



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: July 13, 2016

REPORT TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Belinda Wick-Graham, Business & Economic Manager

SUBJECT: Façade Grant – Grant's Service Centre

STRATEGIC PLAN

9.1 Provide grants for businesses that improve the building facades, address structural improvements, and promote re-use and redevelopment of existing buildings where architectural and heritage features are maintained.

BACKGROUND

The Façade & Signage Grant Program was initiated in 2009 and continues in 2016 with \$12,000 available in façade grants and \$3,000 available in signage grants on a first-come, first-serve basis.

COMMENTS:

Grant's Service Centre purchased land within the Palmerston Industrial Park and built a new facility in 2014. The property needed landscaping done and therefore hired NRLA (a local company) to build window flower boxes and design a flower bed that houses an unlit sign (produced by Raynbow Signs). The flower bed and sign do not qualify under our grant program as it is not attached to the building; however the window flower boxes do qualify under our façade program. The cost to produce the flower boxes was \$785.

The Palmerston Downtown Revitalization Committee has reviewed the application via email and is in support of the proposal.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This project would qualify for 50% matching funds for façade improvements. Approving this grant would leave \$3,115.00 in our façade grant program.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the July 13, 2016 report from the Business & Economic Manager regarding Facade Improvement Grant Application #P09 for the amount of \$392.50 for the property located at 55 Minto Road Palmerston (Grant's Service Centre) and approves this grant.

Belinda Wick-Graham
Business & Economic Manager

