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## **Elgin County's "Elgincentives" Recognized Provincially**

CENTRAL ELGIN, ON – The Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) presented Elgin County Economic Development with the Planning & Building Initiatives Award in the Physical Infrastructure & Redevelopment category for its Elgincentives, Community Improvement Plan. This award was presented at the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual EDCO Conference and Showcase in Toronto on January 31, 2019. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> time that Elgin County has received provincial recognition from EDCO, but not the first time that Elgincentives has been recognized for its innovative approach to planning.

Elgincentives also received an Excellence in Planning Award from the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) back in 2016.

"It is a tremendous honour to be recognized provincially for our Economic Development efforts," said Elgin County Warden Duncan McPhail. "The positive and tangible successes of our Elgincentives program can be seen in tourism corridors, downtown cores and on agricultural properties throughout the entire County."

Since Elgincentive's inception in 2015, Elgin has distributed \$799,312 of funding to 150 different projects. Combined with the private investment from property owners, this has resulted in projects valuing over \$3.48 million dollars in property improvements. These funds have created a substantial economic impact to properties across the County.

Elgin County encourages businesses to contact Elgin County Economic Development for assistance with upgrades and expansions to their commercial or agricultural properties. For more information on Elgin County's Elgincentives Community Improvement Plan visit [www.elgincentives.ca](http://www.elgincentives.ca).

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