



Municipal Heritage Committee Report

Report Number: KLMHC2021-43
Meeting Date: October 7, 2021
Title: Maintenance of Heritage Properties
Description: Discussion regarding the maintenance of heritage properties in the City
Author and Title: Emily Turner, Economic Development Officer – Heritage Planning

Recommendation(s):

That Report KLMHC2021-43, **Maintenance of Heritage Properties**, be received for information.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

At its meeting of September 2, 2021, the Municipal Heritage Committee discussed concerns regarding the maintenance of City-owned heritage properties and requested that Building and Property staff be invited to a meeting to discuss the matter. Building and Property staff will be invited to a later meeting.

In the meantime, it was suggested that the Committee discuss the maintenance of heritage properties in the City more general and potentially a strategy to ensure that heritage properties are being maintained.

This report responds to that suggestion.

Rationale:

This report is intended to facilitate discussion surrounding the maintenance of heritage properties in the City. These are both privately and City-owned. Any discussion of City-owned properties should include Building and Property staff who will be invited to a later meeting.

At present, there is limited data on the current maintenance standard of heritage properties within the City. There is also little to ensure that private property owners maintain their properties beyond the basic provisions of the Property Standards By-laws. There are a few items the Committee may want to consider in its discussion:

- There is a lack of baseline data with regard to the current condition of heritage properties in general in the City. This would be of assistance in discussing next steps.
- There is no heritage-specific provision in the Property Standards By-law. The Committee may wish to provide direction to staff to pursue this.
- The Committee may want to discuss alternative methods of encouraging property owners to maintain their properties (i.e. a heritage property tax rebate program).

Other Alternatives Considered:

This report is intended to facilitate discussion. There are no recommended alternatives.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial or operational impacts as a result of the recommendations of this report.

Consultations:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

(Acting) Department Head email: rholy@kawarthalakes.ca

(Acting) Department Head: Richard Holy, Acting Director of Development Services