

Mayoral Chain of office

Metal alloys, suede
~20" x 12-1/4"



Condition

1. The black backing suede is detached in sections around the inside periphery.
2. The gold decorative rope is worn and detached center back.
3. Dispersed surface soiling and wear of suede fabric.
4. The metal components have a natural aged patina and wear.
5. Tarnish, surface soil and wax residue are present on the metal components.
6. Some areas of thread used to attach the metal components to the suede are missing or broken.
7. 8 decorative components on the metal ornaments have fallen off and are now missing. 2 other components are bent and partially detached (see diagram below).
8. The metal ornaments are tightly sewn and compact, limiting mobility and causing stress and tension.



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Option A: Preservation of Existing Support and Restore Original Metalwork

1. Retain the original brown suede fabric support, gold rope and overall historic presentation.
2. Dry surface clean and mend existing brown suede collar. Vacuum, sew and glue detached backing fabric and gold rope.
3. Clean metalwork to remove surface soil and old wax residue. Apply a new coat of conservators wax and polish surface (maintaining natural patina of metal).
4. 8 missing metalwork design elements would be recreated and patinized to match aged metal. Loose and partially detached metalwork elements would be adhered.
5. Repair/replace broken or missing sewing.
6. Prepare and engrave a new Mayor nameplate. Sew nameplate into place.

Cost Estimate: \$3,750 - \$5,250 (final quote dependent on design, cost of materials and labour).

Time Estimate: 1 month

Option B: Redesign Fabric Support and Restore Original Metalwork

1. Redesign the fabric collar: Select new suede or cotton velvet fabric for the face of the collar. Burgandy, black and navy are traditional Mayoral Chain of Office colours. I recommend black as it will provide more contrast to the copper, brass and silver metalwork, modernizing the design by making it cleaner and more tailored, while providing historical continuity.
2. Retain basic collar silhouette: Custom size the collar to accommodate the metalwork with a slight increase in spacing. The coat of arms, figures and central imagery should remain the focal point at the bottom centre. This is achieved by giving more open velvet space around these elements. Shape front bottom of collar to better fit shape of new Mayoral nameplate.
 - a. Front fabric: Black suede or velvet.
 - b. Middle: Rigid support fabric.
 - c. Backing fabric: Black cotton.
 - d. Optional decorative rope: Antique gold silk rope OR a simple black finished edge (silk faille or velvet binding).
3. Remove all decorative metalwork and restore each individual piece: Recreate missing elements, secure loose or bent elements. Clean metalwork to remove surface soil and old wax residue. Apply a new coat of conservators wax and polish surface (maintaining natural patina of metal).
4. Sew metalwork to new fabric support. Keep sewing loose to reduce stress and allow for natural movement of the collar.
5. Redesign Mayoral nameplate shape and text. "MAYOR – Alex Sample – City of Owen Sound"

Cost Estimate: \$6,750 - \$8,250 (final quote dependent on design, cost of materials and labour).

Time Estimate: 1.5 months



*Note: Images are AI generated and are not an exact visual representation of final design or concept.