Municipal Innovation Council - Minutes Electronic Meeting September 30, 2021, 2:30 p.m.



present

Members

Kara Van Myall, CAO, Town of Saugeen Shores, Chair	present
Mary Rose Walden, CAO, Township of Huron-Kinloss	present
Sonya Watson, CAO Municipality of Brockton	present
Roxana Baumann, Director of Corporate Services, Kincardine	present
Leanne Martin, CAO/Clerk Municipality of South Bruce	arrived at 2:41 pm
Sylvia Kirkwood, CAO Municipality of Arran-Elderslie	arrived at 3:10 pm
Peggy VanMierlo-West CAO Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula	arrived at 3:00 pm
Matthew Meade, Strategic Initiatives Specialist at Bruce County	present

Staff Support

Emily Dance, Clerk Huron-Kinloss, Recording Secretary (non-voting)

Other

Bruce Wallace, NII Stellina Williams, NII

1. Call to Order

1.1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

2. Additions or Amendments to the Agenda

A request was put forward for Bruce Wallace, NII to provide remarks on what the opportunity could mean for MIC and NII and discuss how NII can facilitate this work (member companies, innovation opportunities, opt in model, etc.).

Moved By: Sonya Watson Seconded By: Matthew Meade THAT the MIC agrees to discuss how the NII can assist in facilitating the MIC projects and objectives.

<u>Carried</u>

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Motion

Moved by: Sonya Watson Seconded by: Mary Rose Walden THAT the MIC hereby adopts the August 12, 2021 AND the September 1, 2021 (Special), Municipal Innovation Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

- August 12, 2021, Municipal Innovation Council Meeting Minutes
- September 1, 2021 (Special), Municipal Innovation Council Meeting Minutes

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<u>Carried</u>

4. Delegations

4.1. None scheduled

5. Project Updates from Chair

5.1. Program Delivery Proposal

- MIC Report 2021-08
- Program Delivery Proposal

Motion

Moved: Sonya Watson Seconded by: Matthew Meade

THAT the Nuclear Innovation Institute's "Municipal Innovation Council: Program Delivery Proposal" (the Charter) be endorsed as the path forward for resourcing, structure and workplan management for the Municipal Innovation Council; and,

THAT the Chair of the Municipal Innovation Council be directed to advance a Consulting Agreement, based on the Charter; and which will include the priorities defined by the current Council.

<u>Carried</u>

5.2. NII and the MIC

Bruce Wallace from the NII opened the discussion on the opportunity of how the NII could facilitate the work of the MIC and what the MIC is trying to achieve.

He explained that the NII could: leverage administration, assist in marketing, delivery work of value to funders, share risks and benefits. They see their role as a convenor of the players, connector to solutions. They could bring forward best practices and provide a platform to get stuff done, achievement and wins.

Mr. Wallace noted that the NII is committed to the region, and can bring a package of expertise, and bring options on how it might facilitate things to move faster.

There was a lengthy discussion on various projects and pain points of the different participating municipalities.

The group noted support of the NII in facilitating and agreed they would like to see the work of the MIC narrowed down and focused on the priorities of the MIC.

6. Meeting Schedule

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Thursday October 21, 2021 – 2:30 – 4:30 pm Thursday November 25, 2021- 2:30-4:30pm December – delegations to all partner Councils

7. Adjournment

Motion

Moved by: Matthew Meade Seconded by: Leanne Martin

THAT the MIC hereby adjourns at 3:39 p.m.

<u>Carried</u>

Original Signed by Kara VanMyall Chair Original Signed by Emily Dance Secretary



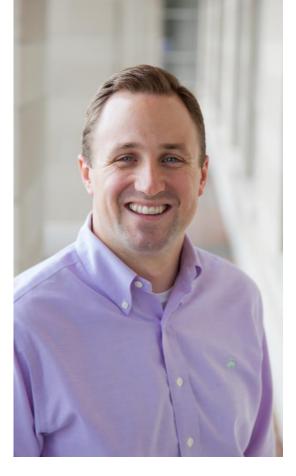
MIC Summer Research Symposium August 12th, 2021



Municipal Innovation Council

The Municipal Innovation Council (MIC) serves lower and upper-tier municipalities that are committed to building smarter, stronger, and more resilient communities. The MIC seeks to understand how issues impact people and is a catalyst for developing solutions to shared problems. The MIC invests in the ability to sense and respond to challenges quickly so that member communities thrive in the 21st century.









Christie Downey

Organizational Development Analyst Scarlett Wang

Municipal Service Analyst

Dave Shorey

Innovation Officer

Ayaan Hussain IT Business Analyst



Aniqa Shams

University of Waterloo student in Master in Economic Development and Innovation program



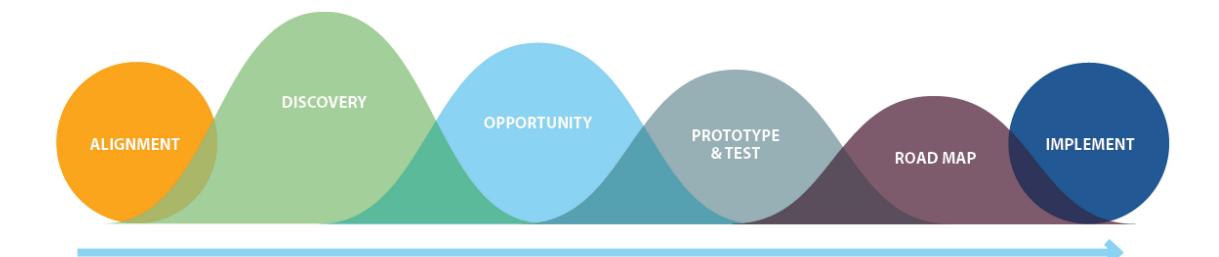
Fatima Hirsi

University of Waterloo student in Master in Economic Development and Innovation program

Today's Schedule

- 1:30 Welcome, Introductions, and Methodology
- 1:45 **Revitalizing downtown** (Aniqa Shams) presentation + Q & A
- 2:10 Municipal procurement (Fatima Hirsi) presentation + Q & A
- 2:35 Municipal service analysis (Scarlett Wang) presentation + Q & A
- 3:05 **Org. development** (Christie Downey) presentation + Q & A
- 3:30 IT business analysis (Ayaan Hussain) presentation + Q & A
- 3:55 Closing remarks

