

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS
CIP EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**ROOM 304
CITY HALL**

June 8, 2018

The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Beth Burns, Chair, DDB
Councillor Joan Rymal
Russell Schnurr, DDB
Jennifer Childs, MHC
Tino Clarke, MHC

Officials

Wendell Graves, City Manager
Matt Smale, Corporate Administrative Clerk

Guests

Vernon Martin

Minutes

Moved by R. Schnurr - Coun. Rymal:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting on May 18th, 2018 be confirmed.

Carried.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Project Applications

633 Talbot Street - Vernon Martin - Project Update

The members were provided with a revised façade rendering for the property at 633 Talbot Street including paint of the existing wood entrance frame and the addition of a faux roof eave between the upper and lower level.

The City Manager confirmed that the proposed work would require approval through the building permit process.

Moved by Coun. Rymal - T. Clarke:

THAT: The façade project amendment at 633 Talbot Street be approved subject to compliance with City departmental requirements.

Carried.

Project Updates

24 Rosebery Place

The City Manager advised that the owner was considering residential rehabilitation and restoration of some of the homes original exterior features.

50 Scott Street (Former Scott Street School)

The City Manager advised that a multi-residential project was being proposed for the former school site and that further information was pending.

348-350 Talbot Street (Former Municipal World Building)

The City Manager advised that the property had been purchased by a new owner and that an application may be forthcoming.

96 Moore Street - (Former Alma College Site)

The City Manager advised that no application had been received to date but that the property fell within the CIP area and could be eligible for funding.

57 and 59 Metcalfe Street

Mr. Schnurr advised that two properties at 57 and 59 Metcalfe Street had been purchased by a single owner and that the owner was proposing to demolish existing structures in favour of a single multi-residential building.

New Business

Review of Downtown Planning Implementation Strategy

The members reviewed the previously provided Downtown Planning Implementation Strategy.

The City Manager advised that studies addressing employment lands, housing needs, potential servicing of new lands on the west side of the City and a retail market study had all been completed or were in process.

The members discussed the proposed Heritage Conservation District and its effects on the Community Improvement Program.

The members discussed how CIP funds are applied to new development through incentives such as development charge rebates.

The members discussed costs of projects, renovation vs. restoration costs and the fact that funding may be a barrier to some potential applicants.

The City Manager outlined the residential and façade grant and loan eligibility amounts and advised that Council may consider raising these amounts as part of the review.

The members discussed the possibility of applying funds to specific elements of the program such as separated budgeted amounts for applications for downtown façade vs. development charge rebate applications.

The City Manager advised that the program review could occur after Heritage Conservation District was considered by Council.

Other Business

Marketing

The members discussed the current promotion of the program and that efforts in this area needed to intensify.

Mr. Clarke inquired if there was a comparative analysis showing the impacts of funding under the various streams and what streams may be most effective.

The Chair advised that other programs had allowed CIP funds to be used for landscaping, she inquired if this could be included.

The City Manager advised that there were a number of funding options not in place currently that could be reviewed as part of this process.

Adjournment

Moved by T. Clarke - Coun. Rymal:

THAT: We do now adjourn at 9:55 a.m.

Carried.