



DATE: Wednesday May 15, 2019

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers

FILE: Public Meeting for Community Improvement Plan Amendment

MEMBERS: Councillor Matthew Bulmer – Chair
Councillor Ken Roth
Councillor Jessica Goyda
Councillor John Sepulis

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and remarked the purpose of the Public Meeting is to inform and provide the public with the opportunity to ask questions, or to express views with respect to this proposal. Members of Council are here to observe and listen to public comments, they will not take a position on the matter. A decision will be made after full consideration of input from the meeting, submissions from the public and comments from agencies.

When the Township makes a decision, should you disagree with that decision, the Planning Act provides you with an opportunity to appeal this amendment to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. Please note that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Township of Puslinch before the decision is made, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. In addition, if a person or public body does not make an oral submission at a public meeting, or make written comments to the Township before the decision is made, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Council requests that anyone wishing to provide comments or concerns to Township do so in written form to ensure that the message is provided effectively and accurately and to record their interest in the matter and to request a notice of decision of the matter.

The format of this Public Meeting is as follows:

- The Township will present the purpose and details of the amendment to the Township's Community Improvement Plan.
- Following this the public can obtain clarification, ask questions and express their views on the amendment.

Presentations:

Jameson Pickard, Senior Policy Planner at the County of Wellington presented the following information:

- In March 2016, the Township adopted the Our Corridor Community Improvement Plan (CIP).
- The CIP details Township-led programs that are intended to support the revitalization of lands within the Community Improvement Project area.
- The CIP identifies County participation in local initiatives as a high priority.
- The County of Wellington Economic Development Department has recently developed the "Invest Well Community Improvement Programme".

- Staff was directed to prepare an amendment to the Township's CIP to incorporate the grants offered through the Invest Well Programme.

The proposed amendment will add policies to the Township's CIP outlining County participation in local CIP initiatives.

The Invest Well Community Improvement Programme consists of:

- Invest Ready Incentive Package
- Invest More Grant Programme

The Invest Ready Incentive package will help fund:

- The completion of background studies regarding site- specific issues and constraints; and
- Eligible costs for major development/redevelopment projects.

The Invest More Grant Programme will provide funds for eligible projects that:

- Support a broad range of improvements to existing buildings/properties which contribute to the revitalization of the built up area.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Rooftop patios
- Outdoor dining spaces
- Bed and breakfast accommodations

The amendment will also include provisions for eligible projects to receive grants through the Wellington-Waterloo Community futures programme.

Wellington-Waterloo Community Futures will provide low interest loans for:

- Commercial and/or Industrial improvement projects for buildings and infrastructure.

Eligibility for County Funds:

- In most cases applicants must be approved for an incentive programme through the Township CIP.
- The proposed amendment will outline criteria applicants must meet to be eligible for each County Grant programme.

Questions/Comments:

There were no further questions or comments and the Chair declared the Public Meeting closed. Council will take no action on this proposal tonight. Staff will be reporting at a later date with a recommendation for Council's consideration.

If the public wishes to receive further notification of this proposal, please sign in or leave your name with staff, or contact Township staff during regular business hours. Only those persons who leave their names will be provided further notification. If you wish to speak to the proposal when it is brought before Council in the future, you must register as a delegation with the Township Clerk prior to the meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.