

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 5, 2005

DESIGNATED PROPERTY GRANT, ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 10150 PINE VALLEY DRIVE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Recreation & Culture recommends approval of the following Heritage Vaughan recommendation:

1. That the payment of a Designated Property Grant to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$1,911.56 for the repair and painting of the exterior windows and entrances of the church structure, be approved.

Economic Impact

Funds for the Designated Property Grant program have been budgeted for in the 2005 Cultural Services Budget.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the Heritage Vaughan recommendation to approve the Designated Property grant payout for the repair and restoration work to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

Background - Analysis and Options

The church officials of St. Paul's located at 10150 Pine Valley Drive applied for a Designated Property Grant to repair and paint the windows and entrances of the church structure.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was constructed in 1888 and designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in 1988. The structure is an excellent example of the Romanesque Revival style, distinguished by an elaborate tower and polychromatic brickwork.

The Designated Property Grant is funded by the City of Vaughan. The Grant program was initiated in 1985 to assist heritage property owners in the maintenance and restoration of Designated heritage structures in the City of Vaughan. All work eligible under the terms and conditions of the said program requires Designated property owners to restore heritage property using original materials and restore property to original design, form and structural soundness.

In order to receive a Grant, property owners must submit proposed work to Heritage Vaughan committee for review of work eligibility and receive approval prior to initiating the project as per Grant guidelines. After completion of the restoration/renovation work, Heritage Vaughan reviews all completed work and submitted invoices to determine eligible grant amounts. The subject grant program was initiated with the intention of offsetting increased costs as a result of the restoration/reproduction of original features and materials. Property owners must match all grant amounts. The maximum grant amount is \$5,000.00 per Designated property.

Church officials of St. Paul's have completed the repair work to the church building as required under the Designated Property Grant guidelines/requirements. An invoice in the amount of \$3,823.11 was submitted to City staff for the total amount of the work. Under the grant guidelines, the City may pay up to 50% of the total cost of the eligible restoration/repair work, to a maximum \$5,000 per property. Culture staff have inspected the building and can confirm the painting and repair work to the building was completed as per the Grant requirements.

Heritage Vaughan reviewed and recommended approval of the subject Designated Property Grant at its meeting of November 16, 2005.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Section 4.6 of the Vaughan Vision encourages the preservation and enhancement of the natural and built heritage environment and encourages the preservation of significant historical structures and communities.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources to implement all points outlined in this report have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Heritage Vaughan reviewed and recommended at the November 16, 2005 committee meeting that a Designated Property Grant in the amount of \$1,119.56 be approved and provided to the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church by the City of Vaughan. The Designated Property Grant program assists property owners in the repair and/or restoration of designated heritage property and helps in offsetting the increased costs due to the restoration/reproduction of original features and materials. The painting and repair of the windows and entrances to St. Paul's Church has been completed using original materials and paint colours and all work has been inspected by City of Vaughan Culture staff to ensure the work was done as per Designated Property Grant requirements.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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