

# Report to Council



**Date:** February 19, 2018  
**File:** 0710-20  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Melanie Steppuhn, Planner II, Policy and Planning  
**Subject:** City of Kelowna Heritage Grants Program

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the year-end report from the Central Okanagan Heritage Society as attached to the report dated February 19, 2018, with respect to the City of Kelowna Heritage Grants Program in 2017.

## **Purpose:**

To inform Council on the 2017 Heritage Grant Program administered by the Central Okanagan Heritage Society on behalf of the City of Kelowna.

## **Background:**

The Heritage Grants Program (HGP) promotes the conservation of all types of heritage buildings by helping owners of properties listed on the Kelowna Heritage Register with grants for a portion of the costs incurred in exterior conservation work. The intent of the program is to recognize the value of Kelowna's built heritage. The annual funds available for the COKHGP is \$35,000. The maximum grant per property per year is \$7,500, to a maximum of 50% of the project cost.

The Heritage Grants Program was established in 1991 and since 2008, the Central Okanagan Heritage Society (COHS) was awarded the contract to administer the program at a cost of \$9,500 annually. As part of the contract, the COHS prepares an annual report summarizing the program activities over the past year. Staff have reviewed this report (attached) and bring it forward for Council's information.

New for 2017, staff joined the COHS in a Heritage Grant Information Session at the Benvoulin Church to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the program, as well as the Heritage Registry and Heritage Building Designation.

Staff will bring forward to Council, in a subsequent meeting, a request for Council to renew the contract with COHS for the 2018 calendar year.

**Internal Circulation:**

Cultural Services Manager

**Existing Policy:**

*Official Community Plan – 2030*

**Objective 9.2, Policy 3 Financial Support.** Continue to support the conservation, rehabilitation, interpretation, operation and maintenance of heritage assets through grants, incentives and other means.

*Heritage Strategy 2007, Updated July 2015*

**Vision: Heritage Strategy 2007-2017** Kelowna will be a viable and strong community that balances growth with support for the protection of our distinctive and authentic natural, cultural and built heritage assets through: diverse partnerships; heritage incentives; and integrated and innovative approaches to heritage conservation, community development and public awareness.

**Policy 1.3.** Continue to develop revenue sources to assist with funding the conservation of heritage resources.

**Financial/Budgetary Considerations:**

\$ 9,500 for grant administration is within an existing approved budget (to be approved in a subsequent council meeting)

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Personnel Implications:

External Agency/Public Comments:

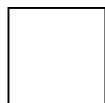
Communications Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

Submitted by:

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**Approved for inclusion:**



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Attachments:

COHS Year End Reports

cc:

Cultural Services Manager