



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: CS-2021-20

October 12, 2021

From: Anne Leduc – Director of Community Services

RE: Community Improvement Plan

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council receives the Staff Report No. CS-2021-29; and

THAT Council receives By-law 39-2021 being a by-law to authorize the adoption of the amended Community Improvement Plan for the Community Improvement Project Areas of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry; and

THAT By-law 39-2021 be read a first, second and third time and enacted in Open Council this 12th day of October 2021.

Background / Analysis:

On December 14, 2015, as required by the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Council adopted By-Law 65-2015, designating the Community Improvement Project Areas of North Glengarry.

On January 13, 2016, pursuant to Section 28 of the *Planning Act* a Notice of a Public Meeting was published in The Glengarry News informing the population of two public meetings to present the details of the North Glengarry Community Improvement Plan. In addition, a copy of the draft Community Improvement Plan (CIP) was sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review.

On February 3 and 4, 2016, in Alexandria and Maxville respectively, public meetings were held to present the final draft of the CIP, which resulted following close to a year of research, consultations and preparation by the CIP Working Group.

The CIP was approved by Council on February 8, 2016 and following the 20-day appeals process to the Ontario Municipal Board, came into force on March 1, 2016.

The Township of North Glengarry, through the Community Improvement Plan Approvals Committee (CIPAC), reviews the programs and activities relating to the Community

Improvement Plan to determine its effectiveness and relevance. As such the CIP may be refined to better meet the goals and objectives outlined.

This exercise was performed in the Fall of 2017 and on August 8, 2017, Council adopted By-law 33-2017 amending the designated Community Improvement Plan Project Areas to include designated areas in Apple Hill, Dalkeith, Dominionville, Dunvegan, Glen Robertson, Glen Sandfield, Greenfield and Lochiel.

On July 9, 2018, with the creation of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Regional Incentives Plan, Council adopted By-law 39-2018 which amalgamated the Township's Community Improvement Plan with the County's Plan. At that time, the Community Improvement Plan's Designated Area comprised the whole of the Township of North Glengarry given any property in the whole of North Glengarry is eligible to apply to the Regional Incentive Plan. There is no intention to change the Designated Areas in the future Community Improvement Plan.

More recently, Council approved the extension of the existing Community Improvement Plan on October 26, 2020, through By-law 41-2020. The Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee had spent 2020 reviewing the CIP.

Council approved that the public consultation take place through survey between the periods of September 14, 2021 and September 30, 2021. The public was notified through Facebook posts, advisories on the Township's website and ads in the local newspaper. No comments were received regarding the proposed removal of Program F – Tax Increment Grant Program. This section has been removed from the amended Community Improvement Plan based on the explanations in the report that was brought to Council on September 13, 2021.

If approved by Council, the Community Improvement Plan is subject to a 20-day appeals process to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Alternatives:

Option 1 – Recommended – That Council adopts By-law 39-2021.

Or

Option 2 – Not recommended – That Council declines the adoption of By-law 39-2021.

Financial Implications:

The minor modifications to the North Glengarry portion of the Community Improvement plan have no impact on the Township's Budget as this is a continuation of the Township of North Glengarry's 5-year Community Improvement Plan for which funds are approved by Council on a yearly basis.

The integrated Regional Incentives Program components are to be funded through the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

- By-law 39-2021 to authorize the adoption of the amended Community Improvement Plan for the Community Improvement Project Areas of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry
- Amended Community Improvement Plan dated October 12, 2021
- Relevant Legislation - Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990
- Relevant Legislation - Municipal Act, 2001

Others Consulted:

Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee members

Kimberley Goyette – Director of Finance

Natalie Charette – Economic Development and Communications Officer

Reviewed and Approved by:
Sarah Huskinson, CAO/Clerk