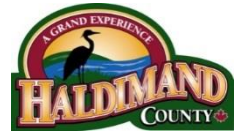

HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report PED-GM-02-2018 Planning and Economic Development 2018 First Quarter Activity Report

For Consideration by Council in Committee on May 15, 2018



OBJECTIVE:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report PED-GM-02-2018 Planning and Economic Development 2018 First Quarter Activity Report be received.

Respectfully submitted: Craig Manley, MCIP, RPP, General Manager of Planning and Economic Development

Approved: Donald G. Boyle, Chief Administrative Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Report PED-GM-02-2018 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 January 1 to March 31 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 First Quarter Activity Report', and at Attachment 2, the '2018 Priority Initiatives' update for the Department from January 1 through March 31, 2018.

Notable key statistics and highlights of the first quarter are:

- Planning review activity continues to be high. During the first quarter three (3) residential proposals representing over 300 new units and four (4) employment proposals and one (1) institutional use were approved.
- Parking enforcement and other by-law enforcement activities by municipal staff for the quarter are up significantly over the past years.

- While museum usage declined due to renovations at Edinburgh Squared during the quarter, the public use of free County winter recreation programs including public skates, Family Day and March Break activities remains strong.
- 3 Community Improvement Grants were provided during the quarter with \$35,500 in grants leveraging \$164,500 in investment.
- 22 eligible requests were received for Community Beautification Grants with \$68,000 in grants leveraging \$178,000 in investment by community organizations to improve the quality of our communities.

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 (January 01 – March 31).
2. 2018 Planning and Economic Development Priority Initiatives.