

**Date:** 2023-08-21

**Subject:** **Heritage Permit Application and Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant Application – 8956 Creditview Road (Camp Naivelt) – Ward 4**

**Contact:** Shelby Swinfield, Heritage Planner, Integrated City Planning

**Report Number:** Planning, Bld & Growth Mgt-2023-744

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report from Shelby Swinfield, Heritage Planner, dated August 21, 2023 to the Brampton Heritage Board Meeting of September 19, 2023, **re: Heritage Permit Application and Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant Application – 8956 Creditview Road – Ward 4**, be received;
2. That the Heritage Permit application for 8956 Creditview Road for the following be approved:
  - i. Structural repairs and improvements and new roofs for Cabins #22, #24, and #25;
  - ii. Foundational repairs for the Lasowsky Centre;
  - iii. Installation of eaves/gutters, downspouts, and leaf protection system for the Lasowsky Centre.
3. That the Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant application for the repair and refurbishment of Cabins #22, #24, and #25 and the Lasowsky Centre of 8956 Creditview Road (Camp Naivelt) be approved, to a maximum of \$10,000.00, and;
4. The owner shall enter into a designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant Agreement with the City after City Council agrees to support the Grant.

**Overview:**

- In accordance with Section 33 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, alterations to a designated property likely to affect its heritage attributes require written consent from the Council of the municipality in the form of a Heritage Permit.

- **8956 Creditview Road (Camp Naivelt) was designated in 2010 by City of Brampton By-Law 290-2010, under the *Ontario Heritage Act Part IV*.**
- **The City of Brampton offers the Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant Program to facilitate the ongoing maintenance, preservation, and restoration of residential and commercial designated heritage resources.**
- **The applicant, on behalf of Camp Naivelt, submitted both a Heritage Permit and a Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant Program Application for the repair and refurbishment of three of the existing cabins as well as the Lasowsky Centre for the longevity of this designated heritage resource.**
- **This report recommends the approval of the Heritage Permit be subject to the condition that: “If any heritage attribute is damaged beyond repair it will be replaced in kind.”**
- **This report recommends the approval of the Heritage Permit application and Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant application.**

### **Background:**

8956 Creditview Road (Camp Naivelt) was designated in 2010 by City of Brampton By-Law 290-2010, under the Ontario Heritage Act Part IV. Camp Naivelt is considered to have historic associative value, contextual value, and design/physical value under Ontario Regulation 9/06.

Camp Naivelt contributes much to our understanding of the historical and physical evolution of the Eldorado area within the Credit River valley. In the 1930s the secular Jewish organization that founded Camp Naivelt identified Eldorado Park as an ideal location for a permanent camping facility. The camp itself has changed little since its inception in the 1930s and because it retains its original, generally passive recreational use. Camp Naivelt is important in helping to define the importance of the "summer camp" movement that only really took root after World War One.

Camp Naivelt is physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings. It is a key component within the Eldorado area, a large, complex and interwoven cultural landscape, nestled within a few hundred acres of the Credit Valley. The cottages, site plan characteristics and natural, rural setting at Camp Naivelt form a significant and utterly unique cultural heritage landscape in the City of Brampton.

Several dozen rustic frame cottages remain standing throughout the site; arranged in rows surrounding or fronted by large, open common areas. The site plan characteristics of Camp Naivelt remain intact.

In accordance with Section 33 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, alterations to a designated property likely to affect its heritage attributes require written consent from the Council of the municipality in the form of a Heritage Permit.

The City of Brampton's Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant Program offers matching grant funds of up to \$10,000 for eligible conservation work to owners of properties designated under Part IV or V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The program is designed to facilitate the ongoing maintenance, preservation, and restoration of residential and commercial designated heritage resources.

### **Current Situation:**

The applicant, on behalf of Camp Naivelt, submitted both a Heritage Permit and a Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant Program Application for the repair and refurbishment of three of the existing cabins as well as the Lasowsky Centre for the longevity of this designated heritage resource.

Urgent repairs are required to the structures noted within this application. The Lasowsky Centre has major foundational damage in need of repair, as well as the installation of eaves/gutters to ensure the foundation issue does not persist. Cabins #22, #24, and #25 are at risk of collapse due to structural water damage and roof deterioration. Ongoing maintenance of any property is a requirement for longevity, and as an important heritage resource, this maintenance is critical for Camp Naivelt.

The Designated Heritage Incentive Grant By-law requires two quotes for all proposed work. The owner has submitted the necessary quotes for the required work. Heritage staff therefore recommend the approval of the Heritage Permit Application and Heritage Incentive Grant Application.

### **Corporate Implications:**

#### Financial Implications:

There are no new financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. The recommended approval of up to \$10,000 for the subject grant application will be funded from the 2023 Operating Budget for the heritage program. There are sufficient funds available in this account for the subject property.

#### Other Implications:

None.

**Strategic Focus Area:**

The approval of the Heritage Permit and Designated Heritage Incentive Grant assists in achieving the outcomes of the Culture & Diversity strategic priority. The approval of these applications represents an investment in a local cultural heritage resource and small business.

**Conclusion:**

The Heritage Permit application and associated Designated Heritage Incentive Grant application, which offers funds to cover half of the cost of eligible conservation work up to a maximum of \$10,000.00, subject to available funding, on the condition that the property owner matches the grant.

The Heritage Permit process and incentives such as the Designated Heritage Property Incentive Grant Program foster the conservation of Brampton's cultural heritage assets and encourage private investment in these properties. The Grant application for 8956 Creditview Road (Camp Naivelt) proposes critical maintenance of multiple structures on the property including three cabins and the Lasowsky Centre. It is recommended that the Heritage Permit and Heritage Incentive Grant Applications be approved.

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**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Heritage Incentive Grant Application

Attachment 2 – Heritage Permit Application

Attachment 3 – Supporting Photos

Attachment 4 – Camp Naivelt Designation By-law 290-2010