



## Report to Council

**To:** Mayor and Council File No: 3087-20 (HGS00010)  
**Date:** July 14, 2025  
**From:** Michelle Austin, Senior Planner  
**Subject:** Heritage Restoration Grant for 3005 26th Street

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### **Purpose:**

To present a heritage restoration grant application for 3005 26th Street and request Council's decision on whether to approve the grant.

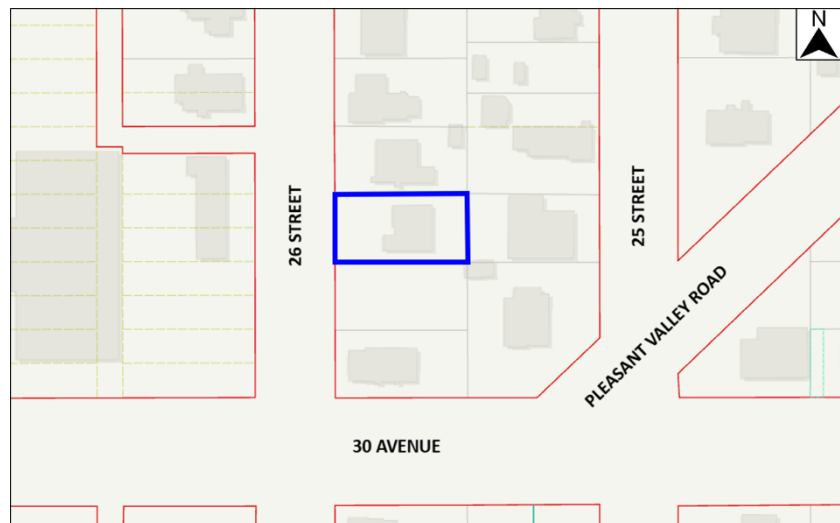
### **Recommendation:**

THAT Council approve a \$5,000.00 Heritage Restoration Grant (HGS00010) under the Heritage Restoration Grant Program for repairs to the front porch foundation of the house at 3005 26th Street.

### **Background:**

#### 1) Rationale:

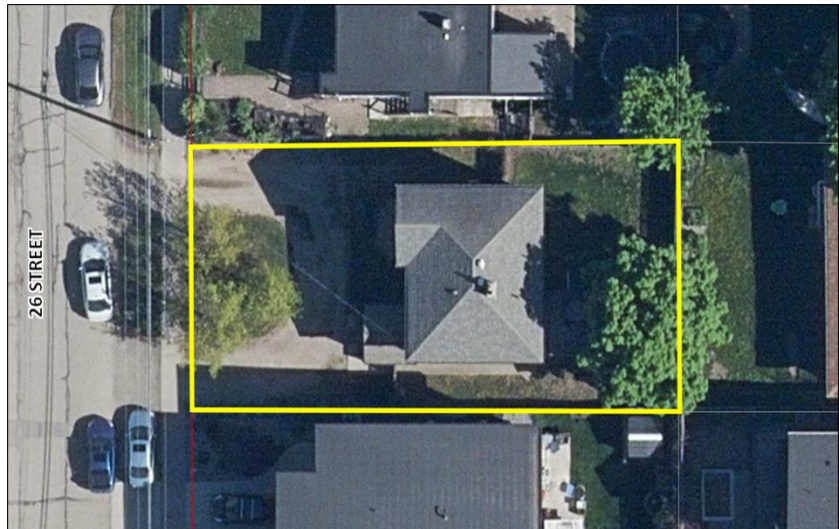
- a) The City has received a Heritage Restoration Grant (HRG) application for 3005 26th Street (Figures 1 and 2). The owners plan to make repairs to the front porch foundation of the house (Attachments 1 and 2).



**Figure 1: Location**

- b) The HRG Program supports the maintenance and restoration of heritage buildings by offering financial assistance. It acknowledges the value of heritage buildings and the additional costs of ownership. The program provides up to 50% of the cost of eligible exterior,

foundation, and roof work for properties listed on the Vernon Heritage Register. Program details, including eligibility and criteria, are included in Attachment 3.



**Figure 2: Aerial**

- c) The application meets the program's general guidelines and grant criteria. All required documentation has been provided, including photos (Attachment 1), a foundation assessment (Attachment 2), and three quotes. This is the first application submitted by the current owner.
- d) Council approval is required before any work can begin. The proposed repairs would be completed by a local contractor. Once the work is finished, the owners must request final payment from Administration. This request must include all receipts, a signed declaration of project completion, and any applicable contractor warranties, as required by the grant program. If approved, the work must begin within six months and be completed within one year of the start date.
- e) The owners have identified Back To Square Foundation Repair Inc. as their preferred contractor and wish to proceed with the foundation repair option quoted at \$14,175.00. As all submitted quotes exceed \$10,000.00, the \$5,000.00 grant would remain below 50% of the total cost regardless of which contractor is selected.
- f) Administration supports the grant application, as it meets the HRG Program guidelines, the eligibility criteria for heritage buildings, and the criteria for allocating grants.

## 2) Relevant Policy/Bylaw/Resolutions/Legislative Authority:

- a) Official Community Plan Bylaw, Sec. 19.4.c.:

Continue to provide annual funding for the Heritage Restoration Grant program for which property owners listed on the Heritage Register are eligible to apply.

b) Vernon Heritage Register:

Property Address	Site Identifying Name	Built	Other Information
3005 26 <sup>th</sup> St	R.B. Bell House	1895	Two-storey, hip roofed, and asymmetric gable. Original siding possibly covered by existing stucco. R.B. Bell's own house, simpler than many he designed and built for others.

3) Council's Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance & Organizational Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Livability          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation, Parks & Natural Areas      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vibrancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Leadership               | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable      |

4) Committee Recommendations:

N/A

**Financial Implications:**

The grant would be funded from the Heritage Resources reserve account that provides funds for the Heritage Restoration Grant Program, Heritage Retention Incentive Grant Program, Heritage Plaque Program and associated advertising. As of June 17, 2025, there was a balance of \$22,436.00 available in the account.

**Alternatives & Implications:**

N/A

**Communication:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Photos  
Attachment 2 – Foundation Assessment  
Attachment 3 – HRG Program Guidelines

Reviewed by: Lydia Korolchuk, Manager, Current Planning  
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Reviewed by: Terry Barton, Director, Planning & Community Services  
Reviewed by: Kevin Poole, Director, Corporate Administration  
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