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Subject: **Extension of Heritage Permit – 87 Elizabeth Street South – Ward 3 (HE.x 87 Elizabeth Street South)**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: Extension of Heritage Permit – 87 Elizabeth Street South – Ward 3 (File HE.x 87 Elizabeth Street South), to the Brampton Heritage Board Meeting of July 20, 2021, be received;
2. That the heritage permit for the window replacement to the heritage house at 87 Elizabeth Street South approved under Recommendation HB020-2020 from the Brampton Heritage Board Meeting of August 18, 2020, approved by the Planning and Development Committee on September 14, 2020 under recommendation PDC099-2020, and by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brampton on September 16, 2020 pursuant to Resolution C337-2020 be amended to extend the validity of the permit to an additional year, which will set the expiry date to September 16, 2022; and
3. That the heritage incentive grant of Recommendation HB005-2021 approved in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Brampton Heritage Board Meeting of January 19, 2021, approved by the Planning and Development Committee on February 1, 2021 under recommendation PDC021-2021, and by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brampton on February 17, 2021 pursuant to Resolution C036-2021 be amended to extend the validity period to complete the eligible conservation work to September 16, 2022.

Overview:

- **Heritage staff recommend Council approve the extension of the heritage permit to an additional year to rehabilitate, replace and repair the existing windows on the front and side elevations of the house on the designated heritage property at 87 Elizabeth Street South (the “Property”). Heritage staff also recommend Council to approve the same extension period to**

maintain the eligibility of the issuance of the heritage grant after the completion of the conservation work.

- **The subject property is designated under Part IV, section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as amended (the “Act”).**
- **At its meeting of September 16, 2020, City Council approved, with terms and conditions, the alterations to the Property. One of the conditions was that the Owner seek approval of a Heritage Incentive Grant in the amount of \$5,000.**
- **At its meeting of February 17, 2021, City Council approved the replace the grant amount of \$5,000 for this scope of work with a grant of \$10,000.**
- **Following correspondence with the owner of the property, the eligible conservation work associated with the heritage permit and the issuance of this grant is expected to be completed after the expiry period of eligibility that was set to one year, which is in accordance with the general terms and conditions of the City’s Heritage Incentive Grant Program.**
- **Heritage staff is expecting that the same budget amount for the City’s Heritage Incentive Grant Program will be approved in 2022. Also, heritage staff is of the opinion that the extension of the eligibility period to an additional year is reasonable to complete the work to rehabilitate, replace and repair the windows as permitted by the heritage permit approved in September 16, 2020.**

Background:

The property at 87 Elizabeth Street South (the “Property”) is designated under Part IV, section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as amended (the “Act”) with the passage of By-law 68-2009 on March 11, 2009. The built heritage resource on the property represents an excellent example of a Gothic Revival Cottage in Ontario.

The lancet window on the front gable, double hung sash windows flanking the front entrance and double hung 2 x 2 sash windows on the side elevations are heritage attributes.

At its meeting of September 16, 2020, City Council approved the application made under section 33 of the Act to alter the Property by rehabilitating, replacing and repairing the existing windows on the front and side elevations of the heritage house. This work has been deemed as eligible conservation work that qualifies for the issuance of a grant under the City’s Heritage Incentive Grant program.

At its meeting of February 17, 2021, City Council approved the increase of the grant amount of \$5,000 for the same scope of work within a grant in the amount of \$10,000.

The reasons that were given by heritage staff to justify the increase amount were based on the fact that the maximum cap was increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 on January 1st, 2021 and the fact that the work that was recognized as being eligible for the issuance of a grant meets the requirement as a matching fund at the amount of \$10,000.

The heritage permit expires on August 16, 2021. Also, the terms under the City's Heritage Incentive Grant Program requires that the work be completed within one year of the date of approval to ensure that funds are available to ensure the continuity and smooth transition of the program year over year. This is because there is a specific and limited budget for this program, which is subject to Council approval every year. This term for the one year period is also useful to ensure that there is a certain expectation to complete the conservation work of significant heritage resources within a certain timeframe.

Current Situation:

The conservation work for the rehabilitation, replacement and repairs of the windows was expected to be completed by the end of 2020, but because of the limitation and restrictions imposed during COVID-19, the owner was not able to finish the work within the period of one year required for the issuance of a grant. The permit is currently set to expire on September 16, 2021 and heritage staff is mindful of providing flexibility to the owners when unforeseen circumstances arise.

The one-year term that applies to ensure that there is a budget and funding available for the Heritage Incentive Grant Program is not a concern for heritage staff. That is because this report is only recommending a one-year extension to complete the conservation work. The budget and funding for this Program is expected to continue next year and beyond for the foreseeable future. Following consultation and correspondence with the Property owner, the one-year extension is also considered to be a sufficient amount of time to complete the conservation work.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

There are no new financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. The recommended approval of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the subject grant application has been already approved and will be funded from the 2021 or 2022 operating budget for the existing heritage program. There are sufficient funds available in this account for the subject property.

Other Implications:

There is no other implication resulting from the adoption of this report.

Term of Council Priorities:

This report has been prepared in full consideration of the Term of Council Priorities. This report aligns with a 'Mosaic City' by continuing the preservation of heritage properties and cultural heritage resources to support cultural diversity and expression. A Mosaic City reflects the commitment of the City to preserve and protect its cultural heritage. This report also aligns with a 'City of Opportunities', supporting the creation of complete communities by supporting the diversity and distinctiveness of the City through the preservation and conservation of its cultural heritage resources.

Conclusion:

The extension proposed is considered reasonable, and it should be accepted to ensure that the owner is able to complete the approved conservation work and receive the grant approved in the amount of \$10,000. The other terms and conditions that must be satisfied prior to the issuance of the grant will continue to apply in accordance with the prior approvals and general provisions of the City's Heritage Incentive Grant Program.

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