

2025 Council and Committee Request Summary

Description	Initiated By	Funding Source			Distribution of Resources	Comments
		Tax	Reserves	User Fees		
Road Closure - King St, Bayshore to Elizabeth for Mini Monster March	Councillor Ball	\$ -				Can be funded from existing budget - estimated in-kind contribution of \$4,000
Two Floating Docks at Little Lake Park	Councillor East		\$ 60,000			Donations will be sought
Cease Winter Maintenance on Waterfront Trail	Mayor Gordon				\$ (100,000)	Labour and Equipment resources can be directed to areas where existing service levels are not being met. Cost avoidance on capital replacement. Lifecycle of asset diminishes from equipment and material use.
Parking Permit System	Mayor Gordon	\$ (50,000)	\$ -			Parking study is to be completed in 2025.
NSSRC Non-Resident Fees	Mayor Gordon	\$ -	\$ -			Increase in user-fees to offset grant to Midland households.
2025 Golf Tournament	Mayor Gordon		\$ (40,000)			Funding from the 2025 tournament would be applied to the 2026 budget.
Waypoint Curbside Cleaners	Councillor Meridis and Councillor MacDonald	\$ 19,500				Split with BIA 50/50.
Pete Pettersen Boat Launch Attendant	Councillor Meridis	\$ (5,000)	\$ 15,000			Donations will be sought for attendant booth.
Re-instate Seniors Transit Fare at 50%	Councillor Meridis	\$ (20,000)				
Historic Dollar town Storyboard & Ad Hoc Cultural Heritage Evaluations	Heritage Committee Chair		\$ 9,500			
Total		\$ (55,500)	\$ 44,500	\$ -	\$ (100,000)	

Department	Infrastructure Management	Budget Year	2025
Division	Operations - Roads	Budget Amount	\$ -
Title	Mini Monster March Road Closure		
Location			

Council Strategic Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Town Safety
	<input type="checkbox"/> Stabilize and Streamline Service Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Culture
	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Management	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Description of Initiative	This request is to close King Street - Bayshore to Elizabeth Street for up to 5 hours during the Mini Monster March event.
Why is this initiative important?	Closing the road provides a safer space for kids and their guardians to walk/run while visisting the downtown shops for tricks, treats, music, crafts and more.
What are the consequences of not doing this?	Traffic concerns may prevent some from enjoying this family event.

Department	Infrastructure Management	Budget Year	2025
Division	Operations - Roads	Budget Amount	\$ -
Title	Mini Monster March Road Closure		
Location			

Resourcing Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-House
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outsource

Cost Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Cost Details
Purchases			
Construction			
Consulting			
Study			
Program Costs			
Salaries & Benefits			
Annual Reserve Contribution			
Other			
Total Cost	\$ -	\$ -	

Funding Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Funding Details
Tax Supported Reserves			
Rate Supported Reserves			
Grant			
Development Charges			
Tax Rate			
Water/Wastewater Rates			
User Fees			
Debt			
Total Funding	\$ -	\$ -	

Department	Infrastructure Management	Budget Year	2025
Division	Operations - Parks	Budget Amount	\$ 60,000
Title	Two Floating Docks at Little Lake Park		
Location			

Council Strategic Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Town Safety
	<input type="checkbox"/> Stabilize and Streamline Service Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Culture
	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Management	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Description of Initiative	This request includes the purchase and annual installation and removal of two floating docks in Little Lake Park. One dock will be used (and signed) for swimming only, the other for fishing only.
Why is this initiative important?	Designating each dock for a specific purpose (swimming vs. fishing) will allow for proper placement of the docks and increase recreational use of Little Lake.
What are the consequences of not doing this?	The consequence is continued underutilization of the Town's signature park.

