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FURTHER ENHANCEMENTS TO BOLTON BUSINESS CORE WITH SECOND GRANT UNDER THE BOLTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A second application for funding for a community improvement project in Bolton has been approved under the Bolton Community Improvement Plan (CIP). Family Footcare, located at 63 King Street West, will receive \$2,426.96 towards their landscape project. Under the landscape improvement grant, an applicant can apply for 50% of a project cost, to a maximum of \$5,000.

The purpose of the CIP is to promote beautification, improve form and function and to enhance environmental features in the designated CIP area. The community improvement work proposed by Family Footcare's landscape plan includes new sod, shrubs, plantings and decorative urns.

Applicants for the CIP are assessed by a Review Panel of staff and, if approved by the panel, applications are brought to Council for consideration.

"The intent of the CIP has always been to assist property owners and businesses wishing to enhance their location," explained Mayor Marolyn Morrison. "Time and again, Caledon's businesses have shown commitment to their community and applications such as this further illustrate that dedication to community enhancement."

About the Bolton Community Improvement Plan

The Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for Bolton is designed to remove barriers to the redevelopment and reinvestment in businesses and properties in Bolton. Together with the companion Urban Design Guidelines (UDG), a flexible, comprehensive and strategic framework for the municipality has been developed which will enable the Town to plan and finance development activities to use, reuse and restore lands, buildings and infrastructure in Bolton.

In the 2009 budget, Caledon Council allocated \$100,000 to the CIP; in the 2010 budget, an additional \$100,000 was allocated. There are eight financial incentive grant programs in the CIP:

- tax increment equivalent grants;
- development charge grants;
- application and permit fee grants;
- building and façade improvement grants;
- energy retrofit grants;
- landscape improvement grants;
- mixed use construction/conversion grants;
- environmental study grants.

A living document that will be monitored and amended as necessary, it is anticipated that the CIP will be implemented over a 10-year period. The Bolton Community Improvement Plan and companion Urban Design Guidelines can be viewed on the Town's website: www.caledon.ca/edc

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