

Buckhorn Community Improvement Plan

Facade Improvement



Purpose

To promote the rehabilitation, restoration, preservation and improvement of the front, side and rear facades of existing commercial, mixed use, and institutional buildings, including retail storefront display areas and business signage.

Description

This program will provide a grant equal to up to 50% of the cost of eligible front, side, and rear facade and storefront improvement and restoration works, to a maximum grant of \$7,500 per property/project.

Program Requirements

Applicants are eligible to apply for funding under this program, subject to meeting the general program requirements, the following program requirements, and subject to the availability of funding as approved by Council:

a) The following types of building facade improvement works on existing commercial, mixed use, and institutional buildings are considered eligible for a grant under this program:

- i)** repair or replacement of storefront, including windows, doors, awnings and canopies;
- ii)** repair, repointing, or installation of new masonry and brickwork;

- iii)** repair or replacement of cornices, parapets, eaves, soffits and other architectural details;
- iv)** facade painting, cleaning, treatments, and refinishing as acceptable to the Municipality;
- v)** addition of new lighting/upgrading of existing lighting fixtures on exterior facade and in entrance and storefront display areas;
- vi)** repair, installation, and improvement of exterior signage (as permitted by the Sign By-law); and,
- vii)** other similar exterior repairs/improvements as may be approved by the Municipality.
- viii)** items i) to vii) above as they apply to eligible side and rear facades.

b) For buildings where heritage features are being restored or reconstructed and for buildings designated under Parts IV and V of the Ontario Heritage Act, the facade restoration/reconstruction works should be supported by documentation in the form of historic photographs or drawings clearly showing the heritage feature(s) to be restored or reconstructed.

c) The Municipality may consider applications for phased facade improvements, subject to the maximum grant amount noted above.

How to Apply

Visit www.trentlakes.ca/CIP for full program details and eligibility, then contact our Planning Department to discuss your project.