

Summary of Feedback on New Heritage Incentive Program

Legend

PI = Public input (January 24, 2017 information session, one-on-one meetings, letters)

MH = Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

CC = City Council (June 20, 2017 informal session)

Input	Comment	Response
PI	Depending on what option(s) will be pursued, program should be available to both property owners and long-term lessees of Municipal Heritage Sites	New program will involve exemption of municipal property taxes, therefore only property owners can apply
PI, CC	Applicants should be allowed to apply for multiple financial incentives	New program will allow piggybacking of other programs involving municipal property tax discounts, and applicants can still apply for grants (e.g. Manitoba's Designated Heritage Buildings Grant)
PI, MH	Grandfathered program recipients (those under the old program) should be allowed to apply under the new program for new heritage conservation projects	No restrictions on old program recipients in the draft by-law, and approved tax credits will be honoured
PI, CC	Incentives should be project-specific	Applicants must specify proposed work as part of their application submission
PI	Eligible costs could mirror provincial program for consistency	New program uses same work eligibility criteria as the provincial program
PI	Review of proposals needs to be consistent	Updated Heritage Conservation By-law requires all applications modifying heritage buildings to comply with "Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada", and the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee must review proposed work in accordance with this document
PI, CC	Consider providing incentives under two categories, residential and non-residential, or residential single detached and all other uses	New program offers different ten-year property tax exemption regimes for residential and non-residential properties. For residential properties, the tax exemption will be graduated (100% the 1 st year, -10% every subsequent year). For non-residential properties, the tax exemption will remain at 100%.
PI, MH	City should demonstrate significant commitment to heritage conservation	New program may cover up to 50% of eligible costs or maximum property taxes that can be exempt
PI	If in grant form, 50% of award should be provided up front, with remainder provided at end of project (e.g. occupancy, final inspection)	New program will involve exemption of municipal property taxes, therefore this comment does not apply
MH	Reduce minimum project cost threshold from the old program's \$5,000 to \$2,000	Similar programs in other Canadian municipalities have minimum thresholds of \$10,000 or more with the intent to help offset costs of significant or critical heritage conservation projects, and to ensure administrative costs do not exceed the incentive value. Most properties that successfully applied under Brandon's old program would still qualify under the new program. City Council prefers a higher threshold.