



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL INFORMATION ITEM

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Community Development

Date: April 15, 2024

Department: Community Development

Topic: Community Improvement Plan Report 2023

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 and through a print brochure. Applications can be made online through our website or in person, following preconsultation with the Community Development Coordinator.

In 2023, only 1 application was received. The project included renovations to the exterior sign box for Spencerville Pharmasave. The Township's contribution was \$1,658. One project from 2022 is outstanding and expected to be paid out upon completion of the development at 11 Centre St. in Spencerville.

The following chart provides a summary of completed applications and the Township's contribution to the Cardinal and Spencerville Financial Incentive Programs (combined).

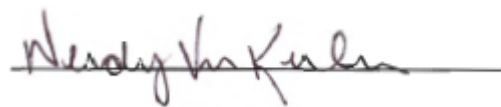
Year	Applications	Amount
2013	6	\$ 25,746.00
2014	12	\$ 27,092.00
2015	5	\$ 20,803.00
2016	4	\$ 7,289.00
2017	3	\$ 9,484.00
2018	2	\$ 6,500.00
2019	3	\$ 7,485.00
2020	3	\$ 11,756.00
2021	4	\$ 5,933.00
2022	2	\$ 5,225.00*
2023	1	\$ 1,658.00
Total	45	\$ 128,971.00*
Avg	4	\$ 11,725.00

*+\$5000 pending successful completion of S-02-22

One application has been approved this year in Cardinal for CPR-Pro at 2099 Dundas St.

Additional work has been completed or is in progress related to the goals and objectives of the Cardinal and Spencerville Plans.

- RED Grant application was submitted to fund improvements to the Cardinal Canal and cenotaph area at the waterfront (Cardinal CIP Goal #2 and #7)
- Worked with UCLG's Affordable Housing Coordinator to facilitate presentations and panel discussions on additional residential units (Cardinal CIP Goal #3)
- Continue to partner with SNC to offer free trees to private residents (Cardinal CIP Goal #4; Spencerville CIP Goal #2)
- New development and façade improvements through private investment and our financial incentive programs, including CPR-Pro, Spencerville Pharmasave (Cardinal CIP Goal #6; Spencerville CIP Goal #2)
- Increased level of support for the Spencerville Fair (Spencerville CIP Goal #4)



Community Development Coordinator