

HERITAGE MATTERS IN SURREY

Financial and non- financial support for owners of protected heritage

Heritage support tools

It is recognized that heritage properties require a certain level of care and maintenance and can sometimes cost more to maintain. As a result, support is available to owners of privately owned heritage properties protected by a heritage designation by-law, heritage revitalization agreement by-law or heritage conservation covenant. Such support is both financial and non-financial.

Grants to owners

The **Building Preservation Program** provides grants to owners of privately-owned protected heritage buildings for stabilization, maintenance, and/or restoration work. The grant is limited to 50% of the cost of the work, for up to \$5,000 in a calendar year. An owner may also claim any unclaimed amounts from the previous two years.

The owner of a protected heritage building may apply for three years' financial assistance (\$15,000) in the first year, and in advance of conducting repairs or restoration, for costs associated with the relocation of a heritage building to a protected heritage site. Upon receiving this grant, owners will not be eligible to apply for further financial assistance for three years.

In order to receive this grant, an owner must bring forward an application to the Heritage Advisory Commission for its review and approval. More information about the program can be obtained from the Community Planning Division of the Planning and Development Department.



Do you have additional questions about financial and non-financial support?

Property tax relief

The City has also adopted a policy to provide property tax reduction for owners of protected heritage buildings. Council must adopt a by-law to allow such tax relief to continue each year.

Non-financial assistance

Protected heritage buildings are also exempt from some building code requirements. Non-monetary support can include regulatory adjustments such as zoning concessions relating to the size, shape or location of buildings, and the transfer of development rights and densities. It can also include technical assistance or commemoration with plaques or other information guides. These support tools are tailored to the circumstances of each site.

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