

Municipality of the District of Digby Registered Heritage Church Grant Program 2012 - 2017

The Municipal Registered Heritage Church grant is to assist church organizations in the district with exterior and structural repairs. *Please contact Robert Hersey, Municipal Program Development Coordinator before starting any grant related work, 245-4757.*

The grant will cover the cost of materials & labour associated with the project(s) to a maximum of \$1000 per year. If a church organization wishes to bank the annual \$1000 for a project within the grant operating period that ends March 31, 2017, then a \$5000 grant could be available.

Applications for funding need to be submitted before the work commences. Copies of all eligible receipts must be included with claim application(s).

Projects should be completed in the same year the application is submitted. March 31 is the annual deadline for projects. (Project extensions can be granted. A letter of request, prior to March 31, will need to be submitted for approvals)

This grant program is to assist current Municipal Registered Church Properties. Church properties that register between 2012 and 2017 will not be eligible.

Eligible Material Guidelines:

The principles regarding materials for registered heritage properties are as follows:

Exterior wall cladding

If the cladding on the existing church is a wood product, then the replacement material should be wood.

Vinyl siding will not be eligible, Alternative cladding material may be considered in some circumstances. *Contact municipal staff regarding alternative materials.*

Windows

If wooden windows are replaced, then it is encouraged that wooden windows be used. Vinyl inserts could be an option. All replacement windows must be the same dimensions as the original window and the design must respect the period the church was constructed.

Doors

Wooden doors should be replaced with a wooden door. Alternative door materials like steel & fiberglass may be considered in some circumstances. *Contact municipal staff regarding alternative materials.*

Trims

Trims, facets and corner boards are defining character elements to the design of the church and need to be respected and preserved. Replacement will follow the same principles of like materials. To maintain the profile of the trims, it is important not to apply new cladding on top of cladding.

Paint

If a church organization wishes to change the colour of the exterior of a church, then the colour should respect the heritage values.