

September 19th, 2024

Town of Grimsby
160 Livingston Avenue
Grimsby, Ontario
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Dear Heritage Property Owner(s):

This letter has been sent to you in order to provide you with **notice** of the **new pilot Heritage Property Grant Program**. The grant program is intended to support you, our designated heritage property owners and to provide an opportunity for you to apply for funding to cost share on projects that maintain and enhance your heritage building.

This new pilot program will provide yearly funding towards heritage restoration projects throughout the Town of Grimsby. Each year notice of application intake will be circulated to property owners in late summer/early fall, with the intention for the grant funding to be used in the spring of the following year.

- Applicants can apply for matching grants up to \$5,000 per year with the intention for the funding to be used within 12 months.
- An applicant can only apply for one grant at a time
- Eligible Works includes the repair of original elements, structural updates, sustainable updates, and restoration projects.
- Successful applicants will be selected by a Selection Committee and approved by Town Council.
- 4-7 Heritage Property Grants will be awarded each year
- Applications are due by **October 24th, 2024** by **4:30PM**

If you are interested in applying to the program, please see the application form and sample application attached. If you require support to complete this application form, please do not hesitate to contact heritage staff at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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Additional Information for Heritage Property Owners

Insurance Concerns

If you are having any issues with obtaining insurance, please reach out to the heritage team for support. We have contact information for insurance companies known for insuring heritage buildings that we can share with you, along with information that provides further support on insuring a heritage building. Designation is **not supposed** to impact your insurance policy, please contact the heritage team if this has happened to you.

Are you looking to sell your property?

If you are in the process of listing your heritage property, please reach out to the heritage team for support. Heritage staff can provide wording for your listing, a package for your open houses and one-on-one consultations with potential buyers.

Conservation Consultations

If you have concerns with your heritage building that require a heritage assessment, please reach out to the heritage team for support. Heritage staff can provide one on one consultation support and documentation outlining conservation strategies for both interim and long-term solutions.

Heritage staff can also provide contact information for historic trades people who specialize in historic conservation. If your repair is unique, heritage staff can often support you in obtaining a skilled heritage professional (ex. stained glass repair, wrought iron fencing repair/reproduction, architectural wood repairs, etc.)

What is a heritage designation?

A toolkit is available on our website outlining what heritage designation is and when heritage permits are required. To access the heritage property page, please use the following link:

<https://www.grimsby.ca/parks-recreation-and-culture/history-and-heritage/heritage-properties/>

To book consultations or for further information, please contact us at: heritage@grimsby.ca.