



Report
Staff Report
 The Corporation of the City of Brampton
 5/21/2024

Date: 2024-05-01

Subject: **Recommendation Report: Intention to rename Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant Program**

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Report number: Planning, Bld & Growth Mgt-2024-406

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report from Arpita Jambekar, Heritage Planner, to the Brampton Heritage Board Meeting of May 21, 2024, re: **Recommendation Report: Intention to rename Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant Program**, be received;
2. That the renaming of the Heritage Grant to “Paul Willoughby Heritage Incentive Grant” be approved; and,
3. That staff be authorized to publish and serve the Public Notice of renaming of the Heritage Incentive Grant Program.

OVERVIEW:

- The purpose of this report is to recommend that City Council rename the Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant as “Paul Willoughby Heritage Incentive Grant”.
- Under Sections 39 and 45 of the Ontario Heritage Act, municipal councils are authorized to pass bylaws providing for a grant or loan to the owner of any property designated by bylaw under Part IV (individual property designation) or Part V (heritage conservation districts). The grant is intended to encourage and assist with the preservation, maintenance and restoration of designated properties.
- The following recommendations of the Brampton Heritage Board (HB016-2024) from its meeting of March 19, 2024 were approved by Planning and Development Committee- (PDC067-2024) on April 8, 2024 and Council (C064-2024) on April 17, 2024:

- That the discussion by Regional Councillor Vicente, to the Brampton Heritage Borad meeting of March 19, 2024, re: Heritage Grant, be received; and,
- That the staff prepare a report on the renaming of the Heritage Grant program to the “Paul Willoughby Heritage Incentive Grant”.
- Upon Council approval, staff will continue with the renaming process as required.

BACKGROUND:

Paul Willoughby is a lifelong advocate for history and heritage conservation in Brampton and across Ontario. For 40 years he has been a fixture in a number of heritage associations, including the Brampton Historical Society, York Pioneer Society, and the Sharon Temple. He has been a member of the Brampton Heritage Board since 2003 and served as chair for six years between 2009 and 2014. A core element of his contribution to Brampton’s heritage has been his commitment to research and sharing his knowledge through presentation and reporting.

In 2014 he was presented the prestigious “Lifetime Outstanding Achievement Award” by the Ontario Heritage Trust in February 2014. The award was presented to him by then Lieutenant Governor David Onley.

Paul has been actively involved in Brampton’s heritage community and over the years has taken on various leadership roles – president, co-chair, vice-president – with numerous groups. His contributions include leadership for the following organizations:

- York Pioneer and Historical Society;
- Brampton Historical Society
- Historic Bovaird House
- Brampton Heritage Board
- Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives (PAMA); and
- Community Heritage Ontario (CHO).

Even with his involvement in multiple groups, he rarely misses a meeting, an opportunity to conduct outreach, or a chance to assist in events. It is not unusual to find Paul setting up displays in the early morning, or volunteering for ad-hoc committees and standing sub-committees. He has delegated to Council on multiple occasions on behalf of the heritage cause.

Paul has also authored countless articles for the Brampton Heritage Times Newsletter and Buffy's Corners, the official newsletter of the Brampton Historical Society, bringing readers' attention to some of the most interesting properties and stories in Brampton.

Paul is an invaluable member of our community and a testament to hard work and dedication. We are privileged to have him as a member of our community and honored to be able to appreciate his contribution by renaming the Heritage Incentive Grant Program after him.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Under [Sections 39](#) and [45](#) of the Ontario Heritage Act, municipal councils are authorized to pass bylaws providing for a grant or loan to the owner of any property designated by bylaw under Part IV (individual property designation) or Part V (heritage conservation districts). Subsection 39 (1) states that: "The council of a municipality may pass bylaws providing for the making of a grant or loan to the owner of a property designated under this Part for the purpose of paying for the whole or any part of the cost of alteration of such designated property on such terms and conditions as the council may prescribe."

The City of Brampton has established a heritage property incentive grant program intended to encourage and assist owners with the care of heritage properties designated under either Part IV or Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act. The Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant is tailored to assist property owners with small to mid-size preservation and/or restoration projects. Projects must focus on the care and rehabilitation of existing heritage attributes or restoration that would contribute to the cultural heritage significance of the property or district and their reasons for heritage designation.

Renaming of the Heritage Incentive Program is recommended to honor and appreciate Paul's dedication towards promoting heritage conservation to create livable communities for more than four decades.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Other Implications:

None.

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA:

The approval of the Grant renaming Recommendations noted within this report supports the Government & Leadership and Cultural & Diversity Focus Areas. The recommendations therein facilitate the recognition of an individual for his excellent service and contribution for advocating history and cultural heritage conservation in Brampton.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the renaming of the Heritage Incentive Grant as the “Paul Willoughby Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant” be approved by the Brampton Heritage Board.

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Council Motion of April 17, 2024 - C064-2024