



WELCOME

We look forward to another exciting year for the Tweed & Area Chamber of Commerce and look forward to working with our local businesses and community groups to help Tweed grow.

2018 Fire Hydrant Repainting

Each year the Tweed & Area Chamber of Commerce partners with the Municipality of Tweed to repaint 10 fire hydrants. These hydrants are sponsored by local businesses, service groups and residents. This year we are looking for students grade 7 - 12 who are interested in painting 1-2 hydrants over the summer. If you know of a student who would be interested please have them contact us. Deadline for Submissions – Monday May 21st, 2018

We are still looking for sponsors for this year's hydrants. Cost is \$125 (\$75 of which goes to the artist and \$50 to the Chamber)

2nd Annual Classic Car Show

We are just over a month away from this year's Classic Car Show being held June 16th from 10 am – 3 pm. Vendor space is filling up – we have a great balance of service groups and sellers. What a great way to promote our community!

New this year we will be selling our Classic Car Show T-Shirts for \$20 each. Black or White T-shirts in men's, women's and children's sizes – special Thanks to Bridgewater Graphics for making this possible. We will also be selling BBQ scrapers with our Classic Car Show logo on them for \$10 each, all profits go to the Tweed & Area Chamber of Commerce allowing us to continue with networking events, workshops and other initiatives to help our Local Businesses and Service Groups.

Thank You to our trophy Sponsors - 1st Riley Financial, 2nd Tweedsmuir Tavern\Tallboys Restaurant and 3rd Actinolite Bed & Breakfast.

Tweed & Area Artisan Road Trip

We have been working hard finalizing details for our 2nd Annual Tweed & Area Artisan Road Trip to be held September 22nd. The Bus will be departing from the Municipal Parking Lot (behind Quinn's) at 9 am and will return at 5 pm. Tickets are \$15 and we hope to have them ready to sell at the June 16th Classic Car Show.

This year's trip will cover 11 stops on the Tweed & Area Studio Tour, and finish with a tour of Potter Settlement Winery – what a great way to spend a Saturday!

New this year – purchase a ticket for the road trip and be entered in a draw for a \$50 gift certificate to Tallboys Restaurant and 2 tickets to the 7:30 pm Tweed & Company Theatre show – Aleck Bell: A Canadian Pop Rock Musical – the perfect way to finish your day in Tweed.

Community Improvement Plan Public Presentation



Municipality of Tweed Community Improvement Plan Public Presentation May 2, 2018 7:00PM Tweed Hungerford Agricultural Building (White Building)

The Business Retention and Expansion Team will present the Municipality of Tweed Community Improvement Plan (CIP). A CIP is a planning and economic development tool to assist businesses and sets out a framework to assist in community revitalization while achieving economic, community planning and urban development goals. Our CIP includes grants/loans for improving accessibility; planning and building permit fees, façade improvements in addition to brownfield restoration. The Municipality will test the CIP in the Village of Tweed for one year with eventual rollout to the Hamlets in year two.

On May 2nd the Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Team presented the Municipality of Tweed Community Improvement Plan (CIP). There were business owners and residents in attendance, eager to find out more details of the plan. Rachelle Hardesty, Community Development Manager, welcomed those in attendance and spoke about the Connecting Link work happening down main street this summer. Nataly Woolfrey, Rayburn Insurance spoke about the initial BR&E report done by the Tweed & Area Chamber of Commerce, and the implementation team that came from it. Will Austin, Tweed & Area Chamber of Commerce President talked about what we have been doing, and what our plans are for the upcoming year. Councillor Don DeGenova, who has spent countless hours working on the CIP – presented the plan which is broken down into 4 main sections and open to businesses within the Village of Tweed for the first year, with the hopes of expanding to the hamlets in year 2.

1. Facade Improvement Grant/Load
2. Accessibility Grant/Loan
3. Brownfield Property Tax and Remediation Assistance Program
4. Planning & Building Permit Fee Grant

The target launch date for the program is June 4th. If you are interested in more information you can contact Rachelle Hardesty, Community Development Manager, Municipality of Tweed.

Shop Tweed's Backyard Project Proposal

The Tweed & Area Chamber of Commerce has been working on a new shop local style campaign proposal. We will be having an open meeting Wednesday June 20th at the White Building. The purpose of this meeting is to share our idea – and gain insight from local business and residents on our idea and whether it is a good idea for our community. More details will follow but please mark this date on your calendar – without the support of all our local businesses this campaign will not succeed.

Upcoming Newsletter

Do you have something you would like included in next month's newsletter? Send it to info@tweedchamber.com. I am looking for new and exciting content – stories about local businesses, sales you may be offering in the coming months, or coverage of an event you hosted or attended. Help us make this newsletter the voice of the Tweed Business & Organization Community

Monthly Board Meetings

Our Board of Directors meets monthly, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 am. Meetings are usually held at Newton House B&B 246 Colborne St. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

Next Board Meeting – Thursday May 24th

Contact information

Have a question, or looking for information? We are here to help

Email – info@tweedchamber.com

Phone – 613-243-7207 Jennifer Genereaux, Coordinator



JUNE 16, 2018
TWEED MEMORIAL PARK
10 AM - 3 PM

VENDOR'S VILLAGE
PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS
1ST \$50 2ND \$30 3RD \$20
50/50 DRAW



For more information on being a vendor or to register your vehicle contact Jennifer at 613-243-7207 or email info@tweedchamber.com

Municipality of Tweed Community Improvement Plan: Summary of Grants/Loans



This package includes a one-page summary of all the grant/loan programs available through the Municipality of Tweed's Community Improvement Plan (CIP). A Community Improvement Plan is a tool used by a municipality to assist in community revitalization and achieving economic, community planning and village/hamlet development goals through encouraging private sector investment.

There are a variety of grants and/or loans available to all types of businesses and developers, which are summarized in a series of fact sheets. All grants/loans are limited to commercial enterprises operating within the predefined geographic areas for the Village of Tweed and eventually the Hamlets of Actinolite, Marlbank, Queensborough and Thomasburg.

This document is a summary of the Municipality's larger CIP. If you are interested in applying to any of the funding programs please contact Rachelle Hardesty, Community Development Manager at 613-478-2535 or email rhardesty@tweed.ca



Municipality of Tweed Community Improvement Plan: Façade Improvement Grant/Loan



The Façade Improvement Grant/Loan is designed to encourage aesthetic improvements to commercial building exteriors.

Eligible Costs

Restoration, repair or replacement of:

1. brickwork, wood, masonry and metal cladding
2. windows & doors
3. signage
4. exterior lighting
5. awnings, marquees and canopies
6. redesigned shop fronts
7. eaves, parapets & other architectural details
8. professional fees

Eligibility Criteria

1. Must adhere to general program requirements outlined in Section 5.1 & general application requirements outlined in Section 5.7
2. Improvements shall generally comply with the design guidelines in Section 6

Financial Details: The Municipality may cover 50% of construction costs to a maximum of \$2500 grant and/or \$2500 loan. All loans issued at 0% interest and payable over three years (36months) unless noted otherwise. The grant will be awarded upon completion of the work. The loan will be awarded once application approved.



Have Questions?

Contact **Rachelle Hardesty**, Community Development Manager
613-478-2535 rhardesty@tweed.ca

Municipality of Tweed Community Improvement Plan: Accessibility Grant/Loan



The **Accessibility Grant and/or Loan** is designed to assist businesses in improving the accessibility of their building in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005.

Eligible Costs

1. Installation of automatic doors
2. Installation of wheelchair accessible ramps
3. Widening of public entrance ways
4. Leveling or repair to pathways/accesses and stairs
5. Any combination of the above
6. Other pre-approved accessibility improvements

Eligibility Criteria

1. All general program requirements outlined in Section 5.1 and application requirements outlined in Section 5.7
2. Only the commercial area of the property
3. Improvements shall comply with the *Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*

Financial Details: The Municipality may cover 50% of construction costs to a maximum of \$2500 grant and/or \$2500 loan. All loans issued at 0% interest and payable over three years (36months) unless noted otherwise. The grant will be awarded upon completion of the work. The loan will be awarded once application approved.



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Municipality of Tweed Community Improvement Plan: Brownfield Property Tax Assistance & Remediation Program



The Brownfield Property Tax Assistance & Remediation Program encourages the remediation & rehabilitation of brownfield sites by providing a cancellation of part or all of the property tax increase for that property in addition to allocating funds to assist with environmental remediation.

Eligible Costs

1. Environmental remediation costs, including any action taken to reduce the concentration of contaminants on, in or under the property to permit a Record of Site Condition to be filed in the Environmental Site Registry under sect. 168.4 of the Environmental Protection Act
2. Placing clean fill & related grading
3. Environmental insurance premiums

Eligibility Criteria

1. Must adhere to general program requirements outlined in Section 5.1 & general application requirements outlined in Section 5.7
2. Preparation of a business plan or feasibility study may be required
3. Application of Provincial tax assistance shall be at the discretion of the Municipality
4. Applicant must demonstrate that the subject area is a brownfield site

Financial Details: The Municipality may pass bylaws to provide a deferral or cancellation of all or part of the municipal taxes on a brownfield site during the rehabilitation and development period. The Municipality may also apply for the provincial brownfield financial tax incentive program on behalf of the owner to cancel or freeze all or a portion of the education component of property taxes. The Municipality may cover 50% of construction costs to a maximum of \$2500 grant and/or \$2500 loan. All loans issued at 0% interest and payable over three years (36months) unless noted otherwise. The grant will be awarded upon completion of the work. The loan will be awarded once application approved.



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Municipality of Tweed Community Improvement Plan: Planning & Building Permit Fee Grant



Application and permit fees imposed by the Municipality may present barriers to investment and redevelopment in the CIP Districts. This program is intended to encourage sensitive, attractive and desirable infill development and redevelopment by reducing the costs involved with making improvements to property. This Grant is not intended for greenfield development or development through Consent to Sever applications.

Eligible Costs

1. Minor variance application fees
2. Zoning by-law amendment fees
3. Site plan applications
4. Building permit fees

Eligibility Criteria

1. Must adhere to general program requirements outlined in Section 5.1 & general application requirements outlined in Section 5.
2. Preparation of a business plan or feasibility study may be required

Financial Details: A grant to a maximum of \$2500 to cover the cost of minor variance applications, zoning by-law amendments, site plan applications or building permit fees.



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