

Staff Report 2025-0478

Meeting: Planning and Development Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: September 16, 2025

Subject: Reallocation of Cancelled and Completed Grant Funds – Designated Heritage Property Grant Program

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RECOMMENDATION

That \$11,687.17 from cancelled and completed grant projects be reallocated to the Fall 2025 application round of the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Designated Heritage Property Grant (“DHPG”) Program provides financial assistance to designated heritage property owners for the conservation of their cultural heritage resources.
- There are two grant application rounds in a calendar year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall, subject to available funding. The 2025 budget for the DHPG Program is \$100,000.
- Council allocated approximately \$80,000 of the DHPG budget to grants in the Spring 2025 application round.
- Based on inquiries and emergency grant submissions to date, Heritage staff anticipate a wave of new applications for the Fall application round.
- To supplement the 2025 DHPG budget, Heritage staff recommend the reallocation of \$11,687.17 from cancelled and completed grant projects.

DISCUSSION

The Designated Heritage Property Grant (“DHPG”) Program provides financial assistance to owners of properties designated under Part IV or Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (“the Act”) for the conservation of their cultural heritage resources. The DHPG budget for 2025 is \$100,000, \$79,884.78 of which was allocated to Spring 2025 grants.

Based on the number of inquiries and previously submitted emergency grant applications, Heritage staff anticipate that the remaining \$20,115.22 budget will not be enough to support the Fall 2025 DHPG application round. Extreme weather through the winter and spring, including snow and ice accretion and wind damage impacted many heritage properties, and has resulted in an increased number of applications.

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To supplement the DHPG budget and provide more support for property owners, Heritage staff reviewed past grants and recommend the reallocation of \$11,687.17 from cancelled and completed projects. The additional funds would increase the available Fall 2025 DHPG funds to \$31,802.39.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2025 budget for the DHPG Program (account #01-02-405-44070-365-62319) is \$100,000. Grants totaling \$79,885 were allocated to grant applications in the Spring application round. As a result, \$20,115 is available for the Fall DHPG application round.

Heritage staff reviewed past grant allocations. There is currently \$11,687.17 in allocated grant funds from previous years representing cancelled grants and unclaimed amounts from completed grant projects. It is recommended that this \$11,687.17 be used to increase the remaining DHPG budget to \$31,802.39.

COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Strategic Plan 2023-2035

This report is directly related to the following priority in Caledon's 2023-2035 Strategic Plan:

Community Vitality and Livability

ATTACHMENTS

None.