Department	Infrastructure Management	Budget Year	2025
Division	Operations - Parks	Budget Amount	\$ 60,000
Title	Two Floating Docks at Little Lake Park		
Location			

Resourcing Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outsource

Cost Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Cost Details
Purchases	\$ 60,000		
Construction			
Consulting			
Study			
Program Costs			
Salaries & Benefits			
Annual Reserve Contribution			
Other			
Total Cost	\$ 60,000	\$ -	

Funding Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Funding Details
Tax Supported Reserves	\$ 60,000		Donations will be sought
Rate Supported Reserves			
Grant			
Development Charges			
Tax Rate			
Water/Wastewater Rates			
User Fees			
Debt			
Total Funding	\$ 60,000	\$ -	

Department	Infrastructure Management	Budget Year	2025
Division	Operations - Roads	Budget Amount	\$ -
Title	Cease Winter Maintenance of Waterfront Trails		
Location	Aberdeen and Bayport Subdivisions		

Council Strategic Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Town Safety
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilize and Streamline Service Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Culture
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Management	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Description of Initiative	The service level change for consideration is to cease winter maintenance of the waterfront trails located in the Bayport and Aberdeen subdivisions.
Why is this initiative important?	Winter operations on these sections of trail are presenting significant stress on the infrastructure from surface spalling, which has compromised the base and is presenting issues to the surface of the trail. Ending winter maintenance on these section of trail would reduce future costs associated with maintaining and replacing the infrastructure by directly extending the lifespan of the trail sections. Additionally, the Town struggles to meet expected service levels for sidewalk winter maintenance. Plowing and blowing snow on these trails takes significant resources away from plowing and clearing other sidewalks which results in the Town not meeting existing service level targets.
What are the consequences of not doing this?	If winter trail maintenance continues, the condition of the trail will continue to degrade and replacement timelines will be accelerated. The section within Aberdeen subdivision alone has been estimated at over \$2.6M to replace the concrete surface, not including guiderails and lighting that would also be required. Expected service levels will continue to be not met with respect to winter sidewalk maintenance throughout town. While there is no operating budget savings with this request there are significant opportunity loss costs that must be considered. It is estimate that the cost to maintain these trails in the winter is approximately \$100,000 which is approximately \$75,000 in salaries and benefits and \$25,000 in fuel and materials. This is a significant operating cost that could focused in other areas to better achieve the expected service levels of sidewalk maintenance.

Department	Infrastructure Management	Budget Year	2025
Division	Operations - Roads	Budget Amount	\$ -
Title	Cease Winter Maintenance of Waterfront Trails		
Location	Aberdeen and Bayport Subdivisions		

Resourcing Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-House
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outsource

Cost Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Cost Details
Purchases			
Construction			
Consulting			
Study			
Program Costs			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ -		
Annual Reserve Contribution			
Other			
Total Cost	\$ -	\$ -	

Funding Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Funding Details
Tax Supported Reserves			
Rate Supported Reserves			
Grant			
Development Charges			
Tax Rate			Total of \$100k savings in redistribution of resources - labour, equipment, fuel
Water/Wastewater Rates			
User Fees			
Debt			
Total Funding	\$ -	\$ -	

Department	Community and Growth	Budget Year	2025
Division	Municipal Law Enforcement	Budget Amount	-\$ 50,000
Title	Parking Permits (lots only)		
Location	Downtown Midland		

Council Strategic Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Town Safety
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilize and Streamline Service Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Culture
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Management	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Description of Initiative	Notwithstanding the outcome and timing of the parking study... we should be prepared to re-launch a parking permit system for 2025. The on-street and parking lot spaces would continue to be free for 2 hours per plate per weekday with weekend days remaining free. We should return to offering parking permits to those who need / want to park for longer than 2 hours Monday to Friday and restrict permit parking to our back lots (with no limits on the number of spaces or permits sold). These permits should be offered monthly, with a discount for prepaying yearly. Daily enforcement of the free parking and parking permits should be re- implemented to encourage compliance and the intended turnover in the many free parking spaces that will support our downtown merchants and visitors.
Why is this initiative important?	The 26% OPP increase has exposed us to unacceptable tax increases risk. Even with the one-year financial assistance announced by the Province, we cannot continue to forgo longstanding revenue sources while also meeting the financial expectations of our ratepayers. This is a simple approach that sees us return to the permit system for frequent users, those who live and work downtown, and yet keeps the primary goal of attracting shoppers at the forefront by subsidizing their parking experience pending the recommendations of the parking study.
What are the consequences of not doing this?	Lost revenues from our parking system will continue to put pressures on ratepayers and we will continue to fund the capital and operational expenses relating to our parking lots and on-street spaces through taxation instead of offsetting a portion of those expenses with user fees.

