

Report to Council

Report Title: Victoria Jubilee Hall Porch and Staircase Replacement Project

Prepared By: Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)

Department: Clerk's

Date: September 20, 2022

Report Number: CLK2022-25 **File Number:** C11, CL

Attachments: Victoria Jubilee Hall Porch and Staircase Replacement Presentation

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CLK2022-25 – Victoria Jubilee Hall Porch and Staircase Replacement Project, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and further approves the proposed replacement of the porch and staircase at Victoria Jubilee Hall.

Report:

Background:

Victoria Jubilee Hall is a designated Heritage Property. According to s. 33(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, sets out that a designated heritage property cannot be altered unless the applicable Council first approves the alteration. Section 33(6) further states that the applicable Council must first consult its Heritage Committee, if one exists.

In this case, Victoria Jubilee Hall is proposing to replace the existing front porch and staircase with the same style of concrete porch and staircase. The current staircase is cracked and the concrete is beginning to crumble such that it does need to be replaced. A presentation from Victoria Jubilee Hall has been attached setting out the state of the staircase, the proposed alteration and the chosen qualified contractor.

Brockton's Heritage Committee considered the application from Victoria Jubilee Hall at their meeting on Monday, September 14, 2022. Brockton's Heritage Committee passed a motion recommending that Brockton's Council approve the alterations proposed by Victoria Jubilee Hall.

Analysis:

In this case, the alteration is very similar to the existing staircase and will not result in changes to the look or style of the exterior of the building. The alterations are also necessary maintenance, both as proper upkeep and from a safety point of view.

Victoria Jubilee Hall is the cultural heart of Walkerton. The staircase alterations are required to ensure the public can safely use and gather at this space for many years into the future. Approving the alterations is one of the ways that Brockton Council can further support Victoria Jubilee Hall, as identified in Brockton’s Strategic Plan.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?	
• Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision	Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community	Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life	Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment	Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development	Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance	N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

There are no budgetary implications associated with this report.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer