

Downtown Kemptville Community Improvement Plan Update

Background

- ▶ In 2021, North Grenville Council passed By-Law 24-21, establishing a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for Downtown Kemptville, aimed at promoting growth, connectivity, and revitalization of the downtown area.
- ▶ One key component of this program is the Façade & Signage Grant.
- ▶ The Façade & Signage Grant offers 50% reimbursement of project costs, up to \$10,000, for high-quality enhancements, including accessibility improvements.
- ▶ Initial guidelines limit funding for accessibility upgrades to street-facing entrances only.

Proposed Update

- ▶ **The layout of the downtown area, particularly along Prescott Street, poses challenges for improving front entrance accessibility. Due to limited space at the front of many buildings, accessibility upgrades are often needed at side or rear entrances.**
- ▶ **To address this, a proposed amendment will expand eligibility for accessibility funding to include all entrances, ensuring the program supports accessibility improvements throughout the entire property.**
- ▶ **The amendment to By-Law 24-21 permits accessibility improvements to any entrance (front, side, or rear).**

Ability To Amend

- ▶ **The CIP guidelines state the Municipality may, at its discretion, extend or discontinue any program without amending the CIP. As a result, no public meeting is required for this minor amendment under the Planning Act.**
- ▶ **Authorized under Section 28 of the Planning Act and North Grenville's Official Plan, the Clerk is authorized to make minor adjustments to the By-Laws as needed.**

Recommendations

- ▶ **THAT Council pass and enact By-Law xx-24 to amend By-Law 24-21 to make minor amendments to the Downtown Kemptville Community Improvement Plan Guidelines**