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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Mayor's Office

Re: **Establishment of a Heritage Grant Program**

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: May 7, 2024

Whereas preserving and promoting our Town's heritage is of paramount importance to the community; and

Whereas there is a recognized need to support property owners in maintaining and restoring heritage buildings and sites; and

Whereas a Heritage Grant Program would provide financial assistance to property owners for the preservation and restoration of heritage properties; and

Whereas such a program would contribute to the overall preservation and enhancement of our Town's historical character and cultural identity;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to create a Heritage Grant Program aimed at providing financial assistance to property owners for the preservation and restoration of designated heritage properties in the Town of Aurora; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff be instructed to consult with the Town's Heritage Advisory Committee regarding the development of the program and prepare guidelines and criteria for eligibility, application procedures, and grant disbursements, ensuring transparency and fairness in the allocation of funds; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That staff present a report outlining the proposed Heritage Grant Program to Council for review and approval at a future Council meeting.