



Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

Submitted by: Scott Mairs – Director of Community Services

Report No: CMS-03-2023

Subject: 2023 Community Improvement Plan

Recommendation:

THAT Report CMS-03-2023 re: 2023 Community Improvement Plan Applications be received;

AND THAT Council approves the recommendations of the Community Improvement Plan Evaluation Committee for the following projects to be approved from the Build Middlesex Centre Fund:

- McLachlan Pancakes: Total estimated 'Energy Efficiency & Retrofit Grant' costs of \$13,769.07 be approved for a municipal contribution of \$6,884.54;
- Sakata Sushi: Total estimated Façade and Signage Improvement costs of \$7,065.00 be approved for a municipal contribution of \$3,532.50, pending a valid sign permit; and
- Komoka Mortgage: Total estimated Façade and Signage Improvement costs of \$7,540.00 be approved for a municipal contribution of \$3,770.00, pending a valid sign permit.

Purpose:

To review the applications received by the Municipality under the 2023 Community Improvement Plan.

Background:

Municipalities are using community improvement planning as one means of planning and financing development activities that effectively use, reuse, and restore lands, buildings, and infrastructure in support of commercial sustainability. The objective is to continually invigorate communities through the realization of environmental, social, cultural, and economic benefits achieved from more sustainable growth management and development practices.

In 2020, Middlesex Centre retained Erebus Municipal Consulting to review the Ilderton Community Improvement Plan with the following mandate:

1. Review the existing catchment area and determine if the Community Improvement Plan could be expanded to include other parts of the municipality;
2. Review the existing incentives noted in the Master Plan and determine the relevance of the incentives while also offering other incentives permitted under legislation. Erebus Municipal Consultants made several visits to Middlesex Centre and met with staff, business owners and residents to gain an understanding of the community and inform their review and report.

At the November 25, 2020, Council meeting, Report CAO-44-2020 was brought forward for Council to adopt a new Community Improvement Plan for the Municipality Middlesex Centre.

Analysis:

The seven grant categories under the Middlesex Centre Community Improvement Plan are:

1. Façade and Signage Improvement Grant;
2. Development Charges Grant;
3. Property Tax Increment Equivalent Grant;
4. Building Fee Reimbursement Program;
5. Retrofits or Modifications to Premises to Improve Accessibility;
6. Allowance for Renovation or Construction Costs related to a Significant Public Health Event; and
7. Energy Efficiency and Retrofit Grant.

The 2023 intake period for this round of applications was open between February 1, 2023, and March 31, 2023. In total, five applications were submitted. Upon review, the following applications in the chart below were approved by the Evaluation Committee (consisting of a council representative, community representative and staff):

Applicant	Funding Stream	Total Project Costs (less HST)	Eligible Amount	Approved Amount
McLachlan Pancakes	Energy Efficiency & Retrofit Grant	\$13,769.07	\$6,884.54	\$6,884.54
Xu Hong – Sakata Sushi	Façade & Signage	\$7,065.00	\$3,532.50	\$3,532.50

Komoka Mortgage	Façade & Signage	\$7,540.00	\$3,770.00	\$3,770.00
Total		\$28,374.07	\$14,187.04	\$14,187.04

Next Steps:

Once approved by Council, formal correspondence will be provided to all individuals that submitted an application.

Financial Implications:

That \$14,187.04 is to be funded through the Build Middlesex Centre Fund.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Vibrant Local Economy
- Balanced Growth

Attachments:

N/A