



TOWN OF GEORGINA

26557 Civic Centre Rd., Keswick, Ontario L4P 3G1

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Town of Newmarket
Heritage Committee, C/O Planning Department
395 Mulock Dr
Newmarket ON L3Y 4X7

Attn: Heritage Committee and Council

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Re: Discontinued Heritage Property Grant Program

We are respectfully writing to you today to request your support. The Georgina Heritage Committee (GHC) has written to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and Parks Canada to request that heritage grants be revived. GHC has received concerns related to the discontinuation of the provincial heritage grant programs, which provided some financial support to the owners of designated properties. The concern is that without financial support some owners will either opt to challenge designation or fail to maintain designated properties.

The Committee requests your assistance in lobbying the upper levels of government to revive the Heritage Grant Program. Should your Committee and Council be interested, enclosed you will find our template for letters requesting the upper levels of government revival of the heritage grant programs. Please feel free to amend the template to your liking.

Sincerely,

FOR THE GEORGINA HERITAGE
COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA,

C. Sarah A. Brislin
Committee Services Coordinator



DATE

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

Hearst Block, 9th Floor

900 Bay Street

Toronto, ON M7A 2E1

Attn: Honorable Minister Michael Coteau

Honorable Minister:

Re: Discontinued Heritage Property Grant Program

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The Heritage Committee recognizes in response to these types of concerns the Heritage Act provides tools that are meant to assist the municipality, such as tax incentives and a heritage property standards by-law. It is however, the **MUNICIPALITY NAME HERE** Committee's position that more could be done for the owners in need. A tax incentive it will not be of significant assistance to the owners that are most in need of assistance furthermore a property standards by-law specific to heritage properties may help the municipality in enforcing preservation, however it does not change the circumstances owners are facing and the fact that they are struggling financially to preserve the property.

We thank you for your consideration and will patiently await your response.

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FOR THE **MUNICIPALITY NAME HERE** HERITAGE
COMMITTEE FOR THE **TOWNSHIP/TOWN/CITY OF MUNICIPALITY NAME
HERE,**

Staff member, Position.

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Parks Canada National Office

30 Victoria Street
Gatineau, Quebec J8X 0B3

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