Department	Community and Growth	Budget Year	2025
Division	Municipal Law Enforcement	Budget Amount	-\$ 50,000
Title	Parking Permits (lots only)		
Location	Downtown Midland		

Resourcing Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-House
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outsource

Cost Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Cost Details
Purchases			
Construction			
Consulting			
Study			
Program Costs			
Salaries & Benefits			
Annual Reserve Contribution			
Other			
Total Cost	\$ -	\$ -	

Funding Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Funding Details
Tax Supported Reserves			
Rate Supported Reserves			
Grant			
Development Charges			
Tax Rate			
Water/Wastewater Rates			
User Fees	-\$ 50,000		
Debt			
Total Funding	-\$ 50,000	\$ -	

Department	Digital Government, Customer & Recreation Services	Budget Year	2025
Division	North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre	Budget Amount	\$ -
Title	NSSRC Non-Resident Fees (North Simcoe)		
Location	North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre		

Council Strategic Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Town Safety	Resourcing Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilize and Streamline Service Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Culture		<input type="checkbox"/> Outsource
	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Management	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A		

Description of Service Level Change	The operating budget of the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre is supported by revenue and by tax support of Midland tax-payers. Previous to 2023, Tiny Township provided annual support from their budget, however this has been discontinued. This proposal would introduce a Midland resident rebate for \$25 for all Midland households where one or more household members have paid registration fees to one of the identified user groups who rent facilities at the NSSRC. The cost of these rebates would be paid for by implementing an additional 5% increase to gym rental fees above the planned increase for 2025, and an additional 3% increase to ice and arena floor rentals. The costs of administering the program are not included in the estimates.
Why is this change important?	As our user groups are non-profit organizations, any increase in rental fees would be passed on to users via registration increases. Midland residents would be eligible to receive a \$25 rebate annually per household to use towards their registration fees for eligible user organizations, which would reflect their support of the NSSRC in their property taxes or household rent.
What are the consequences of not doing this?	Midland residents would continue to support the costs of the NSSRC not recovered through revenue sources via the tax levy.

Department	Digital Government, Customer & Recreation Services	Budget Year	2025
Division		Budget Amount	\$ -
Title	NSSRC Non-Resident Fees (North Simcoe)		
Location	North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre	Priority	0

Cost Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Cost Details
Purchases			
Construction			
Consulting			
Study			
Program Costs	\$ 18,750		Estimated number of residents who will receive the rebate (750)
Salaries & Benefits			
Annual Reserve Contribution			
Other			
Total Cost	\$ 18,750	\$ -	

Funding Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Funding Details
Tax Supported Reserves			
Rate Supported Reserves			
Grant			
Development Charges			
Tax Rate			
Water/Wastewater Rates			
User Fees	-\$ 18,750		Increase to rental rates for ice (3%), arena floor (3%) and gym (5%)
Debt			
Other			
Total Funding	-\$ 18,750	\$ -	

Department	Council and Committees	Budget Year	2025
Division	Culture, Community and Harbour	Budget Amount	-\$ 40,000
Title	2025 Golf Tournament		
Location			

Council Strategic Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Town Safety
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilize and Streamline Service Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Culture
	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Management	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Description of Initiative	This request is make the Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament an annual event. With the help of our sponsorships, community, Council and staff support, the 2024 Tournament was a huge success. In total the inaugural event raised \$41,500. These funds has been applied to our 2025 Community Grant Program.
Why is this initiative important?	The Town's Community Grant Program provides financial support to a number of programs and services that our Community relies on. Raising funds through an annual Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament, allows for program funding to continue, while saving Midland's taxpayers \$40,000 annually.
What are the consequences of not doing this?	Due to pressures to keep the tax-rate down, funding for the Community Grants Program may be reduced or eliminated entirely.

