

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

HERITAGE GRANTS

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TO: Heritage Committee

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SUBJECT: 2023 Heritage Grant Program Report

BACKGROUND:

The Heritage Grant Program aims to financially assist owners of heritage properties. The grant program was developed in 2016 to provide funding for owners of properties designated under Part IV or Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* under By-law No. 23-018 (repeals 09-16). The program sets out criteria for eligible restoration and conservation work while specifying ineligible ones. All eligible Heritage Grant applications are considered for approval based on the order in which they are received until all available funds for that year are depleted. Grants are limited to one grant per year for an eligible property and can be applied for funding up to a maximum contribution of \$5,000.00 per application. The program offers a total of \$20,000.00 in funding each year through the Municipality's Heritage Conservation District Grant Program, subject to annual budget approval.

SUMMARY OF 2023 HERITAGE GRANTS:

The following provides an overview of the heritage grant applications received and awarded in 2023:

Date of Application	Property Address	Summary of Work	Amount of Funding Awarded
11 April 2023	83 Little Bridge Street	Interior and exterior masonry work	\$4,989.67
12 April 2023	7 Mill Street	Exterior masonry work, including repointing	\$5,000.00
15 November 2023	61-63 Mill Street	Façade restoration	\$5,000.00
19 December 2023	3 Rosamond Street East	Roof repairs.	\$3,303.67
Total funding awarded in 2023			\$18,293.34

COMMENTS:

The 2023 Heritage Grant Program continues to be well-received by owners of heritage designated properties, receiving 4 applications totaling \$18,293.34 in grant funding. Each approved project received funding for a maximum amount of \$5,000.00. The 2023 year sustained its success, with proposed project valued at more than \$34,000.00.

LOOKING AHEAD:

In preparation for 2024, the Planning department has updated the Heritage website to provide additional resources for owners of designated properties, aiming to offer clearer guidance. As the full grant fund was not utilized in 2023, it underscores the necessity for increased outreach efforts to educate property owners about available funding opportunities.

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