



CITY-WIDE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The City-Wide Façade Improvement and Beautification Program (FIBP) is a City of Duncan initiative to promote City revitalization and beautification by encouraging building owners to invest in storefront upgrades and landscaping improvements adjacent to the public realm. The objective is to increase liveability in the City through improvements to the appearance of our streetscapes. This program targets businesses not currently included in the Downtown Duncan Business Improvement Area, which has a similar program.

The FIBP provides a grant up to 50% of the cost of eligible improvements to a maximum of \$5,000 per commercial property, per year. Applicants will be assessed on a first-come first-served basis.

ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- The applicant must be a business or property owner within a commercially zoned area in the City of Duncan and not currently a member of the Duncan Downtown Business Improvement Area. A tenant will require the building owner to consent on the application.
- All property tax, utilities, and business licence fees must be paid for the current year.

ELIGIBLE FAÇADE AND BEAUTIFICATION IMPROVEMENTS

The Façade Improvement and Beautification Program is primarily focused on improving the appearance of commercial properties adjacent to sidewalks, streets, parks, and laneways.

Eligible improvements include:

- Exterior architectural or decorative details such as moldings/trims/cornices
- Windows and window openings, including awnings
- Doorways and entrance improvements
- Exterior lighting to building and/or doorway openings
- Signage (excluding sandwich boards)
- Façade repairs and painting
- Patio spaces
- Children's play areas
- Public Art installations:
 - Murals
 - Painted parking areas
 - Sculptures
 - Utility box decorative wraps
- Landscaping
- Site Furniture including
 - Bike racks
 - Benches
 - Tables
 - Shade sails

Eligible expenses include:

- Materials (e.g., paint, wood, metal etc.)
- Insurance and permit fees
- Equipment rentals
- Professional labour costs

PROCESS

Façade and beautification improvements **may** require a Development Permit, depending on the extent of the work you are considering. Applicants may also need to obtain necessary Building and/or Sign Permits. City staff will notify you if further steps are required.

APPLICATION, APPROVAL, & REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS**1. Apply to the City-Wide Façade Improvement and Beautification Program.**

1.1 Application reviewed for completeness, in good standing, landlord signatures, and project description.

1.2 Application reviewed for need for a Development Permit, Sign Permit, and/or Building Permit.

2. City Notification of Application Status.

2.1 Permits not Required: Proceed to 3.; or

2.2 Permits Required: Submit Development Permit, Sign Permit, and/or Building Permit Application.

2.3 Application denied (ineligible improvements; or program funds fully allocated).

3. Move forward with Façade Improvements.

3.1 Submit expenditure list with receipts and photos.

3.2 50% reimbursement of costs (before taxes), up to \$5,000 issued.

4. Successful projects may be celebrated on the City of Duncan website, social media, or City publication with the permission of the applicant.

Please see pages 3 to 7 for inspiration and just a few examples of the many eligible improvements.

Questions? Please e-mail planning@duncan.ca or call 250-746-6126.

EXAMPLE PHOTOS

Murals



Chilliwack, B.C.



Duncan, B.C.



Images from Internet Search



Duncan, B.C., Resilience Blooms: A Tribute to Rebirth by Ruth Spohn



Chilliwack, B.C.

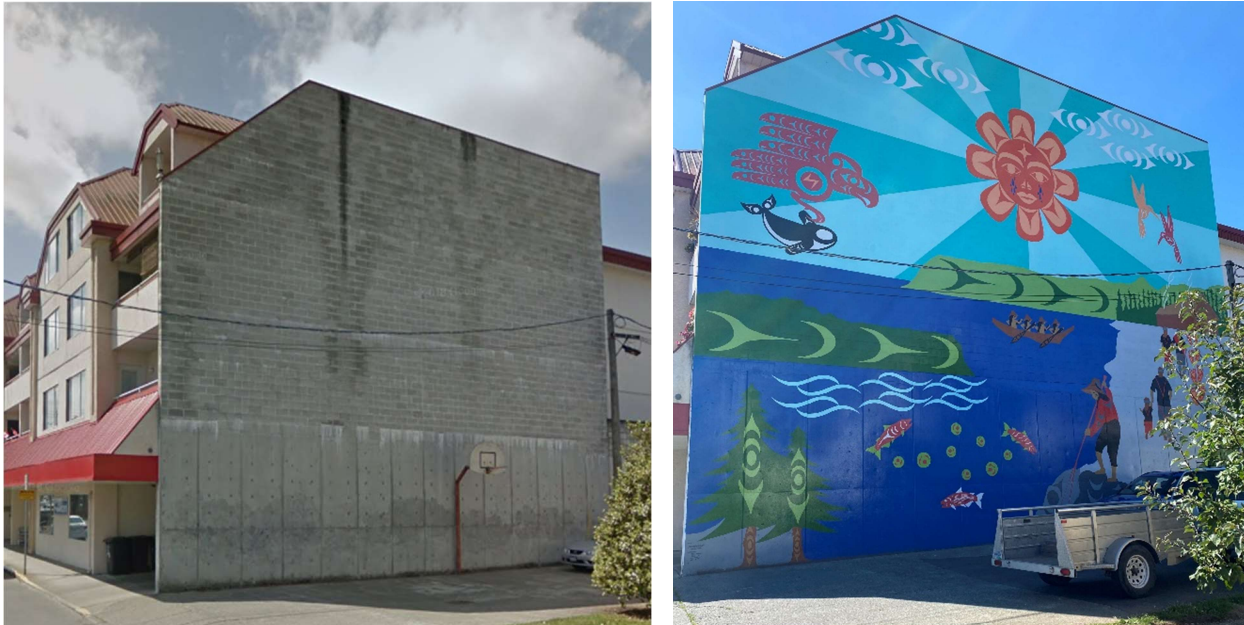


Before and After Doorway Improvement:



Chilliwack, B.C.

Before and After Mural on Blank Wall Improvement



thu-itsthuv tun shqwaluwun' (be truthful with your feelings) by Charlene Johnny, Copyright Cowichan Intercultural Society

Before and After Landscaping and Public Art



Kenneth Street Parklet with Sq'ug'iptul' (Journey Together) by Stuart Pagaduan, Copyright Cowichan Intercultural Society

Bike Racks



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Decorative Security Fencing



Duncan, B.C.

Parking Lot Improvements



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Utility Box Decorative Wraps Before and After



Duncan B.C., Snail Crossing by Deborah Beavers



Duncan B.C., Broo Ha! Ha! by Chantey Dayal