Department	Council and Committees	Budget Year	2025
Division	Culture, Community and Harbour	Budget Amount	-\$ 40,000
Title	2025 Golf Tournament		
Location			

Resourcing Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-House
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outsource

Cost Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Cost Details
Purchases			
Construction			
Consulting			
Study			
Program Costs			
Salaries & Benefits			
Annual Reserve Contribution			
Other			
Total Cost	\$ -	\$ -	

Funding Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Funding Details
Tax Supported Reserves	-\$ 40,000		Funding is generated one year in advance of program delivery.
Rate Supported Reserves			
Grant			
Development Charges			
Tax Rate			
Water/Wastewater Rates			
User Fees			
Debt			
Total Funding	-\$ 40,000	\$ -	

Department	Infrastructure Management	Budget Year	2025
Division	Operations - Public Works	Budget Amount	\$ 19,500
Title	Waypoint Curbside Cleaners (2025 Pilot)		
Location	Downtown Midland		

Council Strategic Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Town Safety
	<input type="checkbox"/> Stabilize and Streamline Service Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Culture
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Management	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Description of Initiative	Waypoint Curbside Cleaner 50/50 cost split with Midland BIA. Initiative is administered by the BIA. Program includes 2 people for 15 hours per week, for a combined service level increase of 30 hours per week.
Why is this initiative important?	<p>This project would enhance Midland’s beauty and provide an opportunity of employment for some otherwise of our vulnerable population.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BIA to be responsible to hire curbside cleaners with a 50% contribution from the Town of Midland - 14 million investment in our downtown without a dedicated maintenance budget from the onset - Dedicated maintenance should have been considered with the investment
What are the consequences of not doing this?	Will give employment opportunity for those who would have difficulty getting into the workforce. With the escalating issues in and surrounding our downtown the maintenance with regards to the ground flower planters and street cleaning is an ongoing challenge to keep clean because of the garbage left behind by disrespectful individuals. Partnership with the BIA saves town time and money. Maintenance in our downtown core is the Town's responsibility and not partnering with the BIA 100% cost will fall on the tax base. If Midland does not take advantage of this offer, we would be losing an opportunity to assist the BIA in keeping downtown clean.

Department	Infrastructure Management	Budget Year	2025
Division	Operations - Public Works	Budget Amount	\$ 19,500
Title	Waypoint Curbside Cleaners (2025 Pilot)		
Location	Downtown Midland		

Resourcing Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outsource

Cost Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Cost Details
Purchases			
Construction			
Consulting			
Study			
Program Costs	\$ 19,500		Program run through BIA, 50% shared with Town of Midland
Salaries & Benefits			
Annual Reserve Contribution			
Other			
Total Cost	\$ 19,500	\$ -	

Funding Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Funding Details
Tax Supported Reserves			
Rate Supported Reserves			
Grant			
Development Charges			
Tax Rate	\$ 19,500		Payment made directly to BIA
Water/Wastewater Rates			
User Fees			
Debt			
Total Funding	\$ 19,500	\$ -	

Department	Community and Growth	Budget Year	2025
Division	Culture, Community and Harbour	Budget Amount - Tax	-\$ 5,000
Title	Pete Pettersen Boat Launch Attendant (Summer 2025 Pilot)	Budget Amount - Reserve	\$ 15,000
Location	Pete Pettersen Boat Launch		

Council Strategic Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Town Safety
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilize and Streamline Service Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Culture
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Management	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Description of Initiative	Pete Peterson Boat Launch Attendant (Summer 2025 Pilot)
Why is this initiative important?	Full time attendant during peak boating season should see significant increase in revenue. Up to 3 times revenue from 2024.
What are the consequences of not doing this?	Lost revenue resulting on relying on the tax base to fund improvements and repairs to the launch.

