




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	November 10, 2023
SUBJECT:	Quarterly Update (July - September 2023) Loans/Grants Approved by the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development (Wards 1 and 2)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 1 and 2
SUBMITTED BY:	Steve Robichaud Acting 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 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.

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As of June 7, 2023, the General Manager was also provided delegated authority under By-law 23-108 to approve grants/loans to a maximum of \$200,000 under the following Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Community Improvement Plan (2023) Programs respecting environmentally contaminated properties:

- Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Affordable Housing Grant Program; and,
- Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Commercial District Remediation Loan Program.

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

During the months of July – September 2023, the General Manager approved the following:

- Four grant applications under the Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program in the total amount of \$44,250.

The total estimated value of the proposed works under the Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program is \$94,890.90. Therefore, the City's grant represents 46.63% of the total improvement costs. The properties that are being improved under the Program are located within the Locke Street Commercial District Community Improvement Project Area and the Downtown Hamilton Commercial District Community Improvement Project Area.

Please refer to Appendix "A", 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 (July – September 2023)

Loans and Grants Approved by General Manager (July - September, 2023)

Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program

FILE NO.	APPLICANT / BUSINESS	ADDRESS	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL VALUE OF PROPOSED WORK	GRANT AMOUNT	DATE OF GM APPROVAL	WARD	Applicable CIPA
LOC 02/23	Applicant/Owner: Muse Properties Ltd. (Kartik Ganatra and Ryan Giles) Business: Vacant	178 Locke Street South, Hamilton	New front façade including new windows, door, kneewall, repair stucco and painting	\$ 21,390.90	\$10,000.00	22-Sep-23	1	Locke Street Commercial District Community Improvement Project Area (Locke Street Business Improvement Area)
LOC 01/23	Applicant: Good Time Barbering Co. (Braeden Arnold, Chelsea Osborn) Owner: Antonio Greco Business: Good Time Barbering Co.	230 1/2 Locke Street South, Hamilton	Painting of mural on south façade of building	\$ 12,500.00	\$6,250.00	27-Sep-23	1	Locke Street Commercial District Community Improvement Project Area (Locke Street Business Improvement Area)
INT 01/23	Applicant/Owner: 2228023 Ontario Inc. (Dan and Paola Gubekjian) Business: Hertz Rent-A-Car	188-190 Main Street East, Hamilton	Installation of murals on west and east façades of building	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	29-Sep-23	2	Downtown Hamilton Commercial District Community Improvement Project Area (International Village Business Improvement Area)
MF 09/23	Applicant/Owner: Eduardo Importing Ltd. (Eduardo Genuardi) Business: Eduardo Importing Ltd.	84-86 James Street North, Hamilton	Installation of mural on north façade of building	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	29-Sep-23	2	Downtown Hamilton Commercial District Community Improvement Project Area
Total				<u>\$94,890.90</u>	<u>\$44,250.00</u>			