

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Planning Committee Date: March 18, 2025

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. CASSAR.....**

### **Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program Application Criteria Exception for the Property Municipally Addressed as 2295 Troy Road, Flamborough (Former Troy School)**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program (the Program) is intended to provide financial assistance to commercial, institutional, industrial or multi-residential properties that are designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, in the form of a grant for the conservation and restoration of heritage features, including the structural and stability work, up to a maximum of \$150,000, and for an additional \$20,000 for any studies, reports or assessments related to said work;

WHEREAS, applicants must meet the Council approved Program eligibility and grant criteria, including being located within defined geographic areas across the city, including Community Improvement Project Areas, the Mount Hope/Airport Gateway or the lower city between Highway 403 and the Red Hill Valley Parkway;

WHEREAS, program applications are subject to a comprehensive review by the City of Hamilton's Economic Development Division and approval of all Program applications are at the absolute discretion of the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, and subject to the availability of funds;

WHEREAS, the property located at 2295 Troy Road, Flamborough, known as the former Troy School, (the Property) is designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* by Former Town of Flamborough By-law No. 95-67;

WHEREAS, the Property's existing historic wood siding is in a state of disrepair, and the estimated cost to restore and/or replace the wood siding with appropriate wood or wood-composite materials is approximately \$80,000 to \$120,000, and the Property owner has requested that the designation by-law be repealed because they do not have the funds required to appropriately conserve and repair the siding;

WHEREAS, the Property is not located within the geographic eligibility area of the existing Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program, and would currently only be eligible for a maximum matching grant of \$5,000 per year under the Hamilton Heritage Conservation Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Property is one of several designated heritage properties that are not currently eligible for the Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program due to their geographic location, but its owners wish to undertake conservation and restoration work that warrants substantially more funding than is currently available under the Hamilton Heritage Conservation Grant Program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That, on a one-time basis, staff be directed to accept a Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program application for 2295 Troy Road, Flamborough (Former Troy School) (the Property), for Program eligible heritage conservation and restoration work;
- (b) That staff be directed to review, process and approve any such application, provided the application, applicant and Property meet all other applicable Council-approved Program terms; and
- (c) That staff be directed to investigate opportunities to improve the Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and Hamilton Heritage Conservation Grant Program, including the potential to expand the geographic eligibility and funding amounts of the programs and any related impacts on funding, staffing and resources, and bring forward a report to the Planning Committee with recommendations, including any potential 2026 budget requests which may be required to support any recommended changes, by the end of Q3 2025.