
Application for Funding Under the Heritage Conservation Program – Bottomley House (1118 College Drive)

Recommendation

That a report be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services with a recommendation to City Council:

1. That funding be approved, to a maximum of \$2,116.22 (amortized over two years), through the Heritage Conservation Program for the preservation project at 1118 College Drive;
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement under the Corporate Seal; and
3. That the General Manager, Community Services Department, be authorized to remit payment of the grant following completion of the project.

Topic and Purpose

The purpose of the report is to request funding, under the Heritage Conservation Program, for the Bottomley House located at 1118 College Drive.

Report Highlights

1. The Bottomley House is a Municipal Heritage Property in the neighbourhood of Varsity View (see Attachment 1). The property is valued for its Queen Anne Revival architectural style and its association with Saskatoon's economic prosperity in the early 20th century.
2. Funding is being requested to paint the window frames, ledges, and fascia. The building qualifies for financial support under the Heritage Conservation Program.
3. The Bottomley House has received financial incentives under the Heritage Conservation Program for previous work.

Strategic Goal

Under the City of Saskatoon's (City) Strategic Goal of Sustainable Growth, this report supports the preservation of the character of heritage buildings and historical landmarks.

Background

The Heritage Conservation Program, under Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020, provides funding for designated Municipal Heritage Properties for the conservation and rehabilitation of the 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 over a ten-year period. A property owner may make more than one application within that period provided that the total amount does not exceed \$150,000. Properties also qualify for a refund of 50% of any building permit and development permit fees.

Report

Bottomley House

Located in the neighbourhood of Varsity View, the Bottomley House at 1118 College Drive features a two-storey wood frame house built in 1912. The heritage significance of the property lies in its Queen Anne Revival architectural style with its bell-cast domed roof, curved windows, corner turret, and wrap-around verandah with Doric columns. The heritage value of the Bottomley House lies in its association with Saskatoon's economic prosperity in the early 20th century. The property's original owner, Richard Bottomley, was a real estate developer who owned large tracts of land and, as such, required a prominent and distinct home that evoked a sense of affluence.

The Bottomley House was designated as a Municipal Heritage Property in 2006 under Bottomley House Heritage Designation, 2006, Bylaw No. 8485.

Painting

The property owners of the Bottomley House are undertaking work to preserve the exterior of the building. This includes painting the exterior window frames and ledges, as well as the fascia on the second floor (see Attachment 2).

The Heritage Conservation Program provides funding for up to 50% of costs related to restoration of the heritage elements of the property. The estimated cost for this project is \$4,232.43, and the owner qualifies for a maximum of \$2,116.22 in the form of a grant amortized over a two-year period (see Attachment 3).

Funding History

The Bottomley House has been approved for incentives under the Heritage Conservation Program in the past, and has received \$3,480.05 in financial incentives to date in 2017. Since 2007, the Bottomley House has received \$54,761.30 in funding through tax abatements and grants.

Tax Abatements:

- 1) Rehabilitation Project (stucco repairs, painting, and second floor window replacement): \$22,284.60 amortized over ten years (approved in 2007, ended in 2016);
- 2) Restoration Project Continued (first floor window replacement): \$2,950.00 amortized over eight years (approved in 2009, ended in 2016);
- 3) Restoration Project Continued (southeast deck replacement): \$3,801.60 amortized over six years (approved in 2012, ends in 2017); and
- 4) Restoration of Columns and Guardrails: \$3,357.50 amortized over two years (approved in 2016, ends in 2018).

Grants:

- 1) Reshingling, Roof, and Chimney Repair: \$20,015.60 amortized over ten years (approved in 2017, ends in 2026); and
- 2) Wood Skirting/Parging and Eavestroughs: \$2,352.00 (Maintenance) amortized over one year (approved in 2016 and 2017).

Options to the Recommendation

The project qualifies for funding under the Heritage Conservation Program. City Council could choose to deny the funding request; further direction would then be required.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement

Public and/or stakeholder consultation is not required.

Policy Implications

The project complies with Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020.

Financial Implications

The total estimated cost of this project is \$4,232.43 and, under Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020, the project would qualify for 50% of the eligible costs. If the application is approved, the amount of this grant will be amortized over two years (\$1,058.10 annually) and will commence following completion of the project.

The balance of the Heritage Reserve is \$123,005.53; \$20,018.63 of which is available for financial incentives under the Heritage Conservation Program. The grant will be funded through the Heritage Reserve and will not impact the funding of new and existing projects.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations; a communication plan is not required at this time.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

Once it is determined that the project is complete, the Administration will process the grant payment.

Public Notice

Public notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Public Notice Policy No. C01-021, is not required.

Attachments

1. Photograph of Subject Property
2. Photographs of Proposed Work
3. Bottomley House – Cost Estimates

Report Approval

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Approved by: Randy Grauer, General Manager, Community Services Department

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