willcocks Street, house, \$10,000
- 2. The 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 new financial impacts resulting from the adoption of this report. This report recommends grant awards for the 2013 Toronto Heritage Grant Program based on the 2013 budget approved by City Council.

#### **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of January 15 and 16, 2013, City Council approved a budget of \$300,000 for the 2013 Toronto Heritage Grant Program. An additional COLA increase of \$17,000.00 was approved by City Council at its meeting on May 7, 2013.

#### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Heritage Preservation Services staff sent notices to all eligible heritage property owners across the City advising of the 2013 Toronto Heritage Grant Program. A public workshop was held in February to provide information and to assist property owners in preparing complete applications.

Staff received 35 grant applications. The independent Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee convened on April 26, 2013 to consider 28 eligible applications and make recommendations on grant awards for 24 properties. Applications were evaluated according to the Eligibility Requirements and Selection Criteria adopted by City Council. The 2013 Selection Committee was made up of five individuals chosen for their expertise in heritage conservation, including a member of the Toronto Preservation Board:

- Romas Bubelis, Architect, Ontario Heritage Trust.
- Sarah Gray, Engineer, Halsall Associates
- Spencer Higgins, Architect, Spencer Higgins Architects, Inc.
- Jennifer Rieger, member, Toronto Preservation Board
- John Wilcox, Glass Conservator, Vitreous Glassworks

## COMMENTS

The Toronto Heritage Grant Selection Committee recommends a total of \$312,000 be awarded to 24 properties. The remaining \$5,000 of the Toronto Heritage Grant Program budget has or will be used to support the administration of the program including notification mail-outs, a public workshop and the selection committee meeting.

The twenty-four applications being recommended represent approximately \$1.2 million in private investment for proposed heritage conservation work to properties across the City.

Of the thirty-five applications submitted seven were rejected for inadequate documentation, inappropriate proposed conservation work or ineligibility. The successful grant recipients will be awarded funding for necessary and deserving conservation projects. These buildings span the history of the City representing a range of significant heritage building and construction types. The restoration work is also various with an emphasis on steel-framed, leaded and stained glass, wood and masonry conservation and slate roof restoration and reconstruction. Innovation in restoration technology continues to evolve so that it is now possible to safely remove paint from 19<sup>th</sup> century brick. These projects include the John Cox House (1807, log construction), Holy Trinity Church (1846-7), Chapel Remnant of the Central Prison (1877), Harbord Village Heritage Conservation District houses (1885-90), a GW Gouinlock designed coach house (1903), the rehabilitated B F Harvey Company Factory (1911) and the Asbury and West United Church (1958).

The City of Toronto's Official Plan, Chapter 3 "Building a Successful City" includes policies on Heritage Resources. The policies in Section 3.1.5 state that "public incentives to encourage the conservation and long-term protection of heritage resources will be created." Investment in heritage preservation has been demonstrated throughout Canada

and abroad to return significant economic and cultural benefits to local governments. Since being restructured in 2005 the Grant Program typically results in an average multiplier of 6:1 of private capital expenditure for every grant dollar awarded. The objectives to encourage appropriate conservation, generate tax revenues, local employment and contribute to improving the quality of life of Torontonians have begun to be enjoyed. The City Planning Division considers that adequate and consistent levels of funding are a critical component of a sustainable heritage grant program.

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## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No.1: Toronto Heritage Grant Awards 2013: Properties and Scopes of Work

## ATTACHMENT No. 1

<b>Toronto Heritage Grant Awards 2013</b>	Properties and Scopes of Work
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Property	Ward	Recommended Scope of Restoration Work	Grant Award (max.)	Total Estimated Restoration Cost
3180 Bathurst Street	15	stained and leaded glass, steel frames	\$35,000	\$70,000
469 Broadview Avenue	30	chimneys and protection of log structure	10,000	20,800
62 Brunswick Avenue	20	verandah	\$8,500	\$29,800
34 Chestnut Park	27	leaded glass windows	\$7,500	\$26,000
6 Draper Street	20	slate roof	\$8,000	\$22,000
14 Draper Street	20	slate roof, reconstruct original dormers	\$10,000	\$22,000
23 Draper Street	20	slate roof and dormer repair	\$9,000	\$20,500
29 Draper Street	20	slate roof and dormer repair	\$7,000	\$17,300
2154 Dundas Street West	14	masonry and sills flashing	\$30,000	\$66,100
68 East Liberty Street	19	masonry	\$40,000	\$240,800
136 First Avenue	30	masonry	\$3,000	\$7,000
194 First Avenue	30	porch and Masonry	\$6,000	\$22,300
92 Isabella Street	27	porch, soffit and masonry	7,700	37,800
141 McCaul Street	20	masonry, metal gable and cross	\$20,000	\$53,000
31 Prince Arthur Street	20	porch slate roof	\$2,300	\$4,700
39 Queen's Park Crescent	20	masonry, stucco, woodwork	\$10,000	\$70,300
159 Roxborough Drive	27	stained glass windows and storms	\$20,000	\$136,600
443 Sackville Street	28	brick and stucco repair	\$8,000	\$19,300
19 Trinity Square	27	slate roof and internal walls	\$30,000	\$213,000
332 Wellesley Street East	28	chimney	\$3,500	\$7,000
80 Willcocks Street	20	Masonry, door, windows, sills, transom	\$7,500	\$31,900
82 Willcocks Street	20	Paint removal, masonry, door, windows,	\$9,000	\$33,300
83 Willcocks Street	20	Paint removal, masonry	\$10,000	\$25,000
85 Willcocks Street	20	Paint removal, masonry	\$10,000	\$25,000
TOTAL				\$1,221,500