

Priorities Committee Meeting_Mar08_2016

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**2016 Council Governance Advocacy Plan****Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with the 2016 Council Governance Advocacy Strategy, resulting from the strategic planning session held on January 22, 2016.

Council History

January 22, 2016 – Council discussed a Governance Advocacy Plan

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: It is critically important for Council to identify where it sees alignment between its own strategic priorities and those of other orders of government. This alignment allows for the municipality to actively pursue the best use of Strathcona County citizen dollars by accessing grant opportunities with the Provincial and Federal governments.

Governance: Creating a dialogue and relationship with other orders of government furthers the goals identified in the Strategic Plan and enhances the chances for future success in these areas.

Social: Currently, both the provincial and federal government mandates have identified a strong move towards socially significant investments in both programming and infrastructure.

Culture: Strong linkages with the aforementioned social mandate are cultural priorities. Of particular interest is that Canada's 150th birthday celebrations are upcoming.

Environment: As a demonstrated leader in the area of the environment, it is key for Strathcona County to look for sharing partnerships with other orders of government to capitalize on our expertise in areas such as wetland conservation, district energy and progressive planning, like we see in the Beaver Hills Moraine.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: n/a

Summary

Relationships with other orders of government continue to be identified as one of the top four goals in Council's strategic plan. As such, it is critically important to recognize where both Council and administrative effort should be directed to ensure value is created. Also vital is ensuring that programs and projects that align with all orders of government are shared and are beneficial to our mutual citizens.

Enclosure

1 2016 (Draft) Council Governance Advocacy Plan