



## Allandale Neighbourhood Association

Tuesday January 28, 2025

### **"Conservation of Built Heritage (CIP)"**

Dear Heritage Committee

We are writing to-day to comment on the proposed Heritage CIP with potential additions or changes, you may find helpful.

We continue to follow with great interest on how this is progressing. However, at the last General Committee Meeting, this item was referred to Finance and Governance Committee for the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our understanding of this was a number of questions were being asked. What questions we have no idea? Does this mean, it will go back through the entire approval processes, Affordability, General and Council before final approvals?

Given the comments made by Council Members during previous meetings some items have been answered but we believe further clarity is required.

#### **Definitions**

##### **Eligibility of work:**

Specifically what work would be included/excluded? Items such as identified in the listing, designation. Is this CIP for Conserving, Preserving, Restoring & Adaptive Re-use, of our Built Heritage. Referring to renovation specifically. Excluding renovation work?

##### **Interior work:**

Would this include interior work? Fireplaces, Floors, Trim, Mouldings, Staircases, internal brickwork etc. or excluded completely?

##### **External Facade**

What items specifically are covered externally? Masonry including pointing, windows, doors, cornice, decorative architectural details, structural details (foundations for structural integrity), etc. (more clarity required here). Excluded here could be painting masonry (if in good condition) which has never been painted.

**One year expiry** from date of application approval. Is this realistic, depending upon scope of work?

Small job perhaps not a problem, but a larger project may not be completed with-in one year, due to weather, material or skilled labour shortage. Please consider extending to 2 years.

#### **Affordable Building Grant**

Does the owner of a Listed/Designated property have the ability to also apply for the Affordable Building grant if they wish to add an additional unit with-in the property? Clarity around this would be

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appreciated. What are the intake periods around this item and should we align our Heritage intake to be same? Originally intake periods have gone from quarterly, to twice a year. Once a year seems insufficient.

### **Financial Funding**

60% of up to a maximum of \$10,000 can be applied for annually (over how many years?) 2,3,4, years. This means a homeowner could apply annually and receive up to say a total of \$40,000 during a 4 year timeline. A better solution would be increase funding to \$40,000 with a definitive date (4 years before they can apply again) less admin work for staff. Previous years recipients of the program have received anywhere from \$4,000.00 up to the max amount of \$25,000

### **Heritage Conservation Districts**

If/when the Heritage Conservation Districts are identified and approved will homeowners under part V of the OHA be eligible for grant money.

### **Allandale Neighbourhood**

As an aside from the current proposed CIP, The Allandale Neighbourhood would also be interested in creating a HCD as suggested by Vanessa Hicks (MHBC Planning) during her walk about of the area reviewing Designated Properties including ours. We would be happy to work with Staff and Committee members when the time comes.

Thank you for your continued support of our Built Heritage.

I've included some links of other Municipalities Heritage Grant Programs for your perusal.

<https://www.buildbrantford.ca/planning-and-development-services/heritage-planning/>

<https://www.peterborough.ca/en/doing-business/heritage-conservation-district.aspx#:~:text=Heritage%20Conservation%20Grant%20Program&text=It%20is%20a%2050%25%20matching,routine%20maintenance%20are%20not%20eligible.>

<https://ottawa.ca/en/business/get-help-starting-or-growing-your-business/programs-and-projects/community-improvement-programs/amended-heritage-community-improvement-plan#section-9886eb5e-6e85-409e-9cc6-08bef620e26d>

Sincerely

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