
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report PED-GM-03-2018 Planning and Economic Development 2018 Second Quarter Activity Report

For Consideration by Council in Committee on August 28, 2018



OBJECTIVE:

To update Council on the initiatives and activities of the Divisions of the Planning and Economic Development Department for the second quarter of 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report PED-GM-03-2018 Planning and Economic Development Department Second Quarter Activity Report be received.

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Approved: Donald G. Boyle, Chief Administrative Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Report PED-GM-03-2018 has been prepared to update Council on the 2018 initiatives, activities and statistics that have taken place thus far for each of the Planning and Economic Development Divisions for the period of April 1st through June 30th as it relates to development and vibrancy matters.

BACKGROUND:

As part of ongoing efforts to be able to communicate the activities, initiatives and impact of the Department's programs and initiatives to Council and ratepayers, a quarterly 'activity' reporting process has been developed for the programs and services provided by the Planning and Economic Development Department. The first quarter report also outlines the priority Departmental initiatives identified for 2018.

ANALYSIS:

Please find Attachment 1 includes the '2018 Second Quarter Activity Report' and at Attachment 2, the '2018 Priority Initiatives' update for the Department from April 1st through June 30th.

Notable key statistics and highlights of the second quarter are:

- While building permits are at a lower level than in the 2017 record construction year, they continue to exceed historic averages by a factor of two.
- Significant development proposals received approval during the quarter. This included approximately 1,050 residential units across the County, facility improvements for two existing businesses and a new 35,000 square foot warehouse business in Cayuga. In

addition, a major expansion of the Caledonia Alliance Church and the new Cayuga Library were given site plan approval.

- Development inquiries during the quarter were double that of 2017 and three times that of historic averages. This accounted for nearly 300 hours of staff time to conduct research and provide responses.
- Business inquiries to the Economic Development and Tourism Division are also increased – approximately double past historic levels.
- A number of community partnership projects approved by Council have moved to the construction phase – these include Lowbanks Hall Storage Addition, Dunnville Minor Ball Tyke Diamond, Caledonia BIA Veterans Banners, Friends of LaFortune Pavilion, Jarvis Lions Trail Enhancements and Cayuga Seniors Drop in Centre Exterior Accessibility improvements.
- 6 Community Improvement Plan grants were approved for construction valued at \$366,650.
- A Seasonal Sidewalk and Street Patio pilot program was initiated with 2 patios approved and other applications pending approval.
- The number of events and festivals in the County continues to grow. 57 events applications were reviewed during the quarter up from 50 in 2017.
- Significant progress has been made in terms of moving the Departmental priority work program forward (Attachment 2). This includes capital construction of several trails and the Dunnville Waterfront Park, a new recreational fee structure to encourage use of County facilities and an updated contemporary Building By-law.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Planning and Economic Development Department 2018 Quarterly Activity Report (April 01 – June 30).
2. 2018 Planning and Economic Development Priority Initiatives Update.