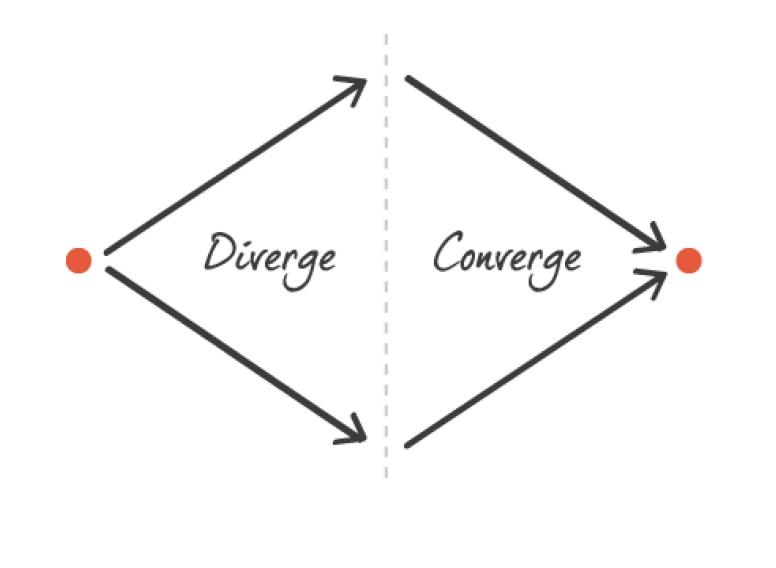




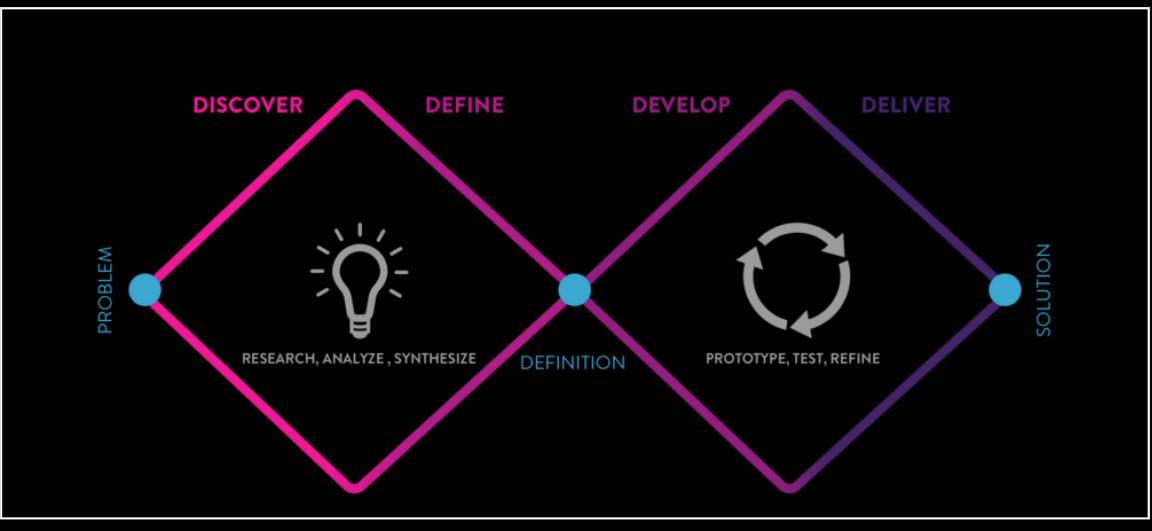
Methodology



Divergent & Convergent Thinking







Innovation Cycle



Feedback



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Revitalizing Downtown

Aniqa Shams

Revitalizing Vacant Properties in Bruce County

Prepared for the Municipal Innovation Council

August 13, 2021

Aniqa Shams

Candidate for the Masters of Economic Development and Innovation











Agenda

- Research Questions
- Literature Review Findings
- Interview Summary
- Recommendations

Research Questions



What are the challenges and opportunities associated with rehabilitating vacant derelict downtown buildings in rural communities?



What are the best practices for rehabilitating vacant derelict downtown buildings in rural communities?

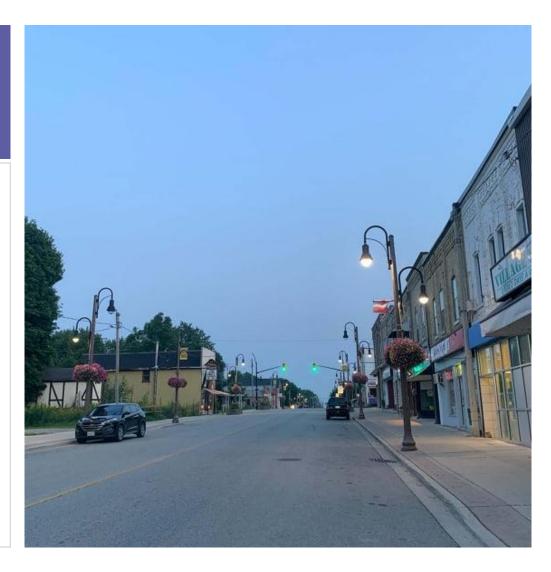
Challenges and Opportunities with Revitalization

Opportunities

Challenges

- Address safety concerns
- Reduce carbon footprint and preserve community history
- Increase tax base
- Market research
- Attract entrepreneurs
- Provide affordable housing

- Loss of tax revenues
- Deterioration of properties
- Difficulty in rehabilitating historic structures
- Lack of community support



Literature Review Findings

- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Rural Economic Development Program
- Neighbourhood Homes Investment Act
- Community Futures Development Corporation
- Community Improvement Plans
- Business Improvement Areas
- Community Champions
- Vacant Property Registry

- Master Rehabilitation Plans and Feasibility Reports
- Property Tax Rebate
- Vacant Building Ordinance
- Obtaining Ownership
- Rehabilitation Codes/Building Codes
- Partnerships (non-profit,
 realtors and private
 sector)
- Market-Driven Vacant Property Reuse Programs
- Utilizing Technology

- Post-Secondary Campus
- Good Landlord Program
- Non-Conforming Use
- Green Infrastructure
- Business Start-up
 Funding Program
- Side Lot Program
- Pop-up Stores
- -profit, Crime Prevention te Through Environmental Design
 - Heritage
 Commission/Designation
 - Public Art



Rural Economic Development (RED) Program

Funding to help create and retain jobs and boost growth in your rural community

ontario.ca/REDprogram

Interview Summary

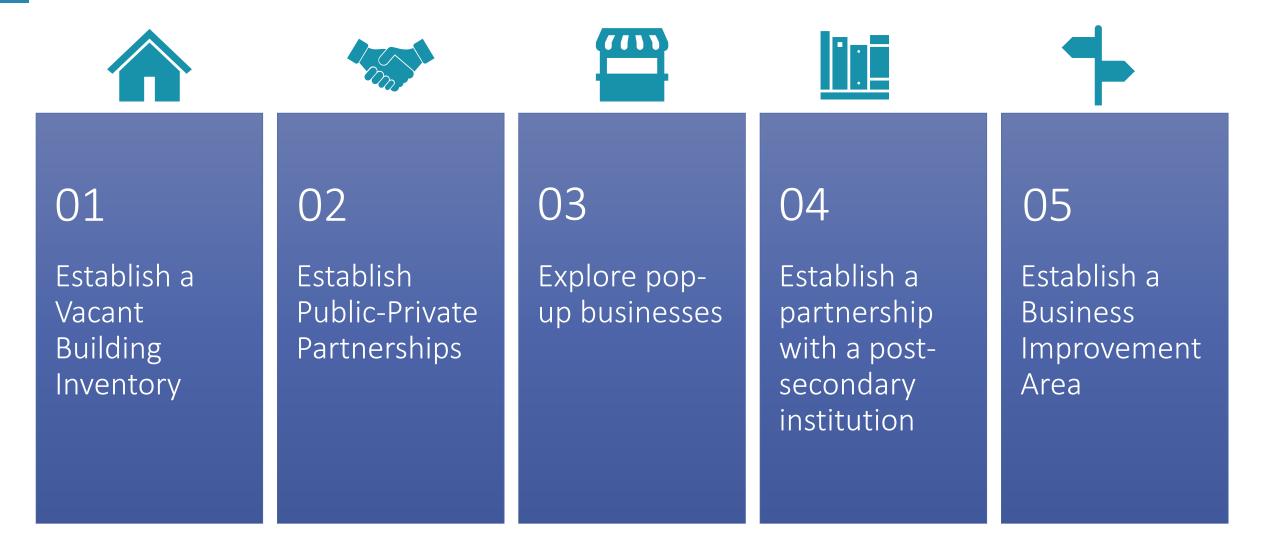
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs,
- Prince Edward County
- City of Kawartha Lakes
- Township of Woolwich
- Durham Region
- Town of Bracebridge
- City of Brantford

