

100 Men of South Dundas 2019 PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

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Name of Organization:

Historical Society of South Dundas (HSSD) _ Forward House Committee (FHC)

Title: Protect and safeguard of the heritage Forward House

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Project Summary:

Time is taking its toll on the Forward House, a 200-year-old heritage building located in Iroquois that was saved from demolition in 2018. According to engineer reports, water infiltration, lack of temperature control and humidity issues are of growing concern to the integrity of the building. The Forward House ASK to the 100+ Men of South Dundas who Care is for \$10 000 towards the installation of a flexible, sustainable central heating system and dehumidifiers needed to help protect the building as plans for its future are being developed.

Longer Description:

The FHC is pleased to present this request for funding *to protect and safeguard the Forward House* on behalf of the HSSD and the over **700** citizens of South Dundas who signed a petition in 2018 opposing its demolition. That the Forward House still stands today is a major accomplishment that citizens can be proud of because, as residents of the area know well, once our built heritage is destroyed, you can't bring it back. We now need to ensure the continued protection of the building as we move ahead with plans to create a unique community resource for all.

Time is taking its toll on the integrity of the Forward House. With water infiltration, temperature control challenges and humidity becoming problematic, we need to act soon if we are to stop further degradation and avoid costly repairs in the future. As the municipality works this fall to stop water infiltration in the basement and make repairs to the roof, our **\$10 000 ASK** to the *100+ men of SD who care* focuses on installing a central heating system and dehumidifiers as a means to control the temperature, decrease humidity levels and stop the decline.

We are grateful to Atel Air for providing us with their expertise and a cost estimate for a flexible sustainable system that will not only help stabilize temperature and humidity but that will ultimately reduce electricity costs and ensure cleaner and healthier air inside the house when completed.

The FHC, HSSD and citizens of South Dundas thank the 100+ men for supporting this ASK, or any amount thereof, and for stepping up to help protect this unique heritage building that is destined to become a valuable asset for the community.



Supplementary Information

The story behind the Forward House

The Forward House was built between 1815 and 1820 by Loyalist Michael Carman. It was eventually inherited by his granddaughter Marie, who married John Nelson Forward, an engineer appointed to work on the canal system. As the story goes, the British Government contacted Mr. Carman to build a fort at Point Iroquois. He cleared the trees and was paid in full but the fort was never built. Carman then used the timber harvested from the Point for the construction of both the Forward and Carman Houses. With the construction of the seaway (1955-58) and subsequent loss of most of the village of Iroquois, these two stone houses were left standing and ownership was transferred to the municipality. The Carman house was later transformed into a museum. The Forward house was lived in for many years before being used as the Lawn Bowling club house and campground building. It has been empty since 2017.

Location, location, location

Today, Forward House is a humble and empty 2 story stone house, located in Iroquois at the corner of Elisabeth street and Carman Road, at the north-west gateway to the waterfront park. Given its strategic location on Carman Road tourist corridor and proximity to the many cultural and recreational attractions in the environs, we believe that the Forward House is ideally suited to become a future visitor and community resource center connecting people to the history of *all of South Dundas* and to places of interest in the area. Planning for the future use and renovation of the Forward House is ongoing with SD stakeholders, related committees, potential partners and the community.



Images from Iroquois Waterfront plan: 1. Western Gateway to the park, 2. Forward Visitor and interpretation centre and 3. Loyalist walkway along Carman Road

The Forward House Committee (FHC) is a subcommittee of the Historical Society of South Dundas (HSSD), a non-profit organisation devoted to promoting, preserving and celebrating the history of South Dundas and the communities within.
Contact Anne Presley

Permission and other details

I have been given the authority to submit this proposal on behalf on the organization.

Yes.

This organization can give tax receipts for donations either directly or through another charity or municipality:

The HSSD is currently applying for a charitable status. If the organization is not accredited at the time of the presentation, receipts can be provided by the Municipality.

What is the estimated cost of this project?

The cost of this work is estimated at approximately \$13,000. An estimate was provided by Atel Air. Additional costs above the amount requested will be raised through alternate fundraising activities.

What is the estimated date of completion if this group receives the donation?

The work would be initiated in Spring 2020 and completed in the Fall 2020.

How will completion of this project directly benefit the residents of South Dundas?

In the short term, residents will benefit by protecting the heritage house for future public use. In the long-term, the system will provide clean healthy air in a public building.

What do you know about this organization that you wish everyone knew?

Members of the HSSD and FHC are people who care deeply about the rich history of South Dundas and are passionate about sharing this knowledge with the community. Early efforts led to saving the Forward House in 2018 and since that time members have worked relentlessly towards making the history of South Dundas come alive. Planning for the future of the Forward House in collaboration with the community and stakeholders is a top priority. Visit the Historical Society of South Dundas on Facebook.

Thank you.