Department	Community and Growth	Budget Year	2025
Division	Culture, Community and Harbour	Budget Amount	-\$ 5,000
Title	Pete Pettersen Boat Launch Attendant (Summer 2025 Pilot)	Budget Amount - Reserve	\$ 15,000
Location	Pete Pettersen Boat Launch		

Resourcing Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In-House
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outsource

Cost Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Cost Details
Purchases	\$ 15,000	TBD	shed, heating/cooling unit and incidentals
Construction			
Consulting			
Study			
Program Costs			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 27,095	TBD	To provide on peak 5 days/wk coverage 7am to 8pm. Off-peak, weekends only.
Annual Reserve Contribution			
Other	\$ 700	TBD	Utilities
Total Cost	\$ 42,795	\$ -	

Funding Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Funding Details
Tax Supported Reserves	-\$ 15,000		Donations will be sought for shed. If successful, will reduce reserve funding.
Rate Supported Reserves			
Grant			
Development Charges			
Tax Rate	-\$ 5,000		Estimated year 1 profit
Water/Wastewater Rates			
User Fees	-\$ 27,795		Costs recovered through user fees paid
Debt			
Total Funding	-\$ 47,795	\$ -	

Department	Council and Committees	Budget Year	2025
Division	Transit	Budget Amount	-\$ 20,000
Title	Reinstate Seniors Transit Fare at 50%		
Location			

Council Strategic Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Town Safety
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilize and Streamline Service Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Culture
	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Management	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Description of Initiative	Reinstate Seniors Transit Fare at 50% to provide some relief to the tax-base. Midland seniors have received free transit service since 2023.
Why is this initiative important?	To provide some relief to the tax-base. The fare would be \$1.50 per ride for Midland seniors.
What are the consequences of not doing this?	Will continually witness increases to costs of providing Transit Service. The costs of seniors will be totally borne by the tax rate.

Department	Council and Committees	Budget Year	2025
Division	Transit	Budget Amount	-\$ 20,000
Title	Reinstate Seniors Transit Fare at 50%		
Location			

Resourcing Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In-House
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outsource

Cost Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Cost Details
Purchases			
Construction			
Consulting			
Study			
Program Costs			
Salaries & Benefits			
Annual Reserve Contribution			
Other			
Total Cost	\$ -	\$ -	

Funding Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Funding Details
Tax Supported Reserves			
Rate Supported Reserves			
Grant			
Development Charges			
Tax Rate			
Water/Wastewater Rates			
User Fees	-\$ 20,000		Based on estimated ridership for 2025
Debt			
Total Funding	-\$ 20,000	\$ -	

Department	Community and Growth	Budget Year	2025
Division	Heritage Committee	Budget Amount	\$ 9,500
Title	Historic Dollartown Storyboard & Ad Hoc Cultural Heritage Evaluations		
Location			

