

Heritage Vaughan Committee Report

DATE: Wednesday, April 29, 2026

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: VAUGHAN DESIGNATED HERITAGE PROPERTY PILOT
GRANT PROGRAM - DONATION

FROM:

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ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

Purpose

To inform Heritage Vaughan Committee and Council of the donation to the Vaughan Designated Heritage Property Pilot Grant Program and extension of the program until Dec. 31, 2028.

Report Highlights

- The Vaughan Designated Heritage Property Pilot Grant Program aims to support owners and tenants of heritage properties in Vaughan which are designated under Part IV and Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- Anatolia Capital Corp has made a commitment to donate \$100,000 for the purpose of extending the program. The Director of Development and Parks Planning Department has delegated authority to accept the donation.
- In consideration of the \$100,000 donation and the remaining \$80,000 budget from 2025, staff is recommending to extend the timeline of the Pilot Program from 2026 to 2028.

Recommendations

1. That the report be received for information.

Background

Pursuant to section 39 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, Vaughan Council voted in favour of starting the Vaughan Designated Heritage Property Pilot Grant Program, under [By-law 011-2025](#) on Jan. 28, 2025.

The Vaughan Designated Heritage Property Pilot Grant Program provides a 50% subsidy to a maximum grant of \$10,000 per property to support owners of heritage properties designated under Part IV (individually designated) or Part V (Heritage Conservation District) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in conserving the visibility and integrity of Vaughan's designated heritage properties.

In November 2024, Anatolia Capital Corp reached out to City staff and committed to donating \$100,000 to the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program for the purpose of allowing the program to extend by one year.

Previous Reports/Authority

[VAUGHAN PILOT DESIGNATED HERITAGE PROPERTY GRANT PROGRAM - REVISED](#) – Committee of the Whole, Nov. 12, 2024

[COMMUNICATION - VAUGHAN PILOT DESIGNATED HERITAGE PROPERTY GRANT PROGRAM -REVISED](#) – Committee of the Whole, Nov. 12, 2024

[By-law to establish a Designated Heritage Property Grant Pilot Program](#) – Council, Jan. 28, 2025

Analysis and Options

The purpose of the [Designated Heritage Property Grant Pilot Program](#) is to assist owners and tenants of heritage properties with restoration work of their property.

The program identifies eligible projects as:

- Any conservation work which directly and appropriately preserves, restores or enhances specific heritage attributes and does not detract from or diminish the cultural heritage value of the property or the district;
- Any work necessary to restore the building to structural soundness, including the correction of serious structural faults which threaten the building's survival (i.e. introduction of supporting beam, alterations to correct failing foundations), but not routine maintenance;
- Any work which directly and appropriately preserves, restores or enhances specific heritage attributes associated with historic cemeteries and their features

such as mausolea, dead houses, stone walls, wrought iron gates and fences which are part of the original design, but not specific grave markers, tombs or monuments;

- Exterior painting in documented original colours to a maximum grant contribution of \$2,000 or 25% of the cost, whichever is the lesser. This is a one-time only grant per property. After the initial grant, it is expected that paint maintenance will be the owner's responsibility. This would not preclude the property owner from submitting a future grant application for other eligible works.
- Other alterations which the Senior Manager of Urban Design and Cultural Heritage, at their sole discretion, determines are important to the cultural heritage significance of the property.

Financial Impact

In November 2024 Council approved the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program with a \$200,000 initial budget.

Anatolia Capital Corp offered to donate \$100,000 to the program which the Director of the Development and Parks Planning Department has delegated authority to accept as outlined in Schedules A and B of the City's Incoming Sponsorships and Donations Policy (attachment 1).

The Anatolia Capital Corp donation will increase the total budget of the Designated Heritage Grant Program from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Operational Impact

The program has an initial approved budget of \$200,000 dedicating \$100,000 per year (2025 and 2026).

The City has only received two applications for a total of \$20,000 in 2025, therefore, \$80,000 remains from the initial \$100,000 budget for 2025.

The \$80,000 budget remaining from the 2025 cycle in addition with the \$100,000 donation will allow the program to be extended to 2028.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

N/A

Conclusion

The Urban Design and Cultural Heritage Division of the Development and Parks

Planning Department can support the \$100,000 donation to the grant funding and extending the program to 2028.

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Attachments

1. Corporate Policy – Incoming Sponsorships & Donations

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