

# CITY OF HAMILTON M O T I O N

Council Date: December 17, 2014

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....**

**14. 18 - 28 King Street East – Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program (PED13208) (Ward 2)**

WHEREAS, City Council, at its meeting held December 11, 2013, approved grant commitments under the Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and the GORE Building Improvement Grant Program in the total amount of \$1,100,000 for Hughson Business Space Corporation (Marvin Barnett, David Blanchard, Ronald Quinn, William Rogan) the registered owners of 18, 20, 22, 24 and 28 King Street East subject to complete applications for each property being submitted *no later than December 31, 2014*;

AND WHEREAS, At the same meeting, City Council also approved the designation of 18-22 King Street East and 24 and 28 King Street East under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND WHEREAS, the property owner has appealed the designation to the provincial Conservation Review Board (CRB);

AND WHEREAS, The CRB hears disputes on matters relating to the protection of properties considered to hold cultural heritage value to a municipality and makes recommendations to Council for final decision;

AND WHEREAS, a pre-hearing conference has been scheduled for March 10, 2015; and, if a settlement is not reached at the pre-hearing conference the appeal will proceed to a formal hearing;

AND WHEREAS, cultural heritage resources are important to the urban revitalization and regeneration of our community. Both the Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program are intended to encourage and support private investment in the conservation of historically significant properties and help to offset the additional costs associated with specialized materials and skills for conservation projects;

AND WHEREAS, the programs also offer a financial incentive for undertaking basic structural rehabilitation before cosmetic improvements can be addressed, particularly for buildings that have fallen into disrepair over a number of years;

AND WHEREAS, in light of the increased cost of restoring 18, 20, 22, 24 and 28 King Street East and to allow time for the developer to reach an acceptable compromise with the City of Hamilton, staff are recommending that the deadline to submit completed applications for these properties be extended to December 31, 2015 with the deadline to be revisited if a decision on the appeal has not been addressed by the end of 2015;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That sub-section (a) to Item 14 of the General Issues Committee Report 13-026, respecting 18 - 28 King Street East – Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program (PED13208), be amended by deleting the year “2014” and replacing it with the year “2015”, to read as follows:

“(a) That a grant commitment to an upset limit of \$850,000 be approved under the Hamilton Heritage Property Improvement Grant Program for Hughson Business Space Corporation (Marvin Barnett, David Blanchard, Ronald Quinn, William Rogan) owner of 18, 20, 22, 24 and 28 King Street East, conditional upon all terms and conditions of the Program being met and subject to complete program applications being submitted no later than December 31, **2015**,”

(b) That sub-section (b) to Item 14 of the General Issues Committee Report 13-026, respecting 18 - 28 King Street East – Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program (PED13208), be amended by adding the words “**and subject to complete program applications being submitted no later than December 31, 2015**,” to read as follows:

“(b) That a grant commitment to an upset limit of \$250,000 be approved under the GORE Building Improvement Grant Program for Hughson Business Space Corporation (Marvin Barnett, David Blanchard, Ronald Quinn, William Rogan) owner of 18, 20, 22, 24 and 28 King Street East, conditional upon all terms and conditions of the program being met **and subject to complete program applications being submitted no later than December 31, 2015**,”