- Town of Minto
- Town of Saugeen Shores
- Ontario Business Improvement Area
- University of Waterloo
- Township of Wellington North
- City of Cambridge





Recommendations



Feedback



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Best Practices in Procurement

Fatima Hirsi

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FROM:INVESTIGATING PROCUREMENTBY: FATIMA HIRSIPRACTICES IN BRUCE COUNTY

OVERVIEW

- Purpose and Research Questions
- Procurement SWOT Analysis
- Methodology
- Interview Informants
- Key Topics and Questions
- Key Findings
- Recommendations

PURPOSE AND RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- Purpose: The purpose of this paper was to explore ways that Bruce County can implement best practices in their procurement policies and procedures.
- The paper was developed based on the following two research questions:
 - I. What are the opportunities and challenges with procurement in Bruce County?
 - 2. What are the best practices for municipal procurement within rural communities?
- Interviewees discussed practices related to municipal procurement, particularly in rural communities, and shared key insights and perspectives on practices that Bruce County could implement to enhance their procurement practices.

PROCUREMENT SWOT ANALYSIS

Strengths

- Acknowledgement of the role of purchasing
- Bruce County's responsiveness
- Online storage of contracts

Weaknesses

- Few staff with procurement expertise
- Lack of breadth of business connections

Opportunities

- Creating a framework to address the county's challenges
- Expand group purchasing opportunities and implement other best practices

Threats

- Prices increases (e.g. supplies, insurance, and etc.)
- Vendor supply and engagement
- Workforce related challenges (e.g. skills gap, youth migration, and shrinking labour force)

METHODOLOGY

- Primary and secondary research for this report was conducted between the months of May and August 2021.
- Initial preparation for this report included conducting a literature review about current topics in municipal procurement and strategies that rural municipalities can use to improve their procurement efforts.
- This report also utilized a mixture of informational interviews with key informants that represented either municipalities within Ontario or organizations that supported municipalities.
- Informants were selected based of their knowledge and experience either directly working in municipal procurement and purchasing or supporting municipalities with procurement and purchasing.
- The interviews focused on a number of different topics within municipal procurement.

INTERVIEW INFORMANTS

- Interviews were conducted with representatives from:
 - I. Municipality of Brockton
 - 2. The City of Owen Sound
 - 3. The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
 - 4. Norfolk County
 - 5. The County of Elgin

- 6. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- 7. The City of Hamilton
- 8. Northumberland County
- 9. The City of Greater Sudbury
- 10. Bruce County

KEY TOPICS AND QUESTIONS













Understanding Trade Agreements

Measuring Procurement Performance Transparency, Trust, and Integrity Innovation in Procurement

Promoting SME Participation Leveraging Procurement for Public Benefit

KEY FINDINGS

Increase flexibility with staff purchasing

Mandatory specifications for social and environmental goals

Vendor education

Examine negotiated requests for proposal (RFPs) Review contracts agreements and other documentation

Increase protections for the municipality and vendors

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Develop policies and tools that address pandemic-induced challenges: Bruce County can include performance securities, irrevocable period extensions, and other clauses in their contracts to protect both the county and its suppliers.
- 2. Use problem-based procurement to address municipal challenges: Through problem or challenge-based procurement, Bruce County can engage more suppliers and garner more vendor proposals.
- 3. Host reverse trade shows to engage more vendors: Reverse trade shows enable vendors to understand municipalities' needs while providing municipalities with increased understanding of which challenges could be addressed by existing market solutions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4. Invest in social procurement to create community benefits: Bruce County has the opportunity to review their procurement policies to ensure that they achieve multiple strategic goals and outcomes.
- 5. Leverage technology to connect with a greater number of vendors:. Outside of electronic bidding platforms, there are additional ways that Bruce County can use technology to reach a wider range of vendors.
- 6. Incorporate more planned purchasing and group purchasing agreements into procurement processes: Resources like the Vendor of Record program and the Association of Municipalities in Ontario can provide the county with access to group buying opportunities and education on cooperative purchasing agreements.

CLOSING

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FROM: INVESTIGATING PROCUREMENT PRACTICES IN BRUCE COUNTY

More questions? Contact Fatima Hirsi at fhirsi@uwaterloo.ca.

Feedback



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Municipal Service Analysis

Scarlett Wang

Purpose & Objectives

- Service Review & Service Mapping
 - Gain a deeper understanding of the
 - Current state of service offerings
 - Other municipalities of service offerings
 - To explore opportunities for shared growth, collaboration, and partnership in service offerings and delivery

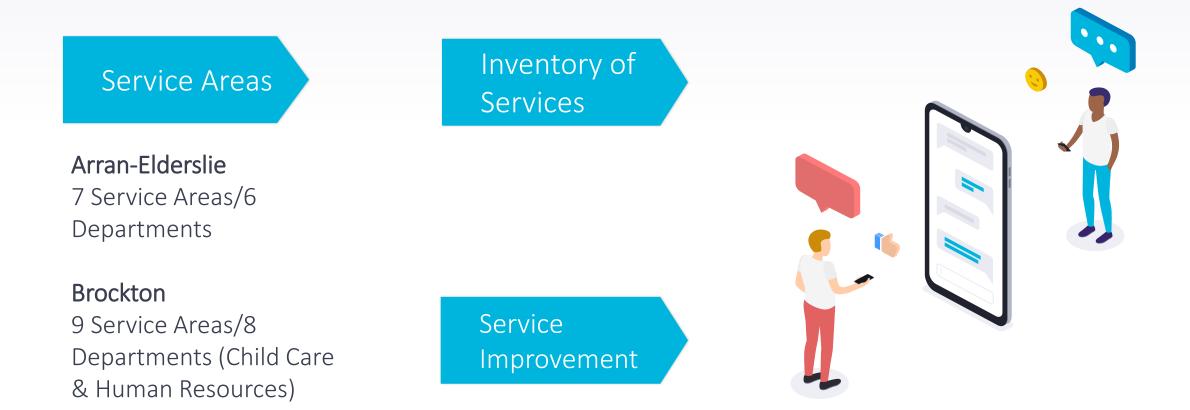


Data Collected

- Corporate Strategic Plans
- A to Z Service List
- Informational Interview
- Financial Information Return Analysis
- Department Head Survey
- Thematic Analysis



High Level Findings: Informational Interview



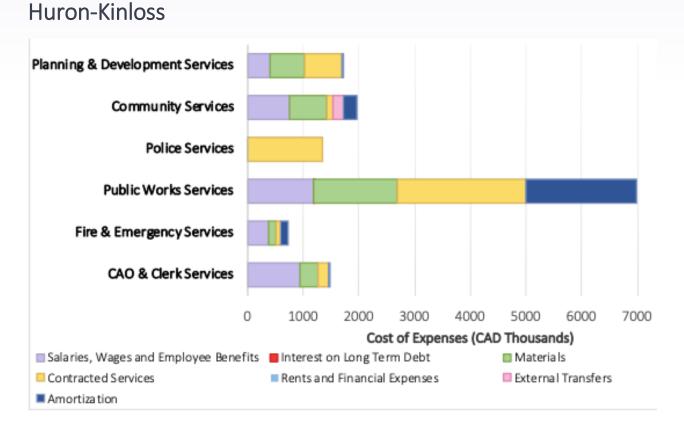
Community Identified Service Improvements

- Arran-Elderslie
 - Public Works:
 Garbage collection, snow removal & tree care
- Brockton
 - Operations: Property Cleanliness, pets' issue, survey issue
 - Building & Planning: long process time of applications
 - Financial: general taxation amount

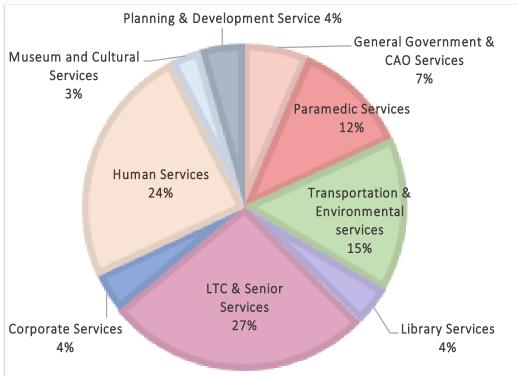


High Level Findings: Financial Information Return Analysis

- Service Area Expenses Comparison by categories
- Service Area Total Expenses







High Level Findings: Department Head Survey

How services are administered

- Service Delivery Modes
- Service End-Users
- Service Turnaround Time
- Human Resources
- Software Resources



Examples & Sample

Northern Bruce Peninsula

- Public Works: local contractors
- MESH & Cloudpermit

South Bruce

- Fire Service (staff count)
- Keystone

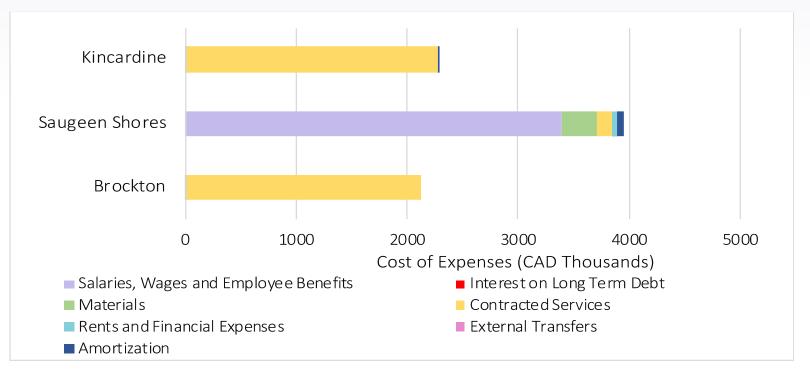
	DEPARTMENTS								
	BUILDING		CAO			RECREATION & FACILITIES	TREASURY	FIRE	OPERATIONS
					Service	Areas			
	Building & Planning Services	Protection & By- law Enforcement	Clerk/Deputy Clerk Services	Administration Services	HR/Economic Development/IT Services	Community Services	Financial Services	Fire & Emergency Services	Public Works Services
Service Delivery Modes	• In-house	• In-house	• In-house	• In-house	• In-house	• In-house	• In-house	In-houseContracted out	 In-house Contracted out
Service End-Users	 Residence Contractors Developers 	Residence Rate payers	Residence Councils Internal Staffs Developers	Residence Councils Internal Staffs Developers	Residence Councils Internal Staffs Developers	• Residents • Businesses	 Internal staff Council Facility users Residents Ratepayers Developers 	Residence Visitors Internal Dep Schools Vulnerable Occupancies Residents	Residence Visitors
Service Turnaround Time	• 2 weeks	• 2 weeks	• Vary		• Immediate - 1 day	i Daily (AP AR & Cash	• Emergency: Immediate Inspection: 1 - 3 days Code Enforcement: same day Education: 1 week		
Human Resources	• 1	• 1	• 9		• 8 Full-Time • 16 Seasonal	• 4	• 25	• 11 Full-Time • 4 Part-Time	
Software Resources	• Cloudpermit • Keystone		 HR Downloads KeyStone Microsoft applications Icompass (council) Datafix (election) 		• Keystone • MESH	 Keystone Accounting Software Budgeting software solution Asset Management software 	 Fire Pro ED Dispatches Resource One 		

Municipality of South Bruce

High Level Findings: Comparison of Service Offerings

- Service offering & how it is administered
- Service expenses (FIR)





i.e., Police Services

High Level Findings: Shared Challenges and Pain Points

Staff reflected on the...

- Services they wish to improve
- Current challenges they face in service delivery
- Resources needed to provide service
- Services they wish to provide but are unable to
- Additional barriers & opportunities they've noticed



Recommendations

- 1. Identifying Common Software Suite
- 2. Standardize Schedule for Service List Update
- Shared Delivery Models for Services
- 4. Enhanced Group Purchasing

- 5. Standardize Service FeedbackSystem for Community Members
- 6. Employee Feedback Mechanisms
- Communicate Service Processing
 Time

Identifying Common Software Suite

 An opportunity for municipalities to negotiate single contract at a possible lower rate

- Standardize Schedule for Service List Update
 - A need for annual website service update in order to provide users with most updated information regards to the type of services offered in the municipality
- Shared Delivery Models for Services
 - To deliver common services collectively under a shared service delivery model. i.e. IT Services





- Enhanced Group Purchasing
 - Shared procurement activities
 between the municipalities for
 increase buying power and
 realize savings.





 To centralize all collected feedback information from the Service End-Users, and designation to departments

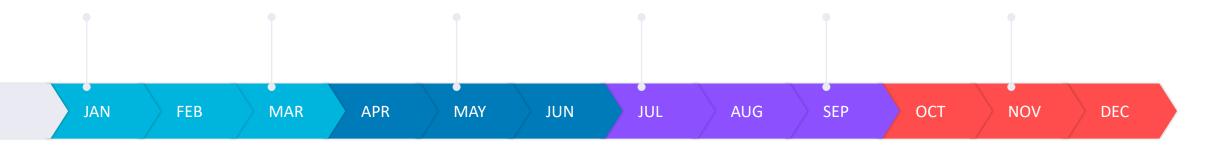
- Employee Feedback Mechanisms
 - Development of a standardized feedback system which provide staff with an opportunity to share their thoughts, feedback, and suggestions on their service delivery experience.



Communicate Service Processing Time

 Communicate to the public and end-users on the service processing time

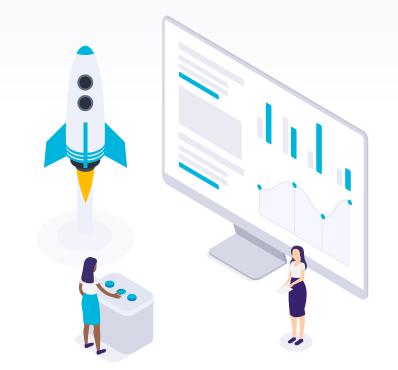
Example: Building & Planning Services



Future Actions & Research

• User Journey Mapping

Service Boundaries vs.
 Municipal Boundaries



In summary

- 3 Data Sets
- 3 Types of Comparison
- 7 Recommendations



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Org. Development Analysis

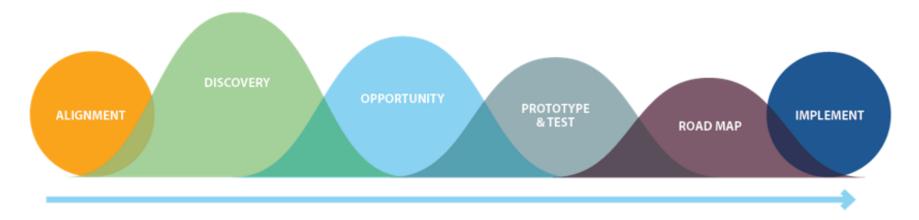
Christie Downey

Research Objectives



Understand the current state of each MIC member municipality as it relates to training & development Conduct an environmental scan of training & development efforts in other municipalities across Ontario to leverage this within Bruce County Through a gap analysis, identify opportunities for

each individual municipality and collaboration between municipalities related to training & development



Data Collected

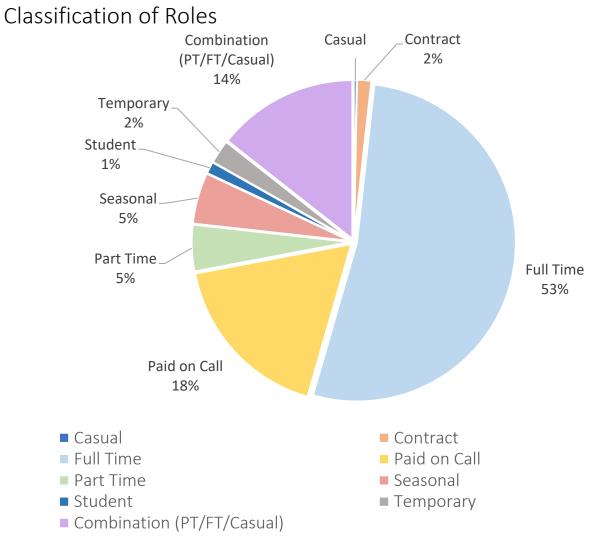
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- 2. Organizational Structure Matrix
- 3. Job Description Analysis
- 4. Informational Interview

- 5. Department Head Survey
- 6. Training Tracker & Certification Analysis
- 7. Financial Analysis
- 8. SWOT Analysis

High Level Findings: Organizational Structure Matrix

Municipality	Headcount	%	
Arran-Elderslie	118.5	7%	
Brockton	131.5	8%	
Bruce County	766.5	46%	
Huron-Kinloss	100.5	6%	
Kincardine	176.5	11%	
Northern Bruce Peninsula	86	5%	
Saugeen Shores	200.5	12%	
South Bruce	70	4%	
Total	1650		

*PT/Casual Roles Weighted at 0.5



High Level Findings:

Job Description Analysis

Core KSAs: All Roles

- Excellent communication skills
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office suite (and Office365)
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Strong time management and organizational skills

Manager & Supervisor KSAs

- Leadership skills
- Strong public relations focus
- Teamwork
- Strategic focus

KSA = Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

High Level Findings:

Informational Interview & Department Head Survey

Pain Points

Limited time for staff to engage in training



Lack of coordinated training





Failure to track training

Top Pain Point(s) as Identified in Department Head Survey

Municipality	Key Challenge from Thematic Analysis
Arran-Elderslie	Limited Time for Staff to Engage in Training
Brockton	Funding
Bruce County	Inconsistent Training
Huron-Kinloss	Funding
Kincardine	Funding & Tracking of Training
Northern Bruce Peninsula	Seasonal Pressures & Limited Time to Engage in Training
Saugeen Shores	Inconsistent Training & Limited Time to Engage in Training
South Bruce	Limited Time for Staff to Engage in Training

Department	Key Challenge from Thematic Analysis
Building	Limited Time for Staff to Engage in Training
CAO	Tracking of Training
Clerks	Funding
Community Services/ Recreation	Inconsistent Training
Finance/ Treasury	Software
Fire	Funding
PW	Funding

Training & Certification Tracker

Shared Training Across Lower-Tier Municipalities

- ACCESSIBILITY TRAINING
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- FIRST AID
- H&S -SUPERVISORS
- HARASSMENT TRAINING
- WHMIS
- WORKER HEALTH AND SAFETY

- AERIAL WORK
- CONFINED SPACE
- ICE MAKING AND PAINTING TECHNOLOGIES
- LEGAL AWARENESS
- PATROLLER WINTER MAINTENANCE
- PROPANE HANDLING/ EXCHANGE
- HAZARD TRAINING
- WORKING AT HEIGHTS

Key Finding: The use of multiple training providers for the same training across municipalities

Recommendations

Training and Development Strategy

 Creation of a Training & Development Strategy (Individual Municipality and MIC strategy)

Organizational Sustainability

- Commitment to Organizational Effectiveness: Staff Ambassador Group
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy and Training
- Cross Municipal EDI Committee
- Canadian Accessibility Network
- Mandatory Mental Health Training

Organizational Assets

- Training Tracker
- Alignment between organizational head count and organizational chart
- Accurate position classification of part-time, full-time, casual, student and contract roles
- Shared training, focusing on the Fire Department, Infrastructure & Development Department and Community Services Department in the lower tiers
- Shared employees across municipalities (for example, IT)
- Standardized Position Names
- Accurate Job Descriptions that Fairly Compensate
- Development of a MIC Member-wide Competency Model
- Identification of Training Providers
- Standardized Legislated Updates Regarding Training
- Shared Connections
- Reduced Number of Training Providers

Key Recommendation – Training Tracker with Identification of Training Needs



TRAINING TRACKER WITH THE IDENTIFICATION OF TRAINING NEEDS

- Identify training needs at an individual level, departmental level and organizational level
- Digital tracking of training
 - HR Downloads
 - Office 365

Key Recommendation – MIC Competency Model



MIC COMPETENCY MODEL

- Creation of a competency model of shared knowledge, skills and abilities across MIC member municipalities
- Key for succession planning, employee training and development and performance appraisals

Key Recommendation – Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Training



EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION TRAINING

- Lack of EDI training across Bruce County
- Leverage Kincardine's SME in the role of Manager of Strategic Initiatives
- Partnership with post-secondary institutions
- Government of Canada micro-learning videos

Future Research & Action Items



STRATEGY AND AN EDI STRATEGY)

TO TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

PROTOTYPE A TRAINING DOCUMENT USED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EACH EMPLOYEE

In Summary

Top pain points

- > Limited time for staff to engage in training
- ➤ Funding
- Inconsistent training and the failure to track training

Opportunities

18 recommendations divided into three categories (training and development strategy, organizational assets, organizational sustainability)

Top three recommendations are: tracking of training, EDI work, and collaboration through shared training and competency development

Employees are the driving force to achieve the future state as identified in the corporate strategic plans

Thank you for the support with my research! 64

Feedback



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IT Business Analysis

Ayaan Hussain







Highlight **Opportunities** for Improvement Through Observed **Pain Points** & **Inefficiencies**

Constituent Elements of IT

≻Hardware

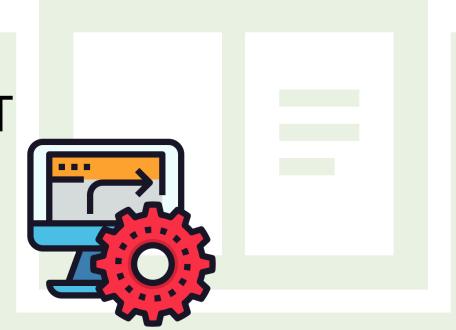
- ➢Software
- Third-Party IT Service Provision
- >Cybersecurity
- ➢ Networking
- **>**E-waste Management
- ➢IT Strategic Planning

Data Sources

Informational Interviews
 Internally-Facing Documents
 Externally-facing Documents
 In-person Consultation
 Third-party IT Service
 Provider Reports



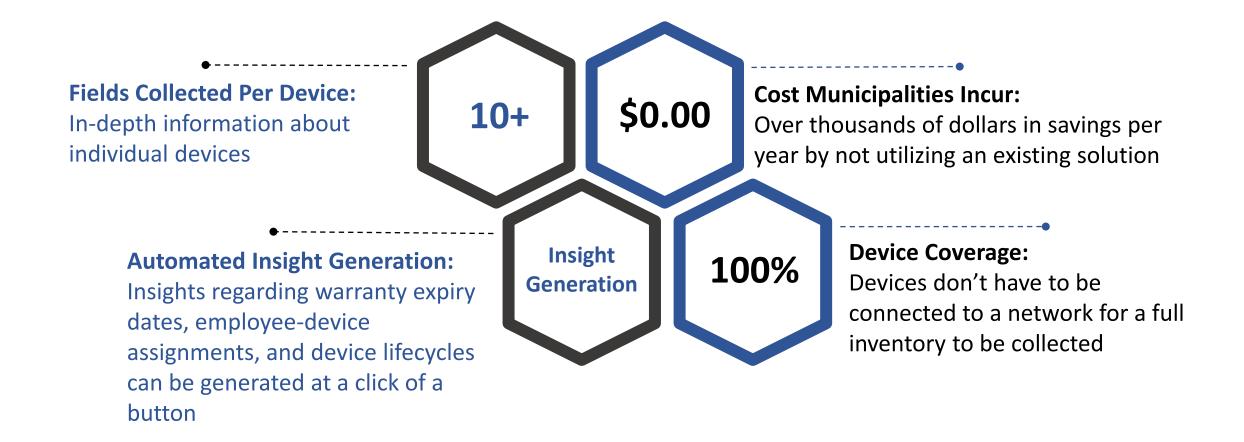




Outdated Excel Documents that are **Hard to Read**

Automated Solutions that Provide Little to No Insight & Fail to Maintain Device Lifecycles

Overview of the MIC Asset Management System



MIC Asset Management System – Overview

	Asset Management System
Home	Login

Asset Management System

This application provides the following features:

- Asset Life Cycle Management
- Asset Allocation
- Reports
- Master Data Management

System Messages

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	Asset Report				
Add Asset	Person Report Retired Asset				
Asset Name		Description			
Status	C	ategory		Location	
Choose Status:	~	Choose Category:	~	Choose Location:	~
Serial #				Asset Tag	
Model				Manufacturer	

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Asset Management System

Home Asset - Employee - Report -

Signed in as: Ayaan, Hussain Logout

Asset List

Name	Description	Category	Status	Serial #	Asset Tag	Location	Edit
mo-bylaw-lp	Animal Control Officer	DSK	A	5CG925CL91	AST1122299	Town of Saugeen Shores	Edit
mb-cao	AT/AT COMPATIBLE	DSK	A	MXL53918F0	Hello Asset	Town of Saugeen Shores	Edit
mb- clericassist	AT/AT COMPATIBLE	DSK	A	MXL53918FK	Hello Asset 2	Town of Saugeen Shores	Edit
mo-clerk-test	AT/AT COMPATIBLE	DSK	U	MXL5382SRDX	TestAsset221	Town of Saugeen Shores	Edit

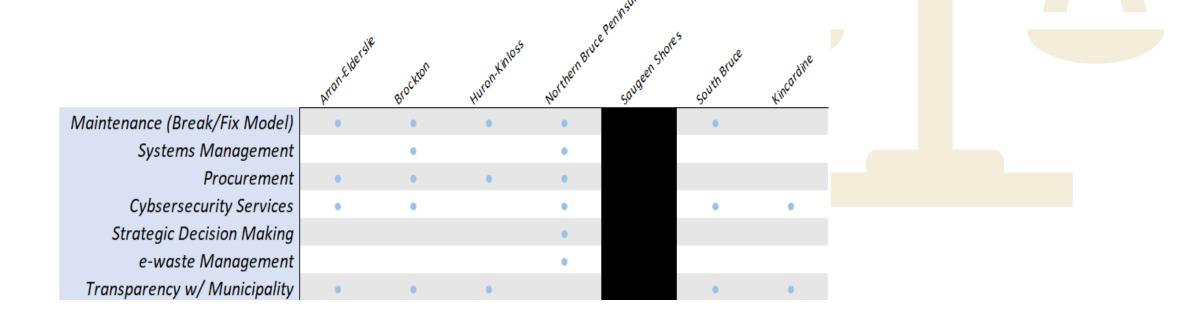
IT Strategic Planning and Competency Development

"The biggest part of digital transformation is changing the way we think."

- Simeon Preston

Key Considerations

There are long-term implications of relying on third-party IT service providers – they DON'T have the same IT-related goals as you

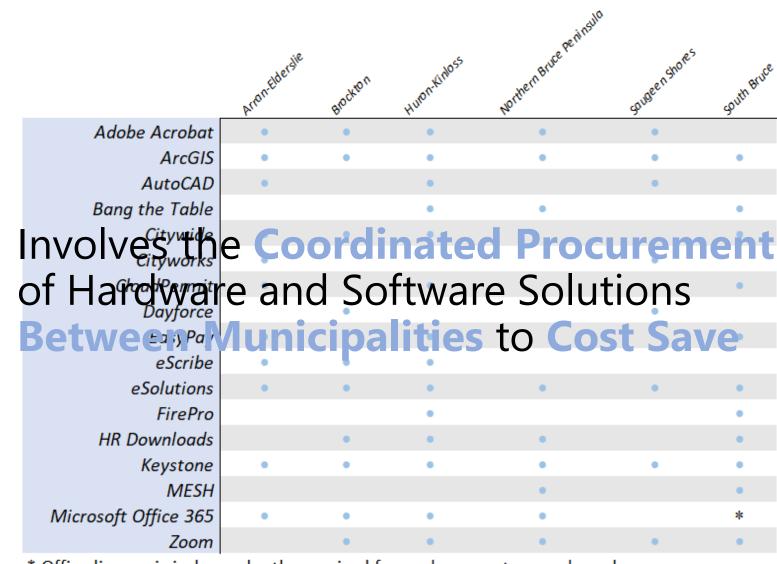


Key Considerations

"The next 5 years will be more disruptive than the last 15. This is not business as usual. A lot of technology that came in three years ago doesn't work anymore." -Saul Berman, IBM

Less priority is currently placed on IT strategy and as such, municipalities are being REACTIVE rather than PROACTIVE – inhibiting digital innovation

Shared IT Service Model



* Office license is independently acquired for each computer purchased.

Shared IT Staff Model



Sharing 1 – 2 Dedicated IT Staff Members Between these 4 Municipalities

Only 3 Dedicated Fulltime IT Staff Hired Across the Lower Tier Municipalities & Part-Time IT Staff Who Are **Overwhelmed**



Average Number of Fulltime Dedicated IT Staff Needed To Sustainably Complete IT Work Across Member Lower-Tier Municipalities

E-waste & Cybersecurity Framework Development

Each municipality handles cybersecurity differently and have varying levels of understanding of measures currently in place

Municipalities that have a formalized e-waste management protocol



Cybersecurity & E-waste Management

\$6,201.44 Variance in Cybersecurity Spends

\$520.00

Variance in IT E-waste Management Spends



In Summary

- 1. IT Strategic Planning
- 2. IT Asset Management
- 3. Consistent Procedures for Cybersecurity and E-waste
- 4. Working Together
 - Common Software Suite
 - Procurement of Hardware
 - Shared Service Model

Thank you!

Feedback

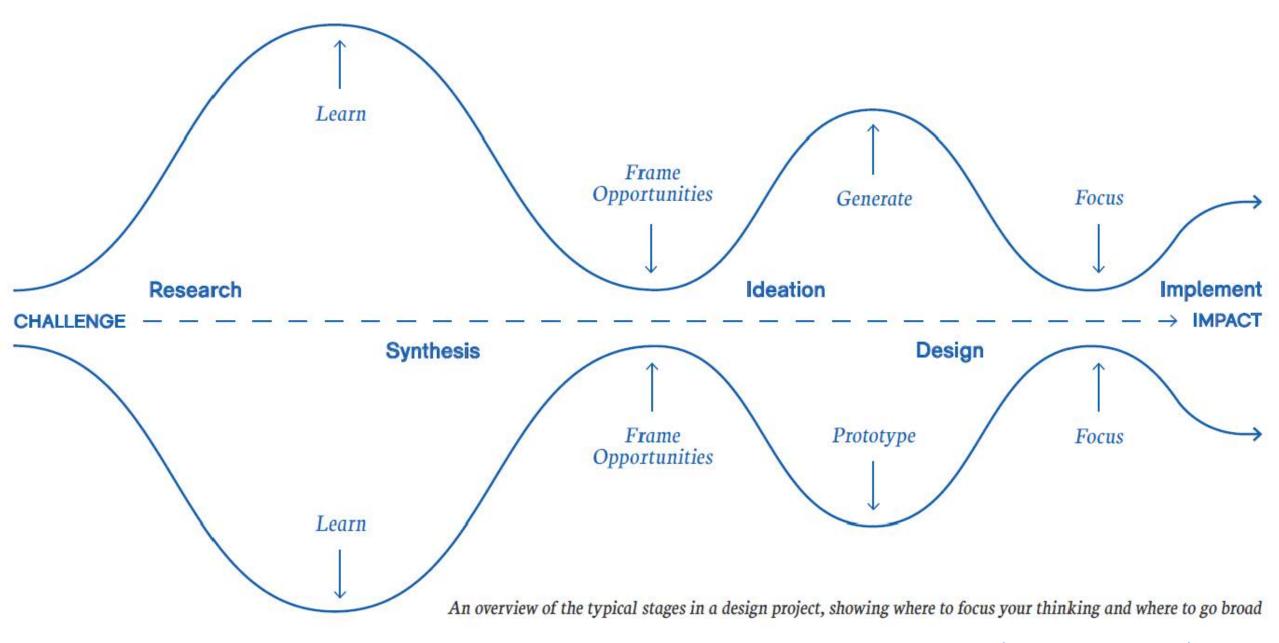


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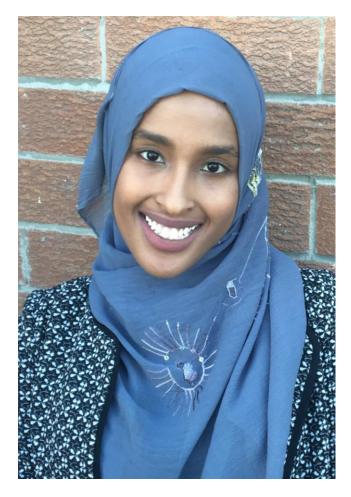


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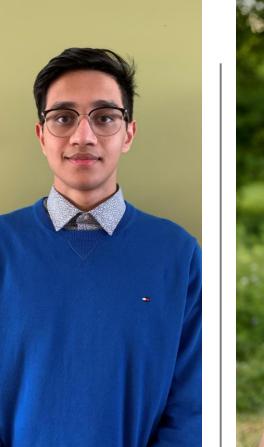
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Members

Kara Van Myall, CAO, Saugeen Shores, Chair	Present
Mary Rose Walden, CAO, Township of Huron-Kinloss	Present
Sonya Watson, CAO Municipality of Brockton	Present
Sharon Chambers, CAO, Municipality of Kincardine	Present
Leanne Martin, CAO/Clerk Municipality of South Bruce	Present
Sylvia Kirkwood, CAO Municipality of Arran-Elderslie	Present
Peggy VanMierlo-West CAO Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula	Present
Matthew Meade, Strategic Initiatives Specialist at Bruce County	Present

Staff Support

Dave Shorey, MIC Innovation Officer (non-voting)PresentEmily Dance, Clerk Township of Huron-Kinloss, Recording Secretary (non-voting)Present

- Call to Order
 1.1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 am
- 2. Additions or Amendments to the agenda No additions
- Announcement from the Innovation Officer
 The Innovation Officer Dave Shorey thanked the group for the opportunity to speak and to
 work with the MIC. He explained that it has been a meaningful year and wonderful
 experience and feels the work the past spring and summer will set up the MIC for success in
 the upcoming years.

The Chair on behalf of the MIC thanked Dave for his work.

The Innovation Officer left the meeting.

4. Closed Meeting

Motion: Moved By: Leanne Martin Seconded By: Sonya Watson

THAT the Municipal Innovation Council herby moves into Closed Session pursuant to Section [s. 239(2)(d)] Labour relations or employee negotiations – Innovation Officer AND returns to open upon completion

Carried

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- 5. Business arising from Closed Session
 - 5.1. The Chair reported that the resignation of Dave Shorey from his role as Innovation Officer for the MIC was received. A discussion was held regarding the transition and considerations for staffing of the Innovation Officer position and student positions going forward with direction given to Chair.
- 5. Meeting Schedule

Thursday September 30, 2021- 2:30-4:30pm Thursday October 21, 2021-2:30-4:30pm Thursday November 25, 2021- 2:30-4:30pm December – delegations to all partner Councils

6. AdjournmentMotionMoved by: Sharon Chambers Seconded by: Sonya Watson

THAT the Municipal Innovation Council hereby adjourns at 11:05 am

<u>Carried</u>

Chair

Secretary



MIC REPORT 2021-08

Report To:	Municipal Innovation Council (MIC)
Report From:	Kara Van Myall, CAO Saugeen Shores, Chair MIC
Meeting Date:	September 30, 2021
Subject:	MIC: Program Delivery Proposal

Recommendation

THAT the Nuclear Innovation Institute's "Municipal Innovation Council: Program Delivery Proposal" (the Charter) be endorsed as the path forward for resourcing, structure and workplan management for the Municipal Innovation Council; and,

THAT the Chair of the Municipal Innovation Council be directed to advance a Consulting Agreement, based on the Charter; and which will include the priorities defined by the current Council.

Background

August 26, 2021, the Municipal Innovation Council (MIC)'s Innovation Officer resigned, effective September 17, 2021. In response, the MIC Board convened a Special Meeting (September 1, 2021), to discuss a transition plan and consider options for staffing and workplan management.

The following draft resolution was carried:

THAT the MIC support the recommendation to work with partners to develop resourcing and a path forward for the MIC over the coming months and the longer term of the MIC including:

- 1. Transition Support in the near term to support the ongoing efforts and evaluate the current state and how best to proceed
- 2. Project support / resourcing around the current workplan and co-op students
- 3. Marketing / Communication support to assist with awareness and engagement
- 4. Support for work on a transition plan from pilot to implementation (long term)

The Chair will work with the Innovation Officer on the communication on the resignation and how the MIC will be moving the work forward.

<u>Carried</u>

The Chair will move forward with the direction given and report back informally to the group in the next two weeks.

On September 3, 2021, representatives from the MIC met with the Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII) and Nuclear Promise X (NPX) to further discuss transition planning and support to the end of the MIC pilot and beyond. During this meeting the NII reiterated their long-standing support for the MIC and expressed interest in positioning the MIC as a project similar to other NII projects (i.e., Centre for Next Generation Nuclear, Clean Energy Frontier, etc.). NPX expressed support for project delivery. The group acknowledged the opportunity to have additional supports (consultants, partner organizations, etc.) support the various MIC projects as well. The action resulting from the meeting was for NII to draft a program delivery proposal.

The draft proposal was circulated to the MIC members for comment – minimal comments were received and those received have been address (i.e., recruitment/hiring process and removal of language around integration and rebranding). The final draft is attached.

Summary of the Program Delivery Proposal

<u>Purpose</u>

NII proposes to provide an organizational structure that simplifies the ability of the MIC to meet its mandate (to build smarter, stronger, and more resilient communities) – within the NII's existing program model. The planned approach would include a dedicated program director who is accountable to the MIC members for executing projects and managing funds.

Operational Structure

MIC is housed in NII as the Centre for Municipal Innovation, with a Director of Municipal Innovation (who reports to the Executive Director), while continuing to receive strategic direction from the Municipal Innovation Council (Steering Committee).

The Centre for Municipal Innovation would operate as a separately funded program within NII.

Funding

The Municipal Innovation Council will approve a budget to manage the day-to-day operations of the Centre. The Town of Saugeen Shores will flow the approved annual budget to NII. NII, through the Program Director, will report quarterly on expenses incurred. Any funds not spent by the end of the fiscal year are automatically deferred into the following year's budget.

The program will run at cost.

The Agreement will run until the end of the pilot, December 31, 2022, with the option to extend at the discretion of the funding partners.



Municipal Innovation Council

Program Delivery Proposal

Prepared for: Kara Van Myall, Chair, Municipal Innovation Council Updated: September 20, 2021

For Approval



Purpose

The Municipal Innovation Council (MIC) is a unique, leading-edge platform for like-minded rural municipalities to come together to build smarter, stronger, and more resilient communities.

Over the past 21 months, the MIC has created the basis for its members to turn that aspiration into action. Several projects have been identified as suitable for collaboration. In some cases, external funding has been secured, or is in the process of being acquired. MIC's member governments have demonstrated their readiness to act and to explore the potential benefits of changing how they work internally, how they engage with each other, and to discover if there arebetter ways to serve their citizens.

In short, MIC is ready to move into a new stage of its three-year pilot. To continue to successfully advance its mission, the MIC must run and complete projects with clear goals and clearly defined benefits. And it needs to aggressively promote those achievements to the broader public, demonstrating the value of innovation and collaboration to the communities it serves.

The MIC therefore requires an effective, efficient structure to deliver on its promise, with a dedicated program director who is accountable to the MIC members for executing projects and managing funds. It requires the management capability to identify strict deliverables, create the workplans and budgets, and ensure that deadlines are met. It needs direction and support to market and communicate its achievements. And it must put this structure in place quickly to maintain momentum and demonstrate that the pilot partnership has the potential to provide lasting benefit.

The Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII) proposes to provide an organizational structure that simplifies the ability of the MIC to meet this challenge. NII's existing program model – in which directors actively run their programs, with support from NII's chief innovation officer as well as administrative, communications and marketing capacity – would seamlessly allow the MIC pilot to move into the next stage of its development. The MIC would have NII's support to get projects done. This includes access to NIIs innovation space, Chief Innovation Officer and other team members that can provide collaborative, engaging feedback, expertise and advice throughout the development of ideas and execution of projects.

As a not-for-profit entity, NII provides assurance to the MIC's member governments that public funds are being spent on public needs.

NII has been a strong supporter of the MIC's purpose since its creation and is deeply committed to its success (indeed Bruce County is a Board Member of NII). This proposal provides a way for the MIC to leverage that relationship between now and the end of the pilot, to deliver the successful outcome we all seek.



Operational Structure

As part of its mandate, NII provides program delivery to its Founding Members and to outside entities (where goals align). These NII programs are run by a program director who reports to the Executive Director.

Where relevant, the program director would contract the specialized expertise required to realize a particular project. This could be delivered by private sector companies, co-op students, NII's member companies or other service providers based on subject expertise.

To support the delivery model, NII recommends MIC is housed in NII as the *Centre for Municipal Innovation*, with a Director of Municipal Innovation continuing to receive strategic direction from the Municipal Innovation Council (Steering Committee).

The MIC, through the Centre for Municipal Innovation would operate as a separately funded program within NII with a dedicated program director. The Director of Municipal Innovation would:

- manage day-to-day operations
- scope projects
- identify the innovation team to carry out projects, running RFPs if necessary
- contract projects (where relevant)
- seek funding, including exploiting NII's not-for-profit status for government funding
- manage budgets
- set and enforce timelines
- lead communications and marketing around projects and other initiatives for the Centre for Municipal Innovation, supported by NII staff, as the voice of rural municipal innovation
- report to the Centre for Municipal Innovation Steering Committee on progress and for strategic direction

The position would be supported by NII resources, including working out of the NII facility. The Director would be employed by NII; paid out of the Centre for Municipal Innovation Program funds that are received by the funding partners (see below).

Strategic direction would continue to be set by the Municipal Innovation Council. The Program Director and NII would be accountable to the Council for spending and deliverables.



Funding

The Municipal Innovation Council will approve a budget to manage the day-to-day operations of the Centre. The Town of Saugeen Shores will flow the approved annual budget to NII. NII, through the Program Director, will report quarterly on expenses incurred. Any funds not spent by the end of the fiscal year are automatically deferred into the following year's budget.

Any costs associated with implementation of specific projects will be approved and funded separately by the Council and executed through NII.

NII will be responsible for selecting a full-time Program Director, in collaboration with the Chair of the Council. The Program Director will be a contracted employee of NII and all costs related to the position and program (eg payroll taxes, employee expenses, marketing and promotional material, computer etc) will be paid through NII and fully funded by the funding partners (through the Town of Saugeen Shores).

NII waives its 10% administration fee for the pilot period of the MIC program. The program will run at cost.

This Charter will form the basis of a Consulting Agreement which will include the priorities defined by the current Council. The Agreement will run until the end of the pilot, December 31, 2022 with the option to extend at the discretion of the funding partners.

A partial NII organizational chart is attached to show the MIC's proposed relationships.



