

# **Update on Council Committees: Seniors, Youth and Accessibility**

July 17, 2018

# Background

## Council Motion Jan 23, 2018

- THAT Administration prepare draft bylaws, for presentation to Priorities Committee by the third quarter of 2018, to establish three Council Committees to provide strategic advice in the following areas: seniors; youth; accessibility and that these committees be comprised of non-voting Council members, (one member and one alternate), and up to seven members of the public with administrative support to be provided by Family and Community Services.

# Work to Date

- Jurisdictional review
  - Nine municipalities, some similar sized in Alberta and some larger municipalities outside Alberta
- Operating principles
  - To guide the work of each committee
- Proposed mandates
  - Developed proposed mandates for each committee
- Engagement approach
  - Implemented survey to take a “pulse check” of community views on these committees

# Survey Results

- 242 responses to targeted on-line and intercept surveys

## Seniors

- 60% rated Strathcona County (SC) as a good/very good place for seniors to live
- Important issues:
  - affordable housing, home care services, mental and physical health

## Youth

- 70% rated SC as good/very good place for young people to live
- Important issues:
  - Mental health, support systems, job opportunities and youth safety

# Survey Results

## Accessibility

- 30% rated buildings in SC as being moderately accessible, 34% rated buildings as being accessible for individuals with physical disabilities

## Membership

- General support to include target demographic and those with expertise in the area

## Sub-segment analysis differences

- Results consistent with overall results with exception of:
  - youth and accessibility, less supportive of including those with expertise

# Core Responsibilities

- Identify and engage stakeholders in the three areas (seniors, youth, and accessibility)
- Act as a resource to administration and Council by providing seniors, youth, and accessibility lens on County policies, programs and services
- Identify issues and opportunities and provide strategic advice to Council

# Next Steps

## July – August

- Further analysis of data sources to inform more detailed responsibilities
- Draft bylaws, terms of reference and prepare draft mandate letters

## September

- Council review of draft bylaws, Terms of Reference, draft mandate letters

# Questions

Thank  
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