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Elgincentives: An Ontario Finalist

CENTRAL ELGIN, ON – The Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) announced their 2018 Awards of Excellence Finalists on Tuesday evening, noting Elgin County Economic Development and Tourism as a finalist. Elgincentives, Elgin’s Community Improvement Plan is a finalist in the Planning and Building Initiatives – Physical Infrastructure and Redevelopment category.

The award presentation will be held on Thursday, January 31st, 2019 at EDCO’s President’s Dinner and Awards Ceremony in Toronto. If Elgin County is presented with this award, this would mark the 12th time that the County has received provincial recognition from EDCO.

"It is a tremendous honour for Elgin County to be nominated as a finalist alongside other communities across Ontario," said Alan Smith, General Manager of Economic Development. "Elgincentives is the first Community Improvement Plan of its kind in Ontario and we have had other Counties and Municipalities look to us as a best practice."

The main objective of Elgincentives is to encourage private sector business owners to invest in their commercial land and buildings, improving the quality of commercial infrastructure across the County, revitalizing rural downtowns, tourism corridors, agricultural properties and injecting funds into the local economy.

Since the project’s inception in 2015, Elgin has distributed \$762,629 of funding to 146 different projects. Combined with the contributions from property owners this has resulted in projects valuing over \$3.34 million dollars in improvements. These funds have created a significant economic impact across the entire County.

For more information on Elgin County’s Elgincentives Community Improvement Plan visit www.elgincentives.ca.

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