Greetings Committee,

Thanks for the work on this and here are a few comments re the Draft RCIP document prepared by Leila-and Deron **By item #**: And for the additional input, particularly regarding Tax rebate section, Phil.

- 1- Eligibility criteria lists financial viability and evaluation by the Property Assessment Corp. Please clarify what these 2 items address.
- 1-2- OP and Zoning should be understood per Item #1. Ie, no need to repeat planning approval requirement .
- 10- Should read applicant AND owner as may be applicable if on leased property.
- 12- Clarify what "competitive" means.
- 13- What type of project would include multi year funding? I not able to think of any...
- 14- ..works commenced prior to grant approval are **NOT** to be eligible (see PM comment suggesting there may be an option in this...) eligibility after project is started will create potential for conflict.
- 15- Tax incentive should be a separate issue/program. Not sure how tax incentive translates to Community Improvement Project...does it really have a place in this program; what is the criteria for tax incentive and why is it specific to RCIP?

Tax incentive program may be an issue if delivered solely through Township staff? Public perception and accountability?

16- a- Agree that areas of eligibility should be defined (outside Service area 1/Kemptville urban area) sounds reasonable...should the area be defined as all areas eligible as opposed to what is not included? Rural, rural residential, industrial etc, not just agricultural.

Are villages and Hamlets included in Service Area 1?

b- as above, if listing a few eligible property types, list all...lets just make sure the list is compete...etc is not best option.

General Project Types

Tax incentive for grant/rebate...not sure this belongs in the proposed CIP...? Is this an option in the urban CIP? Why add tax increment equivalent in this program...is it a fit here?

Roadside Improvement Grants (p. 7)- Should add "or services"

Agreement noted in the text might well be standardized (per urban CIP, assuming there is one for that program).

Energy grants (p. 8)- should be eligible to other businesses...only farm mentioned.

Confirm and update as MOEE/provincial or fed grants come and go. May be a BEST referral for applicants that Municipality /should be aware of.

Just a final note- would applicants be eligible for rental of certain equipment/materials for business improvement or structural works???

Martha