

**Municipal Innovation Council  
Special Meeting Minutes**

In-Person Meeting

Town of Saugeen Shores, 600 Tomlinson Dr., Box 820, Port Elgin ON, N0H 2C0

April 20, 2023, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Members:**

Kara Van Myall, CAO, Municipality of Saugeen Shores, Chair

Leanne Martin, CAO, Municipality of South Bruce

Derrick Thomson, CAO, Bruce County

Peggy Van Mierlo-West, CAO, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Sonya Watson, CAO Municipality of Brockton

Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, CAO, Municipality of Kincardine

Sylvia Kirkwood, CAO, Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Regrets: Mary Rose Walden, CAO, Township of Huron-Kinloss

**Staff/ Other:**

Hailey Leigh-Mossley, Executive Assistant, Town of Saugeen Shores (non-voting)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m.

**2. Additions or Amendments to the Agenda**

**3. Adoption of the March 29, 2023 Minutes**

Motion: MIC 2023-17

Moved by: Sonya Watson      Seconded by: Peggy Van Mierlo-West

Motion: THAT the MIC hereby adopts the Municipal Innovation Council March 29, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried.

**4. Delegations**

None

**5. Updates from Chair**

**5.1 Decision Item: Legal Review of Agreements (Smart Beach and Ecopia)**

Report brought to MIC as a housekeeping item. The previously approved motion for the legal opinion of for Ecopia only. This recommendation is to change the motion to include both Ecopia and Smart Beach relation to MFIPPA within the committed twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)

## **Recommendation:**

Motion: MIC 2023-18

Moved by: Derrick Thomson      Seconded by: Leanne Martin

That the MIC receive MIC Report 2023-12 – Legal Review of Agreements (Smart Beach and Ecopia),

And Further That the Motion (MIC 2022-25) be amended to include legal review of the Smart Beach Agreement as follows: “That the County of Bruce on behalf of MIC seek a legal opinion on both the Ecopia and Smart Beach agreements in relation to MFIPPA with a set limit of \$2,500 for a legal review.” And, that MIC funds be transferred to Bruce County to reimburse the expense paