
Application for Funding Under the Heritage Conservation Program – Mann House (1040 University 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 \$2,497.50 (amortized over two years), through the Heritage Conservation Program for the preservation project at 1040 University 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 Mann House located at 1040 University Drive.

Report Highlights

1. The Mann House is a designated Municipal Heritage Property in the neighbourhood of Varsity View (see Attachment 1). The property is valued for its association with Owen Mann, a City Councillor with one of the longest tenures in Saskatoon's history. Other notable residents include physician Thomas A. Watson and Canadian National Railway special representative W.E. Walter.
2. Funding is being requested to repair the main chimney foundation. The building qualifies for financial support under the Heritage Conservation Program.
3. The Mann 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 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

Mann House

Located in the neighbourhood of Varsity View at 1040 University Drive, the Mann House features a one-and-three-quarter-storey dwelling that was built in 1912. Designed by architect Norman Thompson, this house was once home to former City Councillor and University of Saskatchewan Engineering Professor, Owen Mann. Mann was known for his interest in civic infrastructure, careful city planning, and prudent spending. The residence was also home to Thomas A. Watson, who, in 1949, became the first physician to use the Betatron X-ray to treat patients with late-stage cancer at the Saskatoon Cancer Clinic, and W. E. Walter, a special representative for the Canadian National Railway Immigration and Colonization Department.

The Mann House was designated as a Municipal Heritage Property in 2016, under Mann House Heritage Designation, 2016, Bylaw No. 9350.

Chimney Foundation Repair

The property owner of the Mann House is undertaking work to preserve the exterior of the home. In 2017 the main brick chimney of the Mann House was repaired and restored. The final step in the chimney's rehabilitation is the repair of its foundation to preserve its structural integrity (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 \$4,995.00, and the owner qualifies for a maximum of \$2,497.50 in the form of a grant amortized over a two-year period (see Attachment 3).

Funding History:

The Mann House has been approved for \$11,130.60 in grants since its designation in 2016:

- Chimney Restoration: Grant: \$4,753.88 amortized over two years (approved in 2017/ends in 2018);
- Shingle Replacement: Grant: \$6,006.00 amortized over two years (approved in 2017/ends in 2018); and
- Eavestroughs: Maintenance Grant: \$370.72 amortized over one year (approved in 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 \$4,995.00 and, under Civic Heritage Policy No. C10-020, it would qualify for 50% of the eligible costs. If the application is approved, the amount of this grant will be amortized over two years (\$1,248.75 annually) and will commence following completion.

The balance of the Heritage Reserve is \$123,005.53 and, under the Heritage Conservation Program, \$20,018.63 of this amount is available for financial incentives. 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 policy, environmental, privacy, and CPTED implications or considerations; a communication plan is not required at this time.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

The Administration will process the grant payment once it is determined that the project is complete.

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. Mann House – Cost Estimates

Report Approval

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