

## TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL INFORMATION ITEM

**Committee:** Community of the Whole – Community Development

Date: February 6, 2023

**Department:** Community Development

Topic: Community Improvement Plan Report 2022

**Background:** A Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is a revitalization tool, permitted under section 28 of the *Planning Act*, with policies in section 7.5 of the Township's Official Plan. A Community Improvement Plan is a tool used to achieve community planning, urban design and economic development objectives for a defined area. Community Improvement Plans are currently in effect for Cardinal and Spencerville areas, as defined by bylaws 2012-03 and 2013-71. The plans require that a report be brought to Council annually, through the Community Development Committee.

Both Community Improvement Plans include Financial Incentive Programs aimed at improving the downtown core areas, including;

- Façade and Property Improvement Program;
- Application and Building Permit Fees Rebate Program;
- Heritage Property Improvement Program;
- Tax Increase-Based Equivalent Rebate Program;
- Downtown Housing Improvement Program; and
- Project Feasibility Program (Cardinal Only)

The Community Improvement Plan and Financial Incentive Programs are advertised on the Township's website, through a print brochure and in person through site visits and meetings. Applications can now be made online through our website. The following charts provide a summary of recent activity for the Cardinal and Spencerville CIP Financial Incentive Programs.

## Applications by year (past 5 years)

Year	Applications	Project Cost	Township Contribution
2018	2	\$22,608	\$6,500

2019	3	\$11,100	\$7,485.37
2020	3	\$79,213.21	\$11,755.56
2021	4	12,220.93	\$5,933.44
2022	2	\$14,020.47	\$5,225
Total	14	\$139,162.61	\$36,899.37

Over the past 5 years, the Township has contributed \$36,899.37 to community projects through financial incentive programs, as part of a \$139,162.61 investment in our community.

## 2022 CIP Applications

Application	Name	Program	Approved Amount	Paid	Status
S-01-22	Coté/Boyce	Façade & Property Improvement -and- Application & Permit Fee Rebate	\$5,225	\$5,225	Completed
S-02-22	Moulton	Application & Permit Fee Rebate	Up to \$5,000	Unknown	In Progress

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