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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**Smart Cities Challenge****Report Purpose**

To provide information on the County's application to the federal Smart Cities Challenge.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: Diverse Economy. Effective and efficient municipal infrastructure.

Governance: Cooperative partnerships with community.

Social: Building strong communities – Support diverse needs.

Culture: Strengthen the community identity.

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Multiple departments across the organization are working on the application.

Summary

The federal government has issued a "Smart Cities Challenge" with an application deadline of April 24, 2018. Finalists will be announced in the summer of 2018 and winners announced in spring 2019. Administration has created a team comprised of multiple departments to respond to the challenge. The team is supported by an external partner, Deloitte, who has helped several organizations successfully respond to other federal challenges. The prizes available will be one prize of up to \$50 million open to all communities, regardless of population; two prizes of up to \$10 million each to communities with populations under 500,000 people; and one prize of up to \$5 million open to all communities with populations under 30,000 people. The challenge is one that defines the outcomes(s) which a community aims to achieve by implementing its "Smart Cities proposal." The project team plans to bring forward the application to Council at the April 10, 2018 meeting to request the letter of endorsement.

Development of the framework involved considerable community engagement, which is a key factor the federal government will use to evaluate successful bidders. The "smart" use of data and connected technology can help achieve the community outcomes of the Social Framework.

More information from the federal challenge is found at this Canada federal government website <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/cities-villes-eng.html>. The federal application guideline that is being followed is found here: <https://impact.canada.ca/en/challenges/smart-cities/applicant-guide>.

Communication Plan

Media release and Social Media to announce the County's intent to apply to the Smart Cities Challenge.

Enclosure:

1. Smart Cities Challenge Presentation