

Priorities Committee Meeting_Mar09_2021

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE

Intergovernmental Affairs- Department Business Plan Update

Report Purpose

To provide Priorities Committee with an update on the progress of the 2021-2024 Department Business Plan for Intergovernmental Affairs.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Continuously improving the way we work, as one organization, in an agile and sustainable manner.

Report

Reporting directly to the Chief Commissioner, Intergovernmental Affairs (IA) advises elected officials and staff on intergovernmental issues that affect the County, and provides advice to support Strathcona County's interests, while balancing the needs of the region and sub-region. IA coordinates and facilitates information-gathering and analysis to help Council and the organization make informed decisions for the long-term prosperity of Strathcona County. The Department's core business functions are intergovernmental affairs and intergovernmental policy analysis.

2021-2024 Forecast

In addition to the ongoing work of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Department is leading the attached initiatives:

Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF):

- An ICF agreement will be completed with Lamont County by April 1, 2021 to complete Strathcona County's obligations under the *Municipal Government Act*.
- ICFs were completed with Beaver County and Bruderheim in 2020.

Indigenous Relations Portfolio:

- Update the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Policy.
- Report on best practices of Canadian municipalities for Indigenous relationship building.
- Create an internal knowledge hub to administration on their work as it pertains to Indigenous issues.
- Update the Council orientation materials to include Indigenous information.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Intergovernmental Affairs will engage with departments as needed regarding ICFs and the Indigenous Relations Portfolio.

Master Plan/Framework:

Enclosures

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| 1 | Department Business Plan Update – Intergovernmental Affairs |
| 2 | 2021 - 2024 Intergovernmental Affairs department business plan |