

## GROWTH COMMITTEE REPORT

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Report Date	November 09, 2018
Meeting Date	November 13, 2018
Service Area	Growth and Community Development Services

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of the Growth Committee

***SUBJECT: Heritage Grant Budget request from the Heritage Development Board***

### ***OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION***

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Growth Committee.

### ***AUTHORIZATION***

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### ***RECOMMENDATION***

That the Growth Committee recommend to the Finance Committee: the Heritage Grant budget in the proposed 2019 operating budget remain at \$80,000 and that the Heritage Development Board request to increase the grant budget be considered by the Growth Committee at a future meeting as a possible draw on the 2019 growth reserve.

### ***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

The Heritage Development Board has submitted a request to Common Council to increase funding to the Heritage grant program from \$80,000 to \$200,000. Staff of Growth and Community Development Services will soon be bringing a report to the Growth Committee about the Urban Development Incentives pilot program and possible recommendations for the 2019 growth reserve. Staff recommends that the request by the Heritage Development Board be included in the discussions about the incentives program and the 2019 growth reserve.

### ***PREVIOUS RESOLUTION***

At the November 5, 2018 meeting of Common Council, the report from the Heritage Development Board was referred to the Growth Committee.

### ***STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT***

This issue aligns with the Vibrant, Safe City priority.

### ***REPORT***

The Heritage Development Board (HDB) submitted a request to Common Council to increase the heritage grant budget to \$200,000 from the 2019 operating budget. With the additional funds, the HDB would recommend a change to the heritage grant policy to include additional eligible work for heritage properties to better support heritage property owners and increase investment in the City's heritage conservation areas.

In the draft 2019 operating budget, Growth and Community Development Services has recommended \$80,000 be allocated to the 2019 heritage grant program. In December or January, the department will be bringing a report to the Growth Committee reviewing the Urban Development Incentives pilot program and making recommendations on how to proceed in the future with the program. The request from the HDB would be best served being considered in conjunction with the Urban Development Incentives program and plans for 2019 growth reserve expenditures. When that report is brought before the Growth Committee, additional information will also be provided on how an increase to the heritage grant program would align with an updated heritage grant policy, the benefits to heritage property owners and the community as a whole, and the potential for continued increased investment in the City's heritage conservation areas.

If the Growth Committee is supportive of this approach, the proposed operating budget for the heritage grants program would remain at \$80,000 and any additional would be considered as part of the growth reserve.

### ***SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES***

As discussed.

### ***INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS***

N/A

### ***ATTACHMENTS***

Request from the Heritage Development Board to Common Council (with attached Heritage Grant policy)

