



**The Corporation of the  
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

**C O U N C I L   R E P O R T**

June 2, 2025

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council  
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DEPARTMENT: Community Development and Enterprise Services  
RE: Designated Heritage Property Grant – Algonquin Hotel

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of a \$3,000 grant to assist with the flat roof replacement and roof drainage repairs at the Algonquin Hotel located at 864 Queen Street East, which is a designated heritage property.

**Background**

The Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee (S.S.M.M.H.C.) is a committee of the Council committed to the identification and preservation of buildings, structures, and lands of cultural and/or historical value or interest and to initiating and promoting a conservation ethic and a climate of responsible stewardship of the community's cultural heritage assets.

The Designated Property Grant Program, administered by the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee was established to assist owners of properties designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Owners of designated heritage properties within the City of Sault Ste. Marie are eligible to receive grants toward the conservation and restoration of their heritage properties.

Through the Designated Property Grant Program, owners may apply to receive one grant per calendar year for work done on the heritage features of their designated heritage property or on specific structures, which ensure the ongoing integrity of their heritage property. The grants do not exceed 67% of the approved project cost and are generally limited to a maximum of \$3,000 for a single applicant.

The S.S.M.M.H.C. received a Designated Heritage Property Grant application from Martin Fiser for 864 Queen Street East (Algonquin Hotel) to assist with the flat roof replacement and roof drainage repairs. The property is a heritage building designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in 1981.

### **Analysis**

The designated heritage property grant application was reviewed by the S.S.M.M.H.C. The estimated cost of the project is \$9,600. The following resolution was passed at the June 2, 2025, meeting of the S.S.M.M.H.C:

Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee recommend that a designated heritage property grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the repairs to the roof and roof drainage at the Algonquin Hotel be approved; and further that payment be rendered upon submission of the paid contractor's invoices and final approval of the project by the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee.

### **Financial Implications**

The 2025 budget for designated heritage property grants is \$12,000. The budget can accommodate the request.

### **Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact**

This report is connected to Quality of Life: Arts and Culture - Promote and conserve heritage assets.

#### Climate Impact

The project seeks to complete a like-for-like roof replacement with no additional energy efficiency or resiliency measures; therefore does not have a climate impact.

### **Recommendation**

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated June 2, 2025 concerning the Designated Heritage Property Grant – 864 Queen Street East (Algonquin Hotel) for a grant in the amount of \$3,000 to support the flat roof replacement and roof drainage at 864 Queen Street East be approved; further that payment be rendered upon submission of the paid contractor's invoices and final approval of the project by the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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