



Tuesday December 11, 2012

Re: 5055 Dundas Street West
Amendment to Sec. 37 Agreement and Zoning By-law Amendment

REF # 12 226755 WET 05 TM

Issue: To relocate \$275,000 towards streetscape, public art or parkland improvements in Ward 5. The Village of Islington BIA requests \$425,000 to be earmarked for BIA use.

Background: 5055 Dundas St. W. is part of The Village of Islington BIA located on Dundas W. between Kipling Avenue and Montgomery Road. Since 1986, the BIA has been an important community stakeholder in the development of this area. In 2004 the BIA began to invest its tax levies and to date has allocated \$500,000 of Sec. 37 funds and levies to improve the streetscape and create a safer, cleaner, graffiti free neighbourhood for business and residents. And our organization is mandated by the City of Toronto to continue to build and beautify the character of this neighbourhood through ongoing streetscape installations and maintenance.

Community improvements in the BIA include: planning, installing, purchasing and maintaining year-round lighting and electrical infrastructure, flower planters hardware for baskets, banners, waste bins, benches, parkettes, decorative fencing, 26 professional quality, exterior murals and commemorative plaques.

Recognizing the potential for the expansion of the BIA to include adjacent development areas, the BIA board would require funding to extend the implementation of complementary infrastructure for community benefit.

Proposed Future BIA-branded improvements to an expanded BIA may include but not be limited to: new murals, outdoor sculpture, wayfinding signage, landscaping, lighting, benches, plaques, flower basket hardware, banner hardware, seating and waste bins. The BIA is prepared to submit a detailed plan including costing and time lines, for said funds.

Costs

The BIA has prudently used ~\$250,000 of Sec. 37 funds since 2004 and can account for all capital enhancements to date and the related community benefits derived from these investments. The annual audited budget details the use of levies for BIA streetscape improvements. Capital cost share opportunities with the City of Toronto also lend a funding source for future streetscape improvements.

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