

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Heritage Grants – Deadline Change

Date Prepared: April 9, 2020

Report To: Regular Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Councillor Maggie Burton, Planning & Development

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

That Council change the deadline for applying for grants under the Heritage Financial Incentives Program from May 1 to September 1, 2020.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The City is advertising its 2020 Heritage Financial Incentives Program, with an application deadline of May 1. Originally, we had a fall deadline but moved it to May 1 so that applicants would know early in the summer if they would receive a grant and plan their renovation work accordingly.

This year we are in a public health state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We have heard from a few potential applicants, asking if the deadline could be extended. Though the local construction industry is still operating, property owners may be concerned about getting contractors in to get a quote on renovation work. Also, with many people off work now, a lot of citizens will have financial worries so that they would not be thinking about renovations at this time. We will see what happens to the public health state of emergency and the lockdown as the summer goes on.

This change in deadline is proposed for this year only.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: Change in deadline date. No other implications.
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Property owners of properties that may qualify for a heritage grant.
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans: *A Sustainable City* – Plan for land use and preserve and enhance the natural and built environment where we live.
4. Legal or Policy Implications: Not applicable.

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5. Privacy Implications: Not applicable.
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: Deadline change would be publicized.
7. Human Resource Implications: Not applicable.
8. Procurement Implications: Not applicable.
9. Information Technology Implications: Not applicable.
10. Other Implications: Not applicable.

Recommendation:

That Council change the application deadline for the Heritage Financial Incentives Program from May 1 to September 1, 2020, for this year only.

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Approved by:

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