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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE

Strathcona County Museum and Archives Functional Plan Update

Report Purpose

To provide the Priorities Committee with an update on the Strathcona County Museum and Archives functional plan process.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

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

Goal 2 - Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure

Goal 6 - Provide facilities and services that are available and accessible to residents

Report

On October 23, 2018, Council Priorities Committee was presented with a report on the comprehensive review of the operations of Strathcona County Museum and Archives, its value to our residents, and visioning for the future. This report included an outline of next steps, and through the 2019 budget process, Council approved funding of \$200,000 to complete a functional program plan followed by a feasibility study. The functional plan cost is \$80,000 with a remaining \$120,000 if Council approves proceeding to the feasibility study.

Prairie Wild Consulting has been engaged to work on the functional plan. This work will include exploring what functions are necessary for museum and archives service in the future for Strathcona County including, but not limited to: spatial requirements, complementary and integrated service provision, consideration of a regional perspective, operating models, funding possibilities and other potential partnerships and opportunities.

As part of this functional planning process, we will be meeting with our stakeholders from County departments as well as the Strathcona County Heritage Foundation Museum board and staff to refresh on the learnings from the 2018 review, and to look at what is needed in a museum and archives.

An ad hoc working committee composed of internal staff and external stakeholders is being struck to act as a review panel as we move through the stages of building the functional plan.

It is intended the final report will be presented to Council in Q3 of 2020. Pending the outcome of this presentation, a feasibility study would be the next step in this process.

Council and Committee History

October 23, 2018 The 2018 Museum and Archives Review report, including a "What We Heard" report, was received at Priorities Committee as information.

Other Impacts

Policy: Cultural Services Policy, History and Heritage Policy

Legislative/Legal: N/A

Interdepartmental: Facility Services, Planning and Development Services

Master Plan/Framework: Recreation and Culture Strategy, Social Sustainability Framework

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Communication Plan

Recreation Parks and Culture will communicate directly with stakeholder working group.

Enclosure

- 1 Strathcona County Museum and Archives – Work Plan Visual
- 2 Strathcona County Museum and Archives Function Plan Update Presentation