



## TOWN OF GRIMSBY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

March 10, 2017

**RE: Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Study for Grimsby's Employment Areas**

Dear Sir/Madam:

At a Council meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Town of Grimsby Town Council passed a resolution that the **Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Study for Grimsby's Employment Areas** study be tabled. This will effectively **put the study on hold** for the time being.

Throughout the initial public consultation for the study, greater interest had been expressed than anticipated in the potential tax incentives that would be offered as part of a CIP program. In order to properly consider the volume and complexity of the needs of Grimsby's employment sector, and ensure that limited municipal resources are applied in situations where the need is greatest, it was determined that the study's Terms of Reference document should be reviewed and revised. This would ensure the outcome of a future study would be in the best interest of both the Town and the local business community. Revising the Terms of Reference would also provide the Town with greater certainty that local businesses could also qualify for matching regional funding if it was available.

More information about this resolution is available in Report P.A. 17-07. It can be found here: <https://grimsby.civicweb.net/FileStorage/93365B7D7A234B7B915E7F443E24E31B-p.a.%2017-07.pdf>

The Employment Area CIP Study remains an objective of Council, however due to the need to balance finite resources to ensure the completion of other ongoing municipal studies, the timing of initiation and completion of the CIP are not determined at this point. Therefore it may be some time (i.e. 2018/2019) before the new Terms of Reference is brought forward for approval by Council, and the study is once again initiated. As a participant in the recent CIP Open House, you will be notified when this occurs.

It is important to note that the revamped study, and the program that will result from it, will place considerable emphasis on only incentivizing only those projects that result in significant job growth for the Town and projects that would not likely proceed without incentives being in place. Business owners and other interested parties **should therefore not assume that they would be eligible for any sort of incentive until Council implements the final program, and once it is in place, they have participated in formal discussions with Town staff.**

Additional information regarding the CIP Study is available at the Town Hall during normal business hours (8:30 to 4:30), or you may contact project coordinator Amy Shanks at:

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