

Report to Council

Report Title:	Land Use Planning and Development Review		
Prepared By:	Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer		
Department:	Planning		
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Attachments:	N/A		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number PLN2020-01 – Land Use Planning and Development Review, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, for information purposes and further accepts the Land Use Development Process Management Review Report prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd. and directs staff to bring forward a report about the implementation of the recommendations based on Council feedback.

Report:

Background:

The Municipality of Brockton received funds from the Province Ontario to hire an external consultant to complete a land use planning and development review through the Municipal Modernization Funding. Stantec Consulting Ltd. (“Stantec”) has consulted with numerous stakeholders, including Council, staff, County Planning and local developers, and presented a report with a number of recommendations.

Analysis:

The Report touches on a number of improvement areas to ensure our planning services are optimized, efficient and clearly communicated. The implementation of the recommendations made by Stantec will take some additional consideration and direction from Council. The report was just received and staff are proposing to bring forward an additional report in the future about how best to address the implementation phase based on feedback, comments and further direction from Council. An additional report may also present an opportunity to consider how the recommendations by Stantec could coincide with entering into the MOU with the County of Bruce for Planning Services. Brockton is experiencing a high level of growth and activity with no end in site based on the activity across Bruce County. We want to ensure our customer service remains extraordinary in this area to ensure our “Come Home to Community” branding meets the expectations new and current residents and developers seek.

Sustainability Checklist:

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

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- 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

The cost and approach to best implement the recommendations made by Stantec will be canvassed in a future report. A Phase 2 funding program is also expected from the Province and some of the software services to improve aspects of service may be eligible.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Fiona Hamilton, Clerk



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer