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**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE****Community Hub - A Report on Wellness****Report Purpose**

To provide an update to the Priorities Committee on the findings from the 2019 community hub engagement.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

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

Goal 5 - Foster collaboration through regional, community and governmental partnerships

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

**Report**

Community hubs are spaces where citizens can access multiple and diverse supports that enhance their holistic wellbeing.

In 2018, Strathcona County commissioned the Community Hub Study to examine the potential for the creation of a community hub for Strathcona County. The project researched community hubs across Canada to gain insights as to how Strathcona County could approach the design and implementation of a community hub and engaged stakeholders and residents on their perspectives. The report identified broader public engagement, partner exploration, business planning and possible site exploration as potential next steps for the project.

In December 2018, Council approved \$70,000 in the 2019 budget to conduct further public engagement around the concept of a community hub.

Throughout the spring and summer of 2019, Family and Community Services planned and implemented public engagement around the community hub initiative in three ways:

1. Community engagement: Connecting with residents of Strathcona County on the theme of wellness as a focus for a universal community hub.
2. Research into best practices: Conversations with existing community hubs to glean practical insights on the evolution, purpose, and contributions of relevant community hubs.
3. Partnership development: Exploring the connection of this work with Recreation, Parks and Culture's Recreation and Culture Strategy and implementation.

The enclosed report provides an update on the 2019 community hub engagement activities and findings.

**Council and Committee History**

December 7, 2018	Council approved \$70,000 in the 2019 Budget to conduct engagement – 2019-INIT-117-FCS-Community Hub (2019)
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October 23, 2018	Family and Community Services presented the Strathcona County Community Hub Study Final Report to Priorities Committee
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January 30, 2018    The Priorities Committee was provided an overview of the Social Framework and update on the implementation progress

December 4, 2017    Council approved the 2018 Budget – 2018-INIT-19-FCS-Community Hub/Seniors Centre Feasibility Study

**Other Impacts****Policy:** N/A**Legislative/Legal:** N/A**Interdepartmental:** Planning and Development Services; Facility Services; Recreation Parks, and Culture; Facility Services; Economic Development and Tourism; Corporate Finance**Master Plan/Framework:** Social Framework**Enclosure(s)**

- 1                      Community Hub - A Report on Wellness
- 2                      Community Hub Engagement – What We Heard Report
- 3                      Community Hub - A Report on Wellness Presentation