



## REPORT

**REPORT TO:** Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

**REPORT FROM:** Laura Loney, Senior Heritage Planner

**DATE:** 2 October 2020

**REPORT NO.:** PD-2020-0048

**RE:** 2020 Heritage Property Grant Program

### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report PD-2020-0048 dated October 2, 2020 regarding "2020 Heritage Property Grant Program" be received for information.

### BACKGROUND:

The Heritage Property Grant Program was established in 2005 as a partnership between the Town of Halton Hills and the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills, an external charitable agency, to incentivize heritage conservation work on designated heritage properties within the municipality. While the Heritage Property Grant Program is typically funded solely by the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills through the annual Town of Halton Hills' Mayor's Heritage Golf Tournament, the 2020 Tournament was cancelled due to Covid19. As a result, staff identified an opportunity to use available funds within the Planning and Development Department's existing capital budget for the Official Plan Review, given the program's alignment with various goals and objectives in the Official Plan. Additionally, Council adopted By-law No. 2020-0039 on July 27, 2020 to formally establish a municipal Heritage Property Grant Program.

Applications were mailed to all eligible properties designated under either Part IV or Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* following Council's approval of the Heritage Property Grant Program By-law on July 27, 2020. Four applications were received by staff by the deadline of September 4, 2020 at 4:30pm.

### COMMENTS:

Staff reviewed the four applications for the 2020 Heritage Property Grant Program with the Heritage Halton Hills Committee at its meeting of September 15, 2020 over Zoom. Proposed conservation work identified in these applications included window repair and painting, porch replacement and exterior repair, windowsill repair, and masonry repair and restoration. Funds awarded to the property owners, taking into account the

\$3,000.00 funding cap per applicant, totaled \$8,875.85. The resulting public and private investment in heritage conservation within the Town through the Heritage Property Grant Program will be approximately \$20,000.

The Heritage Halton Hills committee voted to approve all four applications received for the 2020 Heritage Property Grant Program and passed the following recommendation:

Recommendation No. HH-2020-0015

THAT the following grant applications be accepted and approved by the Heritage Halton Hills Committee:

1. 1 Prince Street – Glen Williams Town Hall in the amount of \$565.00;
2. 401 Draper Street – Forbes House in the amount of \$2,310.85;
3. 402-404 Draper Street – Norval Presbyterian Manse and Cottage in the amount of \$3,000.00;
4. 586 Main Street, Glen Williams – Beaumont Knitting Mill in the amount of \$3,000.00.

**CARRIED**

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This report directly aligns to the following values in the Strategic Plan 2019-2022:

Preserve, Protect & Promote our Distinctive History

To preserve the historical urban and rural character of Halton Hills through the conservation and promotion of our built heritage, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeological resources.

The report is also closely linked with a number of Focus Areas/Priorities, including Climate Change and the Environment.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Staff identified an opportunity to use available funds within the Planning and Development Department's existing capital budget for the Official Plan Review to continue this financial incentive program in 2020.

**CONSULTATION:**

Heritage Halton Hills was consulted in the preparation of this report.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

No public consultation was required as part of the preparation of this report.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life.

The recommendation outlined in this report advances the Strategy’s implementation. This report supports the Cultural Vibrancy pillar(s) of Sustainability and the theme of Valued Heritage Legacy. In summary the alignment of this report with the Community Sustainability Strategy is Good.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Staff have notified the successful recipients of the Heritage Halton Hills Committee decisions, and will review all work completed to ensure consistency with approvals prior to issuing grant payments to property owners.

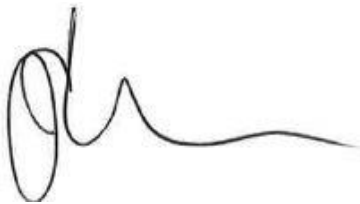
**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommend that this report regarding the successful applicants for the 2020 Heritage Property Grant Program be received for information.

Reviewed and Approved by,



Bronwyn Parker, Director of Planning Policy



John Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning and Development



Chris Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer