

DATE OF MEETING May 19, 2021

AUTHORED BY CHRIS SHOLBERG, COMMUNITY HERITAGE PLANNER

**SUBJECT HERITAGE HOME GRANT APPLICATION - 347 MILTON STREET**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To obtain Council approval for a Heritage Home Grant for the Ledingham Residence located at 347 Milton Street

### **Recommendation**

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve a \$2,500 Heritage Home Grant to repair and repaint the exterior of the Ledingham Residence at 347 Milton Street

## **BACKGROUND**

A Heritage Home Grant application has been submitted by the owners of the Ledingham Residence (347 Milton Street), to repair and repaint the building exterior.

The Ledingham Residence is currently on the City's Heritage Register (see Attachment 'A' for the building's historical value statement).

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff has reviewed and evaluated the grant application and note that the proposed project satisfies the relevant requirements and objectives of the Heritage Home Grant Program (as outlined in Attachment 'B' – Heritage Home Grant Program Purpose and Conditions).

The exterior repair and repaint will prolong the life of the building by reducing deterioration of the building's exterior wood siding and ornamentation, and the proposed colour scheme is appropriate from a historic colour perspective.

The total estimated project cost is \$18,900. The project is eligible for up to \$2,500 in grant assistance based on the 50/50 cost-sharing model specified under the program.

It should be noted that the property has not received a previous heritage home grant. Under the conditions of the grant program, an eligible heritage property owner can apply for a grant up to \$2,500 during the life of the building.

The Heritage Home Grant Budget is currently \$12,000. Approval of this grant will reduce the program budget to \$9,500.

## **OPTIONS**

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend Council approve a \$2,500 Heritage Home Grant for the repair and repaint of the Ledingham Residence located at 347 Milton Street.
  - Advantages: The Heritage Home Grant Program furthers the Livability and Economic Health goals of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, as well as the conservation objectives of the City's Heritage Conservation Program.
  - Disadvantages: None
  - Financial Implications: The Heritage Home Grant Program currently has a budget of \$12,000 available to cover the application. There would be \$9,500 left in the budget for 2021 should Council approve the application.
  
2. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend Council deny a \$2,500 Heritage Home Grant application for the repair and repaint of the Ledingham Residence located at 347 Milton Street.
  - Advantages: Would leave more funding for potential applications to be considered until December 2021.
  - Disadvantages: Could create uncertainty about the City's commitment to the grant program's purpose and parameters. Would run counter to the City's livability and heritage conservation objectives. Not awarding funding would be contrary to the first-come, first-served priority for eligible applications.
  - Financial Implications: A total of \$12,000 would remain available for further applications in 2021. If unused during 2021, this funding would not be carried forward for use in future years. |

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- A Heritage Home Grant application has been submitted by the owners of the Ledingham Residence (347 Milton Street), to repair and repaint the building exterior.
- The total estimated cost is \$18,900. The project is eligible for up to \$2,500 in grant assistance based on the 50/50 cost-sharing model specified under the program.
- The grant application satisfies the relevant requirements and objectives of the Heritage Home Grant Program.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

ATTACHMENT A – Ledingham Residence History and Significance  
ATTACHMENT B – Heritage Home Grant Program Purpose and Conditions  
ATTACHMENT C – Photos of Existing Siding Condition  
ATTACHMENT D - Mock-up of Proposed Colour Scheme |

**Submitted by:**

Lisa Bhopalsingh  
Manager, Community Planning

**Concurrence by:**

Laura Mercer  
Director, Finance

Bill Corsan  
Director, Community Development

Dale Lindsay  
General Manager, Development Services