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