

GOV-002-25 Public Engagement Policy (Revised)**Report Purpose**

To seek Council's approval for the revised Public Engagement Policy.

Recommendation

THAT GOV-002-025 Public Engagement Policy, as revised and set out in Enclosure 2 to the February 2, 2016 Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs report, be approved.

Council History

June 22, 2010 - Council approved the GOV-002-25 Public Engagement Policy.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: The policy provides clarity and guidelines for staff who are responsible for and/or who implement public engagement processes that affect the County's future.

Social: n/a

Culture: n/a

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: The policy provides clarity and guidelines for all staff who are responsible for and/or who implement public engagement processes. It also applies to consultants providing public engagement services on behalf of the County.

Legislative/Legal: The Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26 states that municipalities must approve public participation policies that outline their approaches for engaging with stakeholders.

Interdepartmental: All Strathcona County departments

Summary

The original Public Engagement Policy was approved in 2010 and was due for review in 2013. The policy has been updated by the Public Engagement Team over the past 18 months. It was refreshed to reflect the changes on the field of public engagement as well as the new format for policies the County is currently using.

Communication Plan

The Public Engagement Team is currently planning a "re-launch" of public engagement for all staff in the County who have responsibility for engaging the various public on matters that affect them. The re-launch will include re-introducing the policy and reviewing the new Public Engagement Handbook and the revised Public Engagement Framework.

Enclosure

- 1 GOV-002-025 Public Engagement Policy (2010) (Document: 8269707)
- 2 GOV-002-025 Public Engagement Policy (2016) (Document: 7931785)