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To: Members of the Sustainable Peterborough
Coordinating Committee (SPCC)

From: Sheridan Graham, Coordinating Committee Chair

Update Date: February 10, 2021

Subject: Sustainable Peterborough Update

Purpose

To provide an update to the Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee (SPCC) on Sustainable Peterborough news and activities.

Recommendation

That the Sustainable Peterborough Update report be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

Momentarily no impact on the overall Sustainable Peterborough budget in 2021 has been specifically identified. However, it is anticipated there will be costs associated with the Plan Update that we will incur in 2021. When these costs are identified, an amended budget will be forwarded to SPCC for approval.

Details

SP Plan Update

The Plan Update Subcommittee, guided by Social Impact Advisors (SIA), worked on the SP Plan Review and Update project for the majority of 2020. The Action Plan,

moving forward, below, received support from the SPCC at our December 8, 2020 Plan Update meeting. The proposed Action Plan was presented to and approved by the Peterborough & the Kawartha Economic Development (PKED) Board of Directors on January 28, 2021.

Action Plan

- Continue operating under the umbrella of PKED as a result of current economic and political challenges
- Develop the new SP Plan focused on creating a new framework for advancing and tracking priority Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the GPA (the 8 SDGs identified as priorities by PKED and the 2019 Community Forum)
 - research relevant SDG frameworks and projects to learn about best practices, indicators, success stories
 - seek SDG specific expertise (consultants, students, etc.)
- Revise and streamline organizational structure
 - revise SP Coordinating Committee structure to reflect knowledge and expertise related to priority SDGs, review Terms of Reference
 - eliminate working groups and partnership model
 - the SP Executive Committee will continue in its high-level advisory role
 - establish project specific subcommittees as required
- Focus on raising awareness of SDGs locally, collaborate with the City, County, Townships, First Nations, educational institutions, other local businesses and organizations.
- Celebrate efforts to advance SDGs through measuring, reporting, etc.
- Focus on support/collaboration for local efforts related to advancing SDGs through participating in projects (such as the SDG work stemming from the 2019 Community Forum), issuing letters of support for local organizations seeking funding rather than competing for resources, etc.

We are in the process of creating a draft abbreviated and focused Strategic Plan based on the final report issued by SIA, which will be presented to the SPCC for feedback and approval when completed. The proposed Strategic Plan will then be presented to the City and County Councils for approval. The Strategic Plan will serve as the basis for the new SP Plan, which will be created once all approvals are in place. Once the Strategic Plan is approved, we will review and revise the SPCC structure and Terms of Reference, and develop the new SP Plan focused on creating a new framework for advancing and tracking priority SDGs. Through the County of Peterborough, SP attained Ryan Goldie, a Trent University intern, who will research and report on relevant Canadian SDG frameworks and projects, how other Canadian communities are localizing and measuring the SDGs. This work will help SP translate the priority SDGs into local context.