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Bill No. 198

**CITY OF HAMILTON
BY-LAW NO. 25-198**

Amendment No. 2 to By-law No. 21-165 to Delegate Authority for Certain Grants and Loans under the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan and *Ontario Heritage Act*

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton enacted By-law No. 21-165 to delegate authority to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for Certain Grants and Loans under the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan and *Ontario Heritage Act*;

WHEREAS By-law No. 21-165 was previously amended by By-law No. 25-116;

WHEREAS Section 4 of By-law No. 21-165 delegates to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development power to approve grants or loans for properties designated under Parts IV or V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, which was given to City Council under Subsection 39(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as amended;

WHEREAS Section 3 of By-law No. 21-165 delegates to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development power to approve grants and loans, which was given to City Council under Subsection 28(7) of the *Planning Act*, as amended;

WHEREAS the powers of the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development to approve grants, loans and / or rebates is limited to a maximum of \$200,000 per loan or grant under Section 5 of By-law No. 21-165; and,

WHEREAS the grant and loan program names have changed and Council desires to provide further delegated authority to the Director of the Economic Development Division and the Manager of Commercial Districts and Small Business for the Heritage Revitalization Grant Program and the Heritage Revitalization Loan Program;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. That Section 2 of By-law No. 21-165 be amended by adding the following definitions:

“Director” means the Director of the Economic Development Division and in the case of a change in title of this position, shall include any successor position title; and,

“Manager” means the Manager of Commercial Districts and Small Business and in the case of a change in title of this position, shall include any successor position title.

2. That Section 4 of By-law No. 21-165 be deleted and replaced with the following:

Subject to Section 5 herein, City Council delegates to the General Manager, Director, and Manager the power to approve grants or loans, which was given to City Council under subsection 39(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as amended, under the following financial incentive programs:

- (a) Heritage Revitalization Grant Program; and,
- (b) Heritage Revitalization Loan Program.

3. That Section 5 be deleted and replaced with the following:

- (a) For the purposes of Section 3 herein, the following conditions shall apply:

- (i) the powers of the General Manager to approve grants, loans and/or rebates shall be limited to a maximum of \$200,000 per loan, grant, and/or rebate; and

- (b) For the purposes of Section 4 herein, the following conditions shall apply

- (i) the powers of the General Manager to approve grants, loans and/or rebates shall be limited to a maximum of \$200,000 per loan, grant and/or rebate;
- (ii) the powers of the Director to approve loans, grants and/or rebates shall be limited to a maximum of \$100,000 per loan, grant and/or rebate; and
- (iii) the powers of the Manager shall be limited to a maximum of \$50,000 per loan, grant and/or rebate.

4. That Section 6 as amended by By-law No. 25-116 be deleted and replaced as follows:

- (a) The City enter into agreements or letters of understanding for any grants/loans approved under:

- (i) any incentive programs established under the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan;
- (ii) the Heritage Revitalization Grant Program; and
- (iii) the Heritage Revitalization Loan Program

and whose program description require agreements or letters of understanding for the provision of the grant / loan on terms and that the General Manager be authorized to sign the agreements or letters of

understanding on terms compliant with the applicable program description and on such additional terms acceptable to the General Manager and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor and that the General Manager be authorized to enter into any ancillary agreements thereto and sign any ancillary agreements or documents.

- (b) The General Manager in addition to the delegate authority provided for in Subsection 6 (a) hereto is authorized to undertake all acts necessary to carry out the delegated power under Sections 3, 4 and 6 herein, including the authority to sign any required documents.

5. This By-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed and enacted.

PASSED this 29th day of October, 2025.

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk