




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	January 9, 2023
SUBJECT:	Quarterly Update (October - December 2022) Loans/Grants Approved by the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development (Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4
SUBMITTED BY:	Jason Thorne General Manager Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

On September 29, 2021, City Council enacted By-law 21-165, being a by-law to delegate authority to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development (GM) to approve grants/loans to a maximum of \$200,000 per grant/loan under financial incentive programs provided under the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan (2021) and the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Programs subject to this delegated authority are:

- Barton/Kenilworth Planning and Building Fees Rebate Program
- Barton/Kenilworth Revitalization Grant Program;
- Commercial District Housing Opportunities Program;
- Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program;
- Commercial Vacancy Assistance Program;
- Gore Building Improvement Grant Program;
- Hamilton Heritage Conservation Grant Program; and
- Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program.

On a quarterly basis, staff provide to City Council details of the grants/loans approved by the GM over the previous quarter.

During the months of October - December 2022, the General Manager approved the following:

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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- Three grant applications under the Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program in the total amount of \$37,415.47;
- One grant application under the Hamilton Commercial Vacancy Grant Program in the amount of \$10,000; and,
- Two grant applications under the Barton Kenilworth Revitalization Grant Program in the amount of \$43,496.84.

The total estimated value of the proposed work under the Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program is \$71,973.34. Therefore, the City's grant represents 51.99% of the total improvement costs. The properties that are being improved under the Program are located within the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area and the Locke Street Business Improvement Area.

The total estimated value of the proposed work under the Hamilton Commercial Vacancy Assistance Grant Program is \$55,064.90. Therefore, the City's grant represents 18.16% of the total improvement costs. The property that is being improved under the Program is located within the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area.

The total estimated value of the proposed work under the Barton Kenilworth Revitalization Grant Program is \$86,052.07. Therefore, the City's grant represents 50.55% of the total improvement costs. The properties that are being improved under the Program are located within the Barton Village Business Improvement Area and the Barton Street East Commercial Corridor.

Please refer to Appendix "A" - Loans / Grants approved by General Manager (October - December 2022), attached to this Communication Update, for a more detailed description of each property and the proposed improvements.

If you require any further information on the above matter, please contact Carlo Gorni, Co-ordinator, Urban Renewal Incentives by e-mail at Carlo.Gorni@hamilton.ca or at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2755.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" – Loans / Grants approved by General Manager (October - December 2022)

Loans and Grants Approved by General Manager October - December, 2022)

Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program

FILE NO.	APPLICANT / BUSINESS	ADDRESS	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL VALUE OF PROPOSED WORK	GRANT AMOUNT	DATE OF GM APPROVAL	WARD	BIA/CIPA
OTT 02/22	Applicant/Owner: 6577041 Canada Inc. (Rob Balla) Business: Balla Media	294 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton	Installation of new signage; installation of new windows and doors; painting of façade; washing of masonry; repair of upper soffit and wood fascia; and repair of decorative corbel	\$ 23,142.40	\$ 10,000.00	2-Dec-22	4	Ottawa Street BIA
LOC 01/21	Applicant/Owner: GMAD Housing Corp. (David Webster) Business: Webster Financial	207 Locke Street South, Hamilton	Installation of new signage; cleaning of brick; new entrance at front and side of building; installation of new windows; installation of new front porch; exterior painting; and Professional fees	\$ 30,703.20	\$18,351.60	6-Dec-22	1	Locke Street BIA
OTT 03/22	Applicant/Owner: 2779342 Ontario Inc. (Chad Chabot, Lise-Anne Gregoire) Business: Fairly Frosted Bakery	76-78 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton	Replacement of existing street level window and wall with three-panel bi-folding door system	\$ 18,127.74	\$9,063.87	16-Dec-22	4	Ottawa Street BIA
Total				<u>\$71,973.34</u>	<u>\$37,415.47</u>			

Hamilton Commercial Vacancy Assistance Grant Program

FILE NO.	APPLICANT / BUSINESS	ADDRESS	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL VALUE OF PROPOSED WORK	GRANT AMOUNT	DATE OF GM APPROVAL	WARD	BIA/CIPA
CVA 01/22	Applicant: Stage Hospitality Inc. Owner: 2238394 Ontario Ltd. Business: Vacant	31 John Street North, Hamilton	Installation of 1-hour firestop framing and drywall in basement, main floor, annex washroom and kitchen	\$ 55,064.90	\$10,000.00	18-Nov-22	2	Downtown Hamilton BIA
Total				<u>\$55,064.90</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>			

Barton Kenilworth Revitalization Grant Program

APPLICANT / BUSINESS	ADDRESS	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL VALUE OF PROPOSED WORK	GRANT AMOUNT	DATE OF GM APPROVAL	WARD	BIA/CIPA
BKRG 04/22 Applicant/Owner: Thuan Van Dang Business: Vacant	668 Barton Street East, Hamilton	Installation of new storefront including new door and windows; and installation of new second storey windows	\$50,172.00	\$25,086.00	November 27 2022	3	Barton Village BIA
BKRG 01/22 Applicant/Owner: 11822667 Canada Inc. Business: Vacant	719 Barton Street East, Hamilton	a. Renovation of basement including installation of new ceiling and bathroom floor (work is associated with a commercial floor area) b. Installation of new sink, flooring, trim and paint in ground floor commercial unit c. Replace external residential entry doors d. Replace residential entry door on 2nd floor e. Installation of ductless air conditioning in residential and commercial units f. Professional Fees	\$35,880.07	\$18,410.84	2-Dec-22	3	Barton Street East Commercial Corridor
Total			<u>\$86,052.07</u>	<u>\$43,496.84</u>			