

APPROVAL REPORT

Third Avenue United Church - 304 3rd Avenue North – Funding Request

ISSUE

The St. Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Building Committee requested funding for the property located at 304 3rd Avenue North (Third Avenue United Church) under the Heritage Conservation Program.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council approve funding, up to a maximum of \$23,500 for exterior rehabilitation including painting, staining and window sealing at Third Avenue United Church and that the General Manager, Community Services Division, be authorized to remit payment of the grant following completion of the project.

BACKGROUND

The Heritage Conservation Program, under [Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020](#), provides funding for Designated Municipal Heritage Properties for conservation and rehabilitation of character-defining elements of a heritage property. Financial incentives include a grant for 50% of the eligible costs of a project, to a maximum of \$150,000. This is the second application received for Third Avenue United Church under the Heritage Conservation Program.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Project

Third Avenue United Church is a landmark building in Saskatoon, designed by Architect John N. Semmons in the English Gothic architectural style. The building was designated as a Municipal Heritage Property in 2017, under [City Bylaw No. 9413](#). The Statement of Significance for the property is included (see Appendix 1). The property is currently owned and occupied by the St. Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Church.

The heritage conservation project proposed to be undertaken at Third Avenue United Church is to repaint the exterior of the church building, stain the exterior doors, and repair and seal the windows and doors. The paint and stain colours will be matched to the existing colours.

The exterior paint on Third Avenue United Church is weathered and peeling, the stain on the doors is discoloured and the windows are leaking allowing water to infiltrate inside the building. In order to address this issue and prevent any further water damage to the interior of the building, painting, staining and window sealing is required.

Grant

The Civic Heritage Policy provides financial incentives in the form of a grant for 50% of costs related to the restoration of architectural elements and renovations to meet building code requirements, where it affects heritage elements of the building, up to a

maximum of \$150,000 over a ten-year period. The maximum amortization period is ten years. Within a ten-year period, an owner may make more than one application, provided the total amount does not exceed \$150,000.

Under the Heritage Conservation Program, this is the second application for Third Avenue United Church. An application for roof repairs was approved by City Council on September 28, 2020 and payment issued in the amount of \$20,000 following completion of the work. The estimated cost of this second heritage conservation project is \$47,000. The recommended grant would provide for \$23,500, which is 50% of the amount requested.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$47,000. Under Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020, the project would qualify for 50% of the eligible costs. The unallocated balance of the Heritage Reserve is approximately \$60,000. It is proposed that the \$23,500 be amortized over two years to provide some immediate funding while leaving funding within the Heritage Reserve to support projects for other designated Municipal Heritage Properties.

NEXT STEPS

If the application is approved, the amount of this grant will be paid out over two years and will be dispersed following completion of the project.

APPENDIX

1. Statement of Significance

REPORT APPROVAL

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