

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**ROOM 204
CITY HALL**

JANUARY 20, 2017

8:35 a.m. The meeting convened with Beth Burns, Chair, presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Councillor Linda Stevenson
Councillor Joan Rymal
Beth Burns, Downtown Development Board
Frank Lattanzio, Municipal Heritage Committee
Russell Schnurr, Municipal Heritage Committee

Officials

Wendell Graves, City Manager
Breanna Pawlak, Corporate
Administrative & Accessibility Clerk

Minutes

Motion by Councillor Stevenson – R. Schnurr:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2016 be confirmed.

Carried.

Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

Project Applications

561 Talbot Street – 12247171 Ont. Limited

The City Manager stated that this building has been identified as “Engineers Building” down the street from City Hall and that the applicants are moving forward to create seven luxury units in the building.

The City Manager advised that the project is eligible for a maximum loan of \$10,000 per unit and that upon completion a maximum grant of \$5,000 per unit.

The Chair mentioned that the application indicates that the building is a designated property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Mr. Schnurr noted that this building is not a designated property.

Moved by Councillor Stevenson - Rymal:

CONFIRMED _____ CHAIR

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THAT: The CIP residential rehabilitation application for 561 Talbot Street be approved.
Carried.

Project Updates

763-767 Talbot: Steve Jackson

The City Manager advised that the project is expected to be completed by September 2017.

Seasons Retirement Community - 40 Ross Street and 35 Moore Street

The City Manager advised that he had received an email of the rendering of building materials confirming masonry stone for the first floor and stucco for the upper floors.

The members discussed the fact that the building includes a railway theme.

Councillor Rymal asked when Seasons Retirement Community would be accepting applications for housing.

The City Manager advised that it may be the latter half of 2018.

2017 St. Thomas Home Show - March 31, April 1-2, 2017

The City Manager advised the Economic Development Corporation would distribute brochures relating to the Community Improvement Plan.

Mr. Schnurr mentioned that the Economic Development Corporation may also be distributing Heritage walking tour maps.

Residential Conversion, Rehabilitation and Intensification and Façade Program Loan Agreements - Appendix "A"

The City Manager advised that changes to the payment provisions have been proposed for the Residential Conversion, Rehabilitation and Intensification loan agreement.

He advised that Schedule A to the Façade Program Loan agreement would be amended by including a clause stating that the project would be completed within two years.

The members discussed the fact that applicants who do not complete the project on time may have their grant funds forfeited.

Councillor Stevenson asked whether any discussion take place relating to the interior of these buildings during the application process.

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Mr. Schnurr advised that tax incentives may be available to properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The members discussed the \$50,000 budget for the Community Improvement Plan.

The City Manager advised that projects have not been rejected because of a lack of funds.

Motion by Councillor Rymal - R. Schnurr:

THAT: The Community Improvement Project Evaluation Committee endorse a two year time limit for project completion.

Carried.

Meeting Schedule

The members discussed a future meeting schedule.

Motion by Councillor Rymal - R. Schnurr:

THAT: The Community Improvement Plan Evaluation Committee meetings take place Fridays at 9:00 a.m., as needed.

Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by R. Schnurr - Councillor Rymal:

THAT: We do now adjourn at 9:32 a.m.

Carried.