

TO: Members of the Planning Committee

FROM: Ken Hetherington, Manager, Planning Division

MEETING DATE: July 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Report PLPD12-043

Facade Improvement Grant 166-170 Charlotte Street - Asta

PURPOSE

A report to recommend approval of the application submitted by Paul Asta for the Facade Improvement Grant Program for the property at 166-170 Charlotte Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report PLPD12-043 dated July 16, 2012, submitted by the Manager, Planning Division, as follows:

- a) That the Facade Improvement Grant Program application submitted by Paul Asta for a total grant of \$14,194.86 be approved.
- b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Facade Improvement Grant Agreement.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Facade Improvement Grant Program started in 2012 with a capital budget of \$200,000.00 (\$100,000.00 from 2011 and \$100,000.00 from 2012). With the approval of previous applications, \$15,130.50 has been approved, and with the approval of \$8,571.89 for the property at 377 George Street North, \$14,194.86 for the property at 166-170 Charlotte Street, and \$15,000.00 for the property at 289 ½ George Street North, \$147,102.75 remains in the account.

BACKGROUND

166-170 Charlotte Street is a three storey building located on the north side of Charlotte Street between George Street and Aylmer Street with commercial on the ground floor (McThirsty's Pint and Cosmic Charlie's) and residential apartments on the second and third floors. The owner has recently applied to the Facade Improvement Grant Program for assistance in completing some facade improvements including restoration of the second and third floor windows facing Charlotte Street. The restoration of the original wood windows complies with the objectives of the Facade Improvement Program of maintaining the heritage values and character of the downtown.

The Facade Improvement Grant Program application submitted by the applicant includes the following work for the property:

1.	Restoration of 18 windows on second and third floors	\$26,442.00
2.	Install 2 steel entrance doors for commercial units	1,947.72
	Total	\$28,389.72

Since the receipt of the original application, staff have been working with the applicant to refine the application to ensure the proposed improvements respect the intention of the Program.

After a review of the proposed improvements and a site inspection of the property, it has been determined by the staff working group that the proposed work qualifies for funding. The total for the approved facade improvements is \$28,389.72.

The City can provide a grant of up to 50% of the cost of the eligible work to a maximum of \$30,000.00, which in this case would equal \$14,194.86.

The formal agreement to be executed between the City and Paul Asta will outline the approved work under the Program and the total amount of funding of \$14,194.86. The funding will be provided to the owner upon completion, inspection and approval of the completed work.

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