

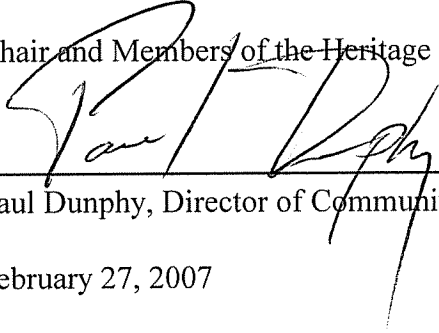


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Heritage Advisory Committee
March 28, 2007

TO: Chair and Members of the Heritage Advisory Committee

SUBMITTED BY:



Paul Dunphy, Director of Community Development

DATE: February 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Heritage Incentive Program - New Applications for 2006-07

ORIGIN

Staff

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Heritage Advisory Committee endorse the granting of funds for new applications as outlined in Chart 2 on Page 3 of this report.

BACKGROUND

Halifax Regional Municipality supports the conservation, preservation and promotion of Municipally Registered Heritage Properties through two programs offering financial assistance through matching grants: *The Residential Heritage Incentive Program*; and *The Commercial Heritage Incentive Program*. Council recently adopted changes to the Heritage Incentives Programs which will come into effect in 2007-08, but the applications discussed in this report predate these changes and must be reviewed under the old criteria.

DISCUSSION

Due to the nature of the program, funding is based on both estimates and actual expenditures. Where a figure is based on an estimate, the actual costs may come in lower, resulting in less expenditure by HRM. Other approved projects may not be implemented and the funding associated with those projects would therefore not be spent. These uncertainties require a degree of flexibility in the administration of the program accounts.

In fiscal 2006-07 a number of approved applications resulted in less expenditure by HRM. This occurred for two reasons; 1) the actual costs of a number of projects were substantially lower than anticipated, and 2) three approved applications were not undertaken. Therefore, surplus has become available which must be used before the end of the fiscal year (2006-07) as these funds can not be carried over from one year to another. The chart below identifies the applications which resulted in lower than anticipated grants:

Chart 1: Completed Applications

Appl #	Address	Grant Approved	Grant Issued	Surplus	Comments
103	41 Pleasant St	\$5,000	0	\$5,000	withdrawn - will re-apply in 2007-08
104	4745 Inglis St	\$5,000	0	\$5,000	withdrawn - will re-apply in 2007-08
118	5188 Morris St	\$10,000	\$2,290	\$7,710	All work requested not completed
119	5188 Morris St	\$5,000	\$3,936	\$1,064	Costs less than estimated
137	17 George St	\$1,500	\$504	\$996	Cost less than estimated
144	1740 Argyle St	\$10,000	\$3,750	\$6,250	Window replacements not completed
147	32 Dundas St	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	Work less than estimated
151	5172 Morris St	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$1,000	Costs less than estimated
157	2507 Brunswick St	\$5,000	0	\$5,000	Work to be done in 2007-08
161	50 Summit St	\$3,000	\$2,020	\$980	Costs less than estimated
	TOTALS	\$59,500	\$24,000	\$35,500	

In an attempt to make use of the surplus 2006-07 Heritage Incentives budget as possible before the end of the fiscal year, two new Heritage Incentive applications have been brought forward for review (Attachment A - summary sheets). Chart 2 summarizes these new applications:

Chart 2: New Applications

Appl #	Address	Grant Request	Cost of Work	Description of Work
163	5675 North St <i>(Residential)</i>	\$5,000	\$18,550	Repairs to foundation and roof
166	1355 Barrington St <i>(Commercial)</i>	\$8,600	\$24,351	Window & exterior door replacements
	TOTALS	\$13,600	\$42,901	

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

This report recommends approval of \$13,600 in Heritage Incentives Grants in the existing 2006-07 fiscal year. This work has been carried out and invoices have been submitted. These funds have recently become available due to other previously approved Heritage Incentives applications using less of the funding allocated to them.

The funding for these expenditures is in place within the Council approved 2006-2007 Operating Budget for Community Development from the C310 Cost Centre.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

None

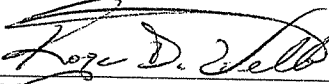
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Summary Sheet for Applications #163 and #166

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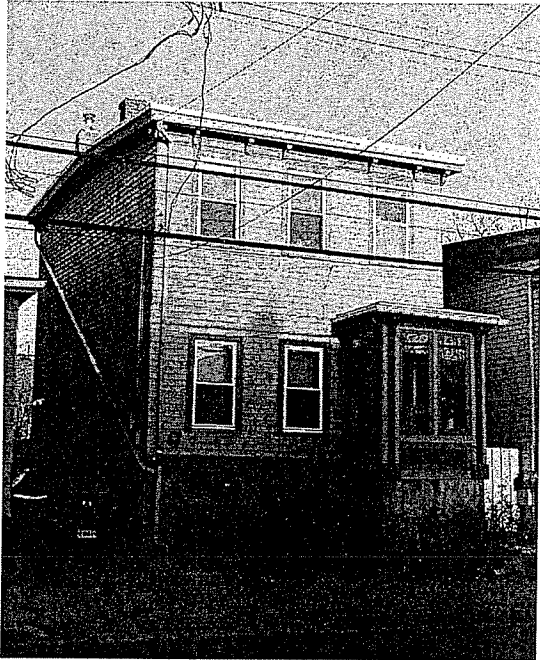
Report Approved by:



Roger Wells, Acting Manager of Planning Services, 490-4373

Application for Heritage Incentive

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Property: 5675 North Street

Building: James Mackenzie House
c. 1874

Owner: Ms. Julie Lyons

Category: Residential

Date: January 2007

Application/ Program

The owner is seeking assistance from HRM through the 2006-07 Heritage Incentives Program, which provides matching grants of 50% of the total eligible costs up to a maximum municipal contribution of \$5,000 for residential properties.

Description of Work/ Cost

This application request assistance for foundation and roofing repairs. The actual cost of the work was \$18,550.

Rationale

This is the first application for this property. The property owner wishes to maintain the appearance of this heritage property.

Action

Staff have approved the work under the Heritage Property Program as a Level One Design Review. Additionally, staff support the matching grant of \$5,000.

Application for Heritage Incentive

166



Property: 1355 Barrington St, Halifax
Building: St. Matthew's Manse
c. 1874
Owner: Association of
Professional Engineers of NS
Category: Commercial
Date: January, 2007

Application/ Program

The owner is seeking assistance from HRM through the 2006-07 Heritage Incentives Program, which provides matching grants of 50% of the total eligible costs up to a maximum municipal contribution of \$10,000 for commercial properties.

Description of Work/ Cost

This application request assistance for the replacement of 8 windows with new wood windows and wood storms. Also, the replacement of the ground level metal door with a period correct wooden door. The actual cost of the work was \$24,351.

Rationale

This is the first application for this property. The property owner wishes to maintain the appearance of this heritage property.

Action

Staff have approved the work under the Heritage Property Program as a Level One Design Review. Staff support a matching grant of \$8,600. This grant is short of the \$10,000 maximum as this grant will account for the remainder of the 2006-07 Heritage Incentives budget.