Council Strategic Priority	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Town Safety
	<input type="checkbox"/> Stabilize and Streamline Service Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Culture
	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Description of Initiative	<p>The Midland Heritage Committee is seeking funding for a 'Historic Dollartown' informational storyboard and Ad Hoc Cultural Heritage Evaluations.</p> <p>Historic Dollartown Storyboards: The Midland Heritage committee is proposing to erect a 'Historic Dollartown' informational storyboard to educate and inform the public and visitors about the unique history of Dollartown, being the only historic Town that was absorbed by Midland through annexation. The storyboard would be erected on Town/public property, within or near Dollartown. The exact location of the storyboard will be determined following consultation with the public. The funding will cover the costs of graphic design and materials. Installation is anticipated to be completed by operations staff. The total budget proposed for this initiative is \$3,500.00.</p> <p>Ad Hoc Cultural Heritage Evaluations: The Midland Heritage committee is requesting funding to hire a consultant to complete two (2) Ad Hoc Cultural Heritage Evaluations in 2025. Cultural Heritage Evaluations are formal assessments of historic properties to determine the Province's definition of having cultural heritage value or interest to the community. Properties that meet the Province's definition can be designated as a historic property under the Ontario Heritage Act. These Cultural Heritage Evaluations are considered as Ad Hoc, and not part of the larger Cultural Heritage Evaluation project driven by staff, as they are owner-driven; that is, owners of historic properties apply to have their property evaluated. Due their Ad Hoc nature, the number of Ad Hoc cultural heritage evaluations cannot be forecast. However, the Committee is aware of at least one request for an ad hoc evaluation, with at least one more request forecast. If approved, the requested funding will be used to hire a consultant to conduct the Ad Hoc evaluations. The total budget request for this initiative is \$6,000.00</p>
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<p>Why is this initiative important?</p>	<p>Historic Dollartown Informational Storyboard: The recognition of Historic Dollartown is important in two key ways. First, it will build on the momentum of interest in generated by the approval of Historic Dollartown street signs by educating and informing the public and visitors about the unique history of Dollartown. In this sense, the proposed storyboard is a celebration of a shared history, one that will help foster a sense of place, belonging, and community, making Historic Dollartown, and therefore Midland, a unique place to live. Further, the incremental rediscovery and recognition of Dollartown may generate interest outside the community, attracting visitors who share a passion for historic Canadiana. This can help Midland build a unique ‘tourism brand’, similar to historic communities of Collingwood, Creemore, and Cookstown.</p> <p>Ad Hoc Cultural Heritage Evaluations: Conducting a cultural heritage evaluation is the first step in designating a property under the Ontario Heritage Act. Should a property meet the Province’s definition of having cultural heritage value and interest to the community, it may be designated, by municipal by-law, as a historic property under the Ontario Heritage Act. Designation protects a property from unlawful alteration or demolition, ensuring a property’s cultural heritage and value remains a ‘public good’ that will continue to enrich the community over the long term.</p>
<p>What are the consequences of not doing this?</p>	<p>Historic Dollartown Informational Storyboard: Should the storyboard not be installed, residents of Dollartown and Midland will not be able to learn about the historic community in which they live. Further, without such a storyboard, which represents a rediscovery and recognition of Midland’s past, there is no opportunity to build up the Town’s tourism brand.</p> <p>Ad Hoc Cultural Heritage Evaluations: Without funding for Ad Hoc Cultural Heritage Evaluations, the Committee will be forced to decline resident requests for formal evaluations under the Ontario Heritage Act. This means residents will be required to fund the evaluations and designations of their own historic properties or forgo the designation process entirely. Staff anticipate that the cost and complexity of the evaluation and designation process will be a barrier to most residents. This will result if fewer properties being protected under the Ontario Heritage Act.</p>

Department	Community and Growth	Budget Year	2025
Division	Heritage Committee	Budget Amount	\$ 9,500
Title	Historic Dollartown Storyboard & Ad Hoc Cultural Heritage Evaluations		
Location			

Resourcing Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outsource

Cost Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Cost Details
Purchases			
Construction			
Consulting			
Study			
Program Costs	\$ 9,500		
Salaries & Benefits			
Annual Reserve Contribution			
Other			
Total Cost	\$ 9,500	\$ -	

Funding Breakdown	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	Funding Details
Tax Supported Reserves	\$ 9,500		Heritage Committee Reserve
Rate Supported Reserves			
Grant			
Development Charges			
Tax Rate			
Water/Wastewater Rates			
User Fees			
Debt			
Total Funding	\$ -	\$ -	