

## **Town Centre CIP Application – 595 Kathleen Street**

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### **Report Summary**

This report provides a recommendation regarding an application for a grant through the Town Centre Community Improvement Plan.

### **Resolution**

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the Town Centre Community Improvement Plan application submitted for the property at 595 Kathleen Street and authorizes staff to enter into any necessary agreements with the property owners, in accordance with By-law 2012-167, as amended, as outlined in the report entitled “Town Centre CIP Application – 595 Kathleen Street”, from the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on December 9, 2021.

### **Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)**

The City of Greater Sudbury, through Council’s Corporate Strategic Plan (2019-2027) directs staff to prioritize Business Attraction, Development and Retention. Objective 2.4 aims to “Revitalize Town Centres, nodes and corridors with Public Investment that Supports and Leverages Private Investment.” This project is aligned with Goal #1 of the CEEP; façade improvements in existing mixed-use neighbourhoods foster compact, complete communities.

### **Financial Implications**

If approved, the application would result in \$6,925.00 to be allocated from the CIP annual funding allocation (Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve – Committed).

### **Background**

In 2012, Council approved the Town Centre Community Improvement Plan (TCCIP). The purpose of the plan was to use powers afforded through Section 28(7) of the Planning Act to use grants, loans and tax increment financing in order to stimulate private sector improvement and redevelopment on properties within designated areas.

## **Project Description**

Originally built as the Nowicki building in 1932, Cosmic Dave's has been in operation at 595 Kathleen Street since 2008. Currently, the façade has 70s era display windows, and an original door, which freeze in the winter obscuring displays and requiring constant fans to keep the windows as clear as possible. The project will involve the replacement of the display windows with double glazed commercial windows, repainting of the façade and new lighting is also proposed. A drawing showing the proposed improvements is attached. It is anticipated that the proposed improvements will be complete by late 2021.

## **Program Applied For: Façade Improvement Grant**

The Façade Improvement Grant program provides grants to owners or tenants who rehabilitate and improve facades (including signs and lighting) of buildings within the Community Improvement Project Area. The purpose of the program is to achieve aesthetic improvements to the streetscapes. The grants pay up to 50% of eligible costs, up to \$15,000, whichever is lesser.

As per the application requirements, the owner provided two quotes for the work, the lowest combination of which totaled \$13,850.00. It should also be noted that under the Town Centre Community Improvement Plan, the total amount of funding allocated to lighting or signage component of a comprehensive façade improvement is limited to \$2,500. This requirement has been factored into the above estimate. As a result, this application would qualify for a maximum amount of \$6,925.00.

## **Summary and Recommendation**

Staff have reviewed to above application and have determined that it meets the requirements set out in the Town Centre Community Improvement Plan.

## **Resources Cited**

1. Town Centre Community Improvement Plan: <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/do-business/planning-and-development/community-improvement-plans-and-incentive-programs/financial-incentive-programs/town-centre-community-improvement-plan-and-incentive-programs/>
2. Staff Report, Community Improvement Plan Process and Funding, September 14, 2021: <https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=41799>