



# FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

**December 2022**

Happy Holidays! As the holiday season quickly approaches, the Municipal Innovation Council (MIC) is ramping up to embark on a new three-year mission to learn, collaborate and transform the way we do business.

On **December 6th**, MIC members and staff participated in a priority planning session at the Nuclear Innovation Institute to identify common problems and opportunities to tackle moving forward.

**Workshop participants identified five areas that will help guide the MIC's work over the next three years.**

1  
Medical  
Professional  
Recruitment

2  
Succession  
Planning

3  
Waste  
Management

4  
Municipal  
Labour

5  
Workforce  
Housing

# FOR A RECAP

## On the Municipal Innovation Council's successful pilot

Check out the [MIC Impact Report](#)



## Waste Management

Tackling food waste in Canada

**58%**

of food produced in Canada is lost or wasted each year.

That is approximately **35.5 million tons of food!**

**32%**

of this, approximately **11.2 million tons** could be rescued to support communities across Canada!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Organics wasted in landfill sites produce methane gas, which is **25 times more** damaging to the environment than carbon dioxide.

The County of Bruce is currently exploring the possibility of a curbside organics program as they update their **Waste Management Master Plan**.

As the province transitions to a circular economy, the MIC has been exploring best practices around new and emerging technologies. Check out a couple leaders in the industry...



Our Food Future is working to create a circular food system in Guelph-Wellington that eliminates food waste. They are **reinventing** how we produce, distribute and consume food—and providing a practical roadmap for others to follow. To learn more about their work you can visit them [online](#).



The MIC is currently exploring a pilot project with Food Cycler that could reduce household food waste by up to **90%** and **reduce GHG emissions**. Food Cycle Science was named one of Canada's **Top Growing Companies** in 2021 & 2022 by the Globe & Mail.

## The MIC at work

Creating meaningful relationships with our Indigenous neighbours

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to participate in the MIC's Indigenous training sessions with so many municipal staff and elected officials from across Bruce County.

A big thanks to Trish Meekins of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation who shared local stories, history, culture and honest discussion of the often-disturbing journey of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation from creation to where we are today.

Thank you all for taking the time to learn about the local First Nations history and to be a part of this journey towards Reconciliation.

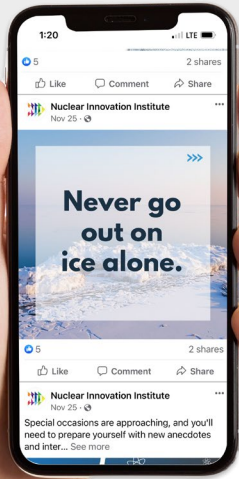
You can read my [full blog post here](#).



# A SMART Beach has four seasons

## Winter water safety

Our incredible communications team at NII has developed social media content for MIC members to use on their channels to help keep your residents safe at the lake over the winter.



Check ice thickness.

How to be ice smart:

Thank you all for your contributions to the MIC's success over the pilot period. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to working with you in 2023!

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- JAN 9** MIC Council Delegation to Arran-Elderslie
- JAN 17** MIC Council Delegation to South Bruce Peninsula



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