

Report to Council

Report Title: Municipal Innovation Council Memorandum of Understanding

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Department: Administration

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Attachments: Memorandum of Understanding

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2019-34 – Municipal Innovation Council Memorandum of Understanding, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in doing so authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for the Municipal Innovation Council.

Report:

Background:

The Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII) has created an opportunity for municipal innovation with NII's Applied Research Hub. In August 2019, Saugeen Shores Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding with NII to coordinate the Municipal Innovation Council (MIC) on behalf of participating municipalities. Since then, the Municipal Innovation Council has secured seven municipal partners, with additional partners expected as municipal budgets are passed. The MOU for MIC is a collective document, between all partners - South Bruce, South Bruce Peninsula, Huron Kinloss, Arran Elderslie, Kincardine, Saugeen Shores and Brockton.

A business plan, and concept document regarding MIC have been draft in partnership with area municipalities. The draft document reflect the common goals with input from Senior staff from local municipalities along with objectives and funding model to suit potential partners.

On October 29, 2019 The Municipality of Brockton Council approved participation in the Municipal innovation Council with a \$22,630.00 commitment for a three year pilot project with funding committed from the Provincial one-time efficiency/modernization grant. Further Council authorized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be brought forward for approval by By-Law

Analysis:

The MIC will foster collaboration and transformation of municipal process.

There are four areas of focus:

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Municipal Sustainability
- IT and Digital Enhancement
- Liveable Communities.

As MIC partnerships are formed, objectives and goals will be set for each area of focus by the participating municipalities. Already the group is looking to work together and realize funds from the Province towards an extensive application under the Municipal Modernization Program to review Waste Management Services across the majority of Bruce County.

As the Municipal Innovation Council is in the infancy stages the following MOU outlines the three year commitment, draft focus areas and responsibilities of the partners and the lead for the Municipal Innovation Council- Saugeen Shores. This document is a starting place and establishes a scope and framework that Municipal Partners are aligned with.

A launch event for the Municipal Innovation Council is being planned for Thursday January 16, at Lakeshore Recreation. The theme of the event will be “Creating a Culture of Innovation” and will include a keynote speaker from Communitech. Elected officials will receive a formal invitation to this event.

Sustainability Checklist:

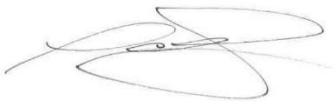
What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer