

# Municipal Innovation Council

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# Introduction



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# MIC member municipalities



# What is the Centre for Municipal Innovation?

The Centre for Municipal Innovation is transforming the way our municipalities do business through collaboration, strategic thinking and innovative solutions.

The program works with lower- and upper-tier municipalities in Bruce County to collectively develop solutions to shared problems with the goal of building smarter, stronger, more resilient communities.

# Areas of focus

**Construction and  
Infrastructure**

**IT and  
Digital Services**

**Municipal  
Sustainability**

**Liveable  
Communities**

# How we're creating value...

## 1 Identify opportunities for collaboration.



# How we're creating value...

- 2 Find solutions that create efficiencies and cost savings.



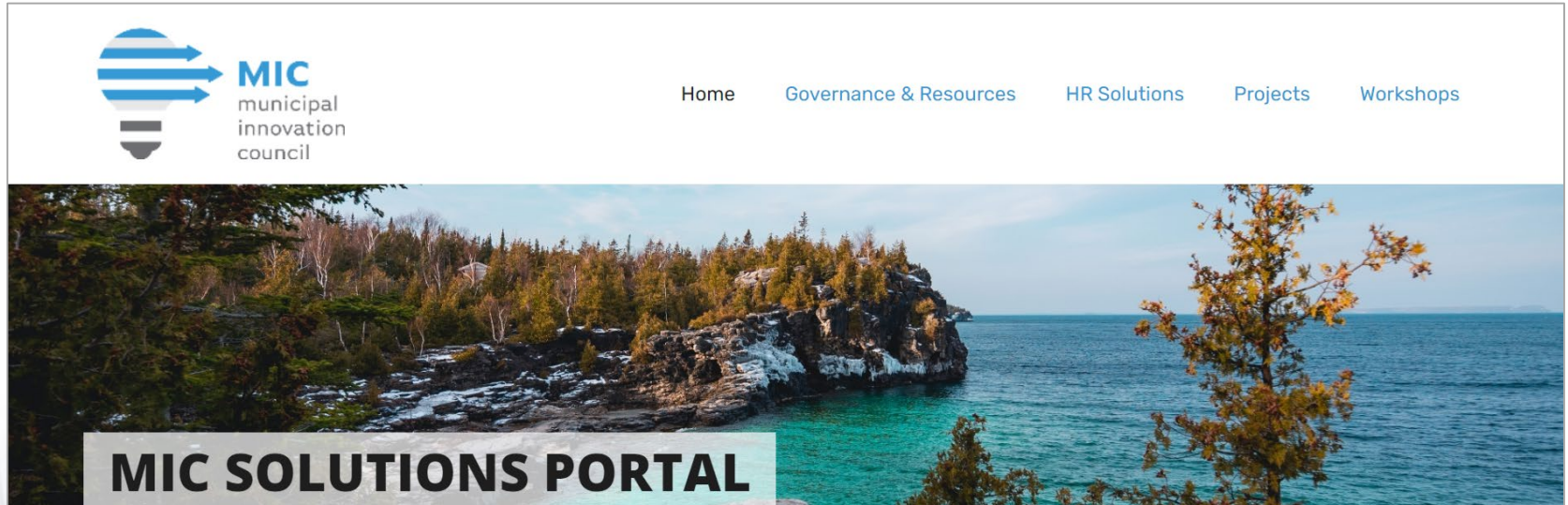
# How we're creating value...

- 3 Run projects that benefit people and improve service delivery in our communities.



# Share information & create efficiencies

- ▶ Through collaboration we have developed a secure, user-friendly portal that provides day-to-day resources for our municipal leaders.



# Joint IT Business Analysis Review

## Goals

- ▶ Modernize information technology
- ▶ Improve service delivery
- ▶ Identify cost saving opportunities



**Accessed funding through  
the Ontario Municipal  
Modernization Program**

## Outcomes

- ▶ Roadmap to digital modernization
- ▶ Consolidating software/hardware purchasing across MIC for cost savings
- ▶ Development of shared service model for IT support
- ▶ Improving cybersecurity

# Mapping our Future

- ▶ Equips our municipalities with 21<sup>st</sup>-century data for greater efficiency and better-informed decisions.

## Building

Planning and permitting process (staff efficiencies)

## Planning & Engineering

Stormwater management, asset management

## Environmental

Land use, tree cover, wetlands, waterways



**Accessed funding through the Federal National Disaster Mitigation Program**

# Smart Beach Project

An innovative beach safety program run by global experts that uses remote sensing technology and algorithms to identify safety risks and prevent drownings

- ▶ 2022 Pilot project at Station Beach in Kincardine
- ▶ Scalable along the coast in the future
- ▶ Education for beachgoers on water safety and sustainable beach behaviour



**Accessed funding  
through Mitacs**



# Workshops and training opportunities

## Vision

- ▶ MIC will facilitate best practices around emerging challenges in the workplace

### Equity, diversity and inclusion



### Mental health in the workplace



Thank you.

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