



## Caledon East Community Improvement Plan

Building on Caledon East's existing strengths, the Community Improvement Plan is an exciting opportunity for the Town of Caledon to enhance this community's unique character by promoting redevelopment, revitalization and beautification.



The vision is to achieve improvements in form and function, enhance environmental features, and a build prosperous commercial core area.

The financial incentives and municipal strategies offered through this Community Improvement Plan provide options in helping to achieve that vision.

#### What are CIPs and Design Guidelines?

A Community Improvement Plan (CIP) falls under the Municipal Planning Act. A CIP is designed to remove barriers to redevelopment and reinvestment. In preparation for a CIP, significant stakeholder consultations help to assess a community's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Through this evaluation process, priority areas are identified, which become the framework for community improvement projects.

The companion Design Guideline provides additional guidance for community improvement by identifying design principles and guidelines with respect to streetscape, built form, access, façade and landscape improvement.

The Caledon East CIP enables the Town to plan and finance development activities to use, reuse and restore lands, buildings and infrastructure in Caledon East.

### Why apply?

For property or business owners considering property improvements within the CIP approved area, the six financial incentives provide a wide range of options and flexibility.



#### **Specifics of the CIP**

In addition to a Municipal Leadership Strategy, Caledon Council has approved six financial incentive programs:

- 1 Building, façade and signage improvement grants
- 2 Property and landscape improvement grants
- 3 Energy efficiency retrofit grants
- 4 Historic property improvement grants
- 5 Planning and building application fee grants
- 6 Tax increment equivalent grants







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# How does the Town of Caledon's Community Improvement Plan Financial Incentive Program work?

The Financial Incentive Program is available to those landowners within the Community Improvement Plan Area that meet the general eligibility requirements. Some projects may be eligible for more than one of the Financial Incentive Programs.

**Step 1** | **Pre-application consultation** - schedule a meeting with the CIP Administrator to review any preliminary plans.

**Step 2** | **Apply** - submit completed application form and required supporting materials such as detailed work plans, cost estimates and contracts, and applicable reports. Upon review and, if approved, an agreement with the Town will be signed and work may begin on your project.

**Step 3** | **Perform work** - obtain all applicable permits from the Town of Caledon during your project. All costs are to be paid by the applicant during this process.

**Step 4** | **Verify** - final supporting documentation to be provided by the applicant. Once all program requirements have been met, payment of the approved grant in accordance with the general and specific program eligibility requirements will be issued.

Call us today for more information ... we're here to help.