

Summary of Changes to Community Improvement Plan Programs (CIP)

Section 2.1 Clarifications:

- Addition of the following definitions:
 - Alley
 - Combined Use Building
 - Dwelling
 - Highway
 - Public Parking Area
- Elimination of the following definitions:
 - Façade Improvements
 - New Affordable Residential Rental Unit

Section 4.1 Resource Implications

- Change Planning Staff to Development Services Staff;
- Eliminate requirement to pre-consult with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing when any substantive changes to the project area boundaries, or the introduction of new programs, is proposed.

Section 5.0 Program Details

- Change approval authority for the execution of an Agreement from Town Planner to the Economic Development Officer or Manager of Planning Services in his or her absence

Section 5.2.1 Development Permit Fee Grant Program

- Only allow granting of the Development Permit Fee Grant Program when in combination with an executed development agreement

Section 5.2.3 Tax Increment Equivalent Grant Program

- Eliminate employment qualifier from Tax Increment Grant Program provisions

Section 5.2.4 Parks Levy Equivalent Grant program

- Eliminate Parks Levy Equivalent Grant Program

Section 5.2.5 Façade Improvement Grant Program

- Only allow funds for the removal of inappropriate or out dated signage and installation of a new sign structure when used in combination with any façade improvement works eligible under the Façade Improvement Grant;
- Limit eligibility for mini façade improvement grant to only those works that are \$2000 or less; and
- Make eligible side and rear façade improvements that face and abut an alley or highway or public parking area.

Section 5.2.6 Outdoor Café, Patio and Commercial Outdoor Space Grant Program

- Amend program to allow funds for the addition of new accessible entrances to and from the designated outdoor area, new identification and directional signage and facilities or structures or parking of bicycles only when in combination with hardscaping and landscaping works that define, shelter, delineate or otherwise enhance the outdoor space

Section 5.2.7

Conversion Grant Component

- Removal of affordability qualifier for construction of new rental dwelling units

Rehabilitation Grant

- removal of affordability qualifier

Demolition Grant

- Include provision regarding complete demolitions. Proposals must now be accompanied by an executed development agreement

Section 6.0 Monitoring and Assessment

- Remove mention of the CIP Plan's anticipated Implementation period;
- Amended Essex Centre CIP area to include the south limit of the Town of Essex.