

# Staff Report for Decision

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SUBJECT HERITAGE HOME GRANT APPLICATION – 167 IRWIN STREET

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To obtain Council approval for a Heritage Home Grant for the Land “Fernville” Residence located at 167 Irwin Street.

### **Recommendation**

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve a \$1,706.25 Heritage Home Grant to repaint the exterior of the Land “Fernville” Residence at 167 Irwin Street.

## **BACKGROUND**

A Heritage Home Grant application has been submitted by the owners of the Land “Fernville” Residence (167 Irwin Street), to repaint a portion of the building exterior.

The Land “Fernville” Residence is currently on the City’s Heritage Register (see Attachment ‘A’ for the building’s historical value statement).

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff have 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 repaint will prolong the life of the building by reducing deterioration of the building’s exterior wood siding. The existing colour scheme (dark green/grey body, white and purple trim) will be maintained and is appropriate from a historic colour perspective.

The total estimated project cost is \$3,412.50. The project is eligible for up to \$1,706.25 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 Program budget is currently \$9,500. Approval of this grant will reduce the program budget to \$7,793.75. |

## **OPTIONS**

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend Council approve a \$1,706.25 Heritage Home Grant for the exterior repaint of the Land “Fernville” Residence located at 167 Irwin 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 \$9,500 available to cover the application. There would be \$7,793.75 left in the budget for 2021 should Council approve the application.
2. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend Council deny a \$1,706.25 Heritage Home Grant application for the exterior repaint of the Land “Fernville” Residence located at 167 Irwin 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 \$9,500 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 Land “Fernville” Residence (167 Irwin Street), to repaint a portion of the building exterior.
- The total estimated project cost is \$3,412.50. 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 – Land “Fernville” Residence History and Significance  
ATTACHMENT B – Heritage Home Grant Program Purpose and Conditions

ATTACHMENT C – Photos of Existing Siding Condition and Colour Scheme |

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