

**Policy GOV-002-025: Public Engagement Policy (REVISED)****Report Purpose**

To seek Council's approval to revise Strathcona County's Public Engagement Policy (GOV-002-025) to remove the word "external" in reference to public engagement.

**Recommendation**

THAT the revised Policy GOV-002-025 Public Engagement, as set out in Enclosure 3 to the September 10, 2019 Communications report, be approved.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Governance Requirement

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 7 - Provide opportunities for public engagement and communication

**Report**

The definition of Internal Public Engagement was removed from the policy on March 27, 2018. The word "external" should have also been removed at that time.

**Council and Committee History**

March 27, 2018	Council approved revision to the GOV-002-025 Public Engagement Policy.
February 2, 2016	Council approved revision to the GOV-002-025 Public Engagement Policy.
June 22, 2010	Council approved the GOV-002-025 Public Engagement Policy.

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** The policy provides clarity and guidelines for employees responsible for and/or who implement public engagement processes. It also applies to consultants, contracted to provide public engagement services on behalf of the County.

**Legislative/Legal:** The *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26 states that municipalities must have public participation policies.

**Interdepartmental:** All Strathcona County departments.

**Master Plan/Framework:** N/A

**Enclosure(s)**

1	(Current) GOV-002-025 Public Engagement Policy
2	(Proposed changes) GOV-002-025 Public Engagement Policy
3	(New) GOV-002-025 Public Engagement Policy