Community Improvement Plan Study

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Community Improvement Plan (CIP)?

- A CIP is a strategic framework created by municipalities to stimulate redevelopment and revitalization of specified areas within the city.
- It outlines programs and incentives designed to encourage private sector investment in community improvement projects.
- CIPs typically focus on enhancing infrastructure for improved movement of people, goods and labour, promoting affordable and accessible housing, and fostering complete communities and supporting mixed-use development.

Why is the City of Vaughan undertaking a CIP Study?

- To support a high quality of life in the city of Vaughan while the city transitions towards a more urbanized community.
- To attract diverse development, including affordable and accessible housing, new commercial spaces and office uses.
- To improve infrastructure that supports efficient movement of goods and labor, particularly for last-mile solutions.
- To meet the evolving needs of residents and businesses in the city.

What kind of incentives will be explored?

- Incentives to support developers and businesses providing for:
 - o mixed-use, commercial use or office development.
 - affordable housing projects.
 - o infrastructure improvements to help move goods and labour.
 - o enhancements to accessibility and connectivity.
- Incentives such as a concierge program, to encourage participation from developers and investors.
- At the end of the CIP Study project, two separate CIPs will be prepared, with a suite of
 incentives designed to create more complete communities and improved labour and
 goods movement throughout the city of Vaughan.

Who can apply for incentives?

- Developers, property owners and businesses looking to invest in specific areas of Vaughan may apply.
- The City has retained a consulting team to assist with identifying 'community improvement project areas.'

How will I know if I am eligible?

- Eligibility criteria will be outlined in the CIP guidelines, including project type, location, eligible uses, eligible costs and alignment with community objectives.
- The City will provide resources and assistance to help potential applicants understand their eligibility.

When can I apply?

- Application timelines will be specified once the CIP Study frameworks are prepared, adopted by Council and published. The City is targeting the end of 2025 for adoption of the CIP.
- Interested parties should stay informed about key dates through <u>vaughan.ca/CIP</u> and other communication channels.

How do I apply?

- Applications will be submitted through the City, with specific forms and documentation required.
- Detailed instructions on the application process will be provided in the CIP Study quidelines, once adopted.

How can I get involved in the CIP Study process?

- The City's consulting team is currently in Stage 2 of the CIP Study process, which involves completing a background review and study area needs assessment. Incentive program options are being identified for consideration by the City and stakeholders.
- Residents and stakeholders can participate by attending public meetings, providing feedback during consultations and engaging through surveys.
- Opportunities for involvement will be communicated through the City's website and social media channels.

How can I stay informed?

- Updates will continue to be posted to vaughan.ca/CIP throughout the project.
- Specific inquiries regarding the CIP should be directed to:

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