



## Report

**Subject:** Town Hall, Chimney Repairs and New Accessibility Ramp

**Department:** Infrastructure Services

**Division:** Planning

**Meeting Date:** 2021-10-21

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### Recommendations

That the information contained in this Report be received by Heritage Orangeville

### Background

The Community Services, Parks and Facilities Division has identified repair work needing to be done to the chimneys on Town Hall. The necessary repairs involve replacing any existing brick that has deteriorated with exposure to the elements. This repair work is typical of ongoing regular maintenance requirements for this building. Bricks to be used in the repair will match existing brick types and colour and the mortar to be used will also match existing. Staff intend to have this work initiated at the earliest opportunity to prevent further deterioration.

In addition to the chimney brick repair work, staff are initiating a replacement and upgrade of the existing stair access to the main/front (Theatre Orangeville) entrance on Broadway. The existing stairs are to be removed and replaced with a new set of stairs and an accessible access ramp. The ramp is needed to comply with requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Attachment No. 1 includes schematics of the existing stairs to be removed and proposed new stairs with accessibility ramp.

The entrance stairs/ramp project was to be initiated this year, however due to schedule changes to coordinate with the pending Broadway boulevard brick replacement project, the stair and access ramp upgrades will likely be initiated in the spring of 2022.

### Analysis

The original Town Hall building was completed in 1876. Since then, the building has undergone numerous periods of updates, repairs and renovations, and has consistently served as a focal point for political and civic activity in the Town.

Town Hall is an individually-designated property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (the “Act”). It was designated through a By-law (No. 71-79) passed by Council in 1979, which was subsequently amended in 1991 (by By-law No. 50-91) to provide more details regarding the attributes of this heritage designation.

Section 33(1) of the Act prohibits any alteration of an individually-designated heritage property “if the alteration is likely to affect the property’s heritage attributes”. Where the alteration is likely to affect the heritage attributes, it may proceed only where an application for a heritage permit is approved by the municipality.

With the work proposed for Town Hall as described above, staff are of the opinion that the work does not constitute alteration that would affect the heritage attributes of Town Hall. The chimney repair work is a maintenance requirement for the existing structure and will maintain existing conditions. The proposed entrance stairs and accessibility ramp upgrade are exterior to the Town Hall building and are not directly associated with the building’s heritage attributes. Therefore, the proposed work may proceed without requiring heritage permit approvals.

The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the pending maintenance repairs and entrance improvements for Town Hall and to answer any questions the Committee may have regarding this proposed work.

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## **Strategic Alignment**

### **Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan**

Priority Area: Community Stewardship

Objective: Maintain and Protect our Built and Natural Heritage

### **Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan**

Theme: Land Use and Planning

Strategy: Co-ordinate land use and infrastructure planning to promote healthy, liveable and safe communities.

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## **Notice Provisions**

There are no public notification provisions applicable to this report.

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**Financial Impact**

There are no financial impacts anticipated to the Town arising from this report.

Respectfully submitted

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**Attachment(s):** 1. Proposed Building Entrance Improvements (Stairs and Access Ramp)