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To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Cottam Community Improvement Plan Application by

1670057 Ontario Ltd. 127 County Road 34 W

Pt. Lot 270, Concession STR, Parts 4 & 9, RP 12R 16608

Report No.: PS 2021-002

#### **AIM**

To provide the Mayor and Council with details regarding an application for funding under the Cottam Community Improvement Plan.

#### BACKGROUND

In November of 2017 Council approved the Cottam Community Improvement Plan and associated funding to support, maintain and enrich the Cottam downtown area by realizing the benefits of the area. The overall funding plan was to provide a total of \$50,000 over a five year time frame. Qualifying projects under the CCIP would be eligible for up to 25% of the cost of the project up to a maximum of \$2,500. Qualifying project could be one of the following:

- 1. Façade Upgrading & Improvement
- 2. Accessibility Upgrades
- 3. New Signage
- 4. Permanent Landscaping Infrastructure
- 5. Energy Efficiency Improvements

#### DISCUSSION

The subject property is located at 127 County Road 34 W and is a commercial building currently being renovated to house OG Pizza. The owners have made a number of improvements (See Appendix A) but have held off installation of a new door and windows

on the front in the hope of applying for funding under the Cottam CCIP. This type of work would be considered as facade upgrading and improvement under the CCIP funding. Total cost of the proposed improvements is \$12,000.

## LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Promote the betterment, self-image and attitude of the community.

# FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

A total of \$20,000 was allocated to the initial year of the CCIP in 2018. No grants were awarded that year and the funds were placed in reserve. Three grants were awarded in 2019 leaving \$12,500. No grants were awarded in 2020. The remaining \$10,500 will remain in reserves and continue to be available for funding requests in 2021. The overall budget for the program was \$50,000. Once the initial reserves are utilized additional funds will need to be allocated through the annual budget process.

## **CONSULTATIONS**

**Technical Advisory Committee** 

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Approve the Cottam Community Improvement Plan funding application for the purchase and installation of a new door and front windows as a façade upgrade and improvement for 127 County Road 34 W in the amount of \$2,500 representing the maximum funding allowance per application.

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