

O-9286 – To Amend the Downtown Community Improvement Plan

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Purpose

- To add an appendix to the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) to introduce performance measures, indicators of success, and targets:
 - To help manage the loan and grant programs
 - To establish a formal framework for reviewing the loan and grant programs
 - To better determine if the loan and grant programs are being successful in achieving the objectives of the CIP and The London Plan
 - To assist Civic Administration when making recommendations to Municipal Council on future changes to the programs, including when to reduce funding and/or discontinue or amend the programs



Background

- The idea to add measures, indicators, and targets to each CIP was introduced during the 2017 comprehensive CIP service review
- Approximately three years of data collection was undertaken to inform the draft measures, indicators, and targets
- The draft measures, indicators, and targets were introduced at the November 16, 2020 PEC meeting and circulated to the public
- Prior to circulation, staff meet with some representatives of the development industry and the BIA to discuss the project



Measures, Indicators, and Targets

- The measures, indicators, and targets remain the same as the draft:
 - Residential population
 - Assessment value
 - Building façade condition
 - Percentage of targeted uses
 - A healthy ground floor vacancy rate
 - Private sector investment generated by offering public sector loans for building improvements
 - Number of loans issued per year



Recommendation

 Add an appendix to the Community Improvement Plan that sets out performance measures, indicators of success, and targets for the four financial incentive programs