



DOWNTOWN HERITAGE DISTRICT FACADE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT DETAILS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

a) Project Term

The term of the Downtown Heritage District Facade Assistance Program shall be determined on an annual basis by Council in conjunction with the setting of the Operating Budget.

b) Amount of Grant

The maximum amount of grant shall be 50% of the cost of facade improvements up to a maximum of \$10,000 per *site*.calculated at \$15.00 per square foot. The value of the project must be at least \$2000, in order that the grant may amount to a minimum of \$1000.

A single *site* is eligible for grants on more than one occasion during the lifetime of the program, provided that the total value of the grant assistance does not exceed \$10,000.

c) Project Selection Criteria

All non-residential and mixed-use buildings located within the area shown on the map on the back are eligible for a grant, subject to conformity of the proposed project with the guidelines in Take a Good Look: Maintaining, Restoring and Constructing Building Facades in Orangeville's Central Business District.

Eligible facades are those which are adjacent to or easily visible from a public street or area. Examples of facade improvements include masonry cleaning, restoration and stabilization; installation of storefront awnings; sympathetic historically accurate windows; replacement of back-lit signs with historically accurate illuminated signage; painting of woodwork; and renovation of storefronts.

Grants will not be made available for landscaping; building insulation; modern-style elements (e.g. eavestroughs, doors and windows); signage and interior work. Grants will be considered for modern style buildings that would like to convert to a historical façade.

In the event that the grants requested exceeds the moneys available, priority may be given to projects with the following attributes:

- ! location on Broadway;
- ! restoration of original elements such as parapets and cornices; and
- ! landowner investment commitment exceeding 50% of the value of the project.

d) Grant Commitment

To obtain a commitment for a grant, the property owner must submit a detailed proposal

including dimensions of the façade and present the proposal in addition to at least two estimates for the consideration of the Downtown Heritage District Facade Improvement Committee, prior to commencement of the improvement works. The deadline for applications is August 1st. Applicants are also required to have a pre-consultation with the committee prior to submission.

The Downtown Heritage District Facade Improvement Committee is delegated the authority by Council to approve the grant.

Applicants will have four months from the date of the Letter of Understanding to complete the approved works. The commitment will lapse if a notice of completion of the improvement works has not been received within four months of the date of the Letter of Understanding or by December 1st, whichever is sooner

If the works identified in the Letter of Understanding cannot be completed as approved, an amended application will be required and is subject to approval by the Committee. The amended application must be submitted in advance of the completion of any works. If the works identified in the Letter of Understanding are not completed as approved to the satisfaction of the committee by December 1st, the grant will not be awarded.

e) Letter of Understanding

The property owner who receives a commitment will be required to execute a letter of understanding which includes terms and conditions of the grant.

f) Payment

The Town will pay out the grant following receipt of a notice of completion of the works, submission of paid invoices and inspection by the Chief Building Official and the Chair of the Downtown Heritage District Facade Improvement Committee or a member of the Committee as designated by the Chair.

Site is defined as a façade encompassing a square footage of up to 750 sq, ft,

DOWNTOWN AREA

ELIGIBLE FOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

