



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

SEPTEMBER 2022

Over the summer, the Municipal Innovation Council received the green light from member councils to extend the program for another three years.

The MIC's Impact Report, entitled ***Stronger Together***, was shared with councils highlighting the collaborative work taking place across the member municipalities—including a first-of-its-kind in North America beach safety program, an innovative artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning mapping solution that saves lives, as well as hundreds of thousands of tax payer dollars.



IMPROVING HOW WE DELIVER SERVICES TO RESIDENTS

The MIC has completed two comprehensive service reviews across the member municipalities to identify best practices and opportunities to collaborate on waste management and information technology.

Information technology

Following the Joint IT Business Analysis Review, a cross-municipal committee has started meeting quarterly to find opportunities for group purchasing as well as to identify preferred vendors—with the goal of ensuring members get the best value for money year after year!



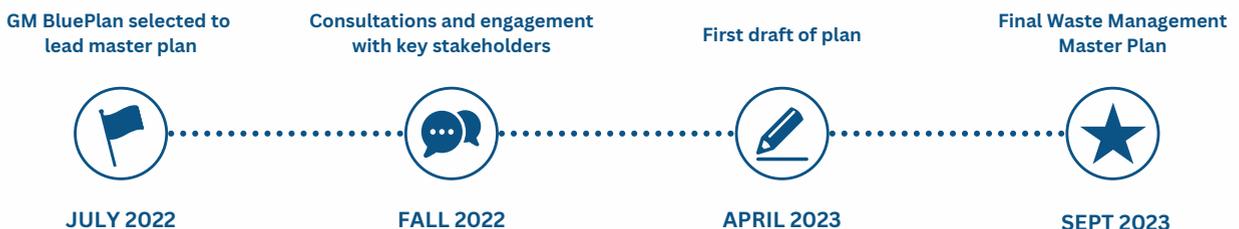
The Joint IT Steering Committee—or JITS for short—is also exploring a regional approach to IT service delivery and support that will improve service delivery.

Waste management

In July, the MIC passed a motion prioritizing waste management.

The County of Bruce has begun updating their Waste Management Master Plan. This work will identify future diversion opportunities that the County could lead, in collaboration with the municipalities, to extend the life of individual landfill sites.

The MIC will support this project by seeking out innovative solutions that improve regional waste management. Project schedule:





DID YOU KNOW...

The MIC has doubled every dollar invested through external funding sources. By obtaining more than \$600,000 in additional funding, the MIC has delivered a total value of over \$1.25 million on its initiatives.

The MIC has been an active member of **Communitech's Future of Cities 2022**. Check out the top 10 start-up companies looking to solve Canada's top municipal challenges.

"Working together to future-proof our cities."

1. Amb.ai: automatic sewer inspection that feeds into existing asset management systems

2. B-Line: end-to-end workplace and access management platform to predict needs in real time

3. Eye for Infrastructure: proactive identification of asset distresses before they become expensive

4. Helpful Places: increasing transparency and civic dialogue for tech in the built environment

5. RATIO.CITY: supporting multi-stakeholder collaboration to help solve the housing crisis

6. RideCo On-Demand Transit: on-demand ridesharing to reduce vehicle dependency in urban and rural communities

7. RUNWITHIT Synthetics: a "Sim-city for real" platform for cities to co-design, explore and share their future

8. SimpTek: equitable GHG reduction programs for the built environment

9. Visual Defence: proactive road and roadside asset maintenance

10. Voyce: interpretation services to connect and engage vulnerable communities with community programs



DON'T MISS IT!

1 The **Smart Beach** team will be wrapping up their work at Station Beach, Kincardine, after a successful summer.

Stay tuned for a wrap-up story in October that will share details on what the #SmartBeach team accomplished this year.

2 Check out the Solution Showcase video on Communtech's Future of Cities 2022 [here](#).

3 The MIC continually **shared training opportunities** around emerging issues in the workplace.

Members can take part in high-quality training experiences at a fraction of the cost.

Haven't signed up? Click a date below to join.



Build meaningful relationships with our Indigenous neighbours and communities.

Workshop training delivered by Trish Meekins from Nikaanaganaa Counselling & Learning Centre.

These workshops will support municipal staff in building a solid foundation to become key players in truth and reconciliation.

December 8th date at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre reserved for elected officials.

OCT 27
Southampton

OCT 28
Brockton

NOV 3
Ripley

Elected officials only

DEC 8
Southampton

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