



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE UPDATED
ELGINCENTIVES COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (BY-LAW 2026-27)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Township of Southwold will hold a public meeting April 13th, 2026 at 7:30 PM to consider the updated Elgincentives Community Improvement Plan (CIP) pursuant to Sections 17 and 28 of the *Planning Act R.S.O., 1990, c. P.13, as amended*. The meeting will take place in the Council Chambers at 35663 Fingal Line, Fingal, ON.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

A Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is an economic development tool used by municipalities in Ontario to guide strategic investment, development, and revitalization initiatives that support the physical improvement of a municipality or areas within a municipality. This is typically accomplished through the implementation of a combination of financial grants and municipal leadership initiatives. The current Elgincentives CIP was adopted in 2015 and has supported a range of improvement projects for over a decade through its incentive programming.

Building on the success of the 2015 CIP, the County undertook a review and update of the Plan in 2025 to ensure it responds to recent provincial policy changes, new trends in economic development, and shifts in community priorities. An updated CIP has been prepared and is now being considered for adoption, which includes the following highlights:

- *A refreshed vision and goals to better guide the CIP's implementation and priorities;*
- *Restructured incentive programs to improve clarity and effectiveness, including all-new incentive programs targeting affordable housing;*
- *The introduction of several "Municipal Leadership Initiatives" that outline potential Council-led improvements related to streetscape improvements, inventorying public land and brownfields, supporting additional dwelling units (ADUs) and supporting climate resiliency improvements.*

The entire Township of Southwold is designated a Community Improvement Project Area (CIPA) under By-law 2015-28 and the Elgincentives CIP applies to all lands in the Township of Southwold. A copy of the updated CIP can be viewed on the Township's website here: <https://southwold.ca/elgincentives> and on the County of Elgin's website here: <https://engageelgin.ca/elgincentives>.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or opposition to the updated Elgincentives CIP. If you wish to participate in the meeting electronically, you must register with the Township Office by Thursday April 9th, 2026, at noon to receive the login information for the meeting. You may register by emailing deputyclerk@southwold.ca.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the updated Elgincentives CIP can be made to the Clerk of the Township of Southwold. Submissions can be provided in person at the Township Office, by mail or by e-mail to cao@southwold.ca.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southwold to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Southwold before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision. **IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Southwold before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about this matter, including information about appeal rights and the updated Elgincentives CIP, is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township Offices at 35663 Fingal Line, Fingal, ON N0L 1K0 or by contacting the planning team at planning@southwold.ca.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Council of the Township of Southwold you must make a written request to the Township of Southwold, 35663 Fingal Line, Fingal, ON N0L 1K0.

DATED at the Township of Southwold on March 24, 2026.

