## City of Mississauga

# **Corporate Report**



Date: 1/9/2020

To: Chair and Members of Heritage Advisory Committee

From: Paul Mitcham, P. Eng, MBA, Commissioner of Community Services

Meeting date: 2/11/2020

## **Subject**

Heritage Planning 2019 Year in Review

#### Recommendation

That the Corporate Report dated January 9, 2020 from the Commissioner of Community Services, entitled "Heritage Planning 2019 Year in Review," be received for information.

# **Report Highlights**

- This report provides a review of all projects, applications, permits and grants completed by the Heritage Planning team in 2018.
- Increases are noted in the number of permits and grants projects processed.
- Completion of Phase 1 of the Cultural Heritage Landscape Inventory Review resulted in 1300 properties being removed from the Heritage Register
- Noted accomplishments include providing guidance and support in the QEW Credit Bridge Council decision, achieving LPAT settlement on the Old Port Credit HCD Plan, and securing funds for the unpermitted removal of buildings from heritage properties.

# **Background**

Council established the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC), then known as the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, in 1976. HAC advises Council on matters relating to the identification, conservation and preservation of Mississauga's cultural heritage property.

## Comments

Heritage Planning staff, within the Culture Division, support HAC by preparing research and reports related to the alteration of heritage property throughout the City:

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#### **Heritage Property Application Review**

Due to the City's extensive Heritage Register, Heritage Planning staff review hundreds of applications a year. Heritage Planning staff analyze, evaluate and comment on every Official Plan Amendment, Rezoning and Plan of Subdivision application, as well as Site Plan and Committee of Adjustment applications that pertain to heritage properties. Staff also provide clearances on building permit applications for heritage property wherein a heritage permit is not required.

#### Heritage Permit/Demolition Application Review

The City processed 43 heritage permit/demolition applications in 2019. This represents a 10% increase from the previous year despite the removal of 1300 properties from the heritage register.

### **Heritage Grant Program**

The City approved eighteen grants in 2019 funded in total at \$97,302. The following eleven projects were completed in 2019:

Address	Grant Payment
1009 Old Derry Road	\$10,000
1173 Queen Victoria Avenue	\$2,260
1234 Old River Road	\$5,000
1900 Derry Road East	\$10,000
223 Queen Street South	\$5,000
2625 Hammond Road	\$5,000
292 Queen Street South	\$3,447
295 Queen Street South	\$4,238
32 Front Street South	\$5,000
32 Peter Street South	\$5,000
7057 Pond Street	\$2,733
Total	\$57, 678

Three of the above projects; 1173 Queen Victoria Avenue, 292 Queen Street South and 7057 Pond Street, submitted costs below their approved amounts, resulting in \$3,021 of unused funds, which will be returned to the Arts Reserve.

Four projects; 1011 Old Derry Road, 1074 Old Derry Road, 1155 Willow Lane and 41 Bay Street (funded in total at \$ 24,153) were provided extensions and will be completed in 2020.

Three projects; 1090 Old Derry Road, 141 Lakeshore Road East and 1614 Wintergrove Gardens (funded in total at \$12,450) were not completed, and the approved funds will be returned to the Arts Reserve.

This represents a doubling of the number of approved grant projects and an increase of \$54,024 of heritage grants funding from 2018 and is a result of the Designated Heritage Grants Pilot Project, approved in early 2018.

#### Heritage Interpretive Signage

The City installed a sign interpreting the Gothic window at Churchill Meadows Library.

#### **Heritage Management Strategy Implementation**

As per specific recommendations in the Heritage Management Strategy, the following initiatives were undertaken:

- Heritage Planning communications campaign: social media campaign garnered 98,111 impressions (views) and 17,317 engagements (actions with post), a significant increase from last year
- Heritage Incentives: pilot project for \$25,000 grant for large restoration projects
- Completed Phase 1 and launched Phase 2 of Cultural Heritage Landscape Review Project
  - Removed 1300 properties from City's Heritage Register
  - Held two community meetings and presented at one residents association

#### Additional Notable 2019 Staff and Committee Initiatives:

- Providing guidance and information to Council and local groups resulting in a reversal of the provincial position to demolish the QEW Credit River Bridge
- Secured \$24,000 in fines for Ontario Heritage Act infractions
- 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey shows 6% satisfaction increase in identification and preservation of heritage properties
- Achieving a positive settlement at LPAT for the Port Credit Heritage Conservation District.

#### Heritage Planning staff core workload also includes:

 Responding to numerous inquiries re: the approximately 1400 properties included on the City's Heritage Register

- Contributing to City planning policies, visioning studies, strategic and master plans
- Serving as team member on multiple City projects with a potential heritage component;
   includes park/City asset projects, environmental assessments and more
- Liaising with by-law enforcement, building inspector and prosecutions staff, as necessary, on contraventions related to heritage properties
- Preparing for provincial court offences related to charges under the Ontario Heritage Act
- Preparing and/or managing recommendations/decisions related to Land Planning Appeal Tribunal hearings

# Financial Impact

There is no financial impact resulting from the recommendation in this report.

## Conclusion

In 2019, the Heritage Advisory Committee, with support from Heritage Planning staff, advised Council on numerous heritage conservation initiatives. Heritage Planning staff recommend that the Corporate Report entitled "Heritage Planning 2019 Year in Review," be received.



Paul Mitcham, P. Eng, MBA, Commissioner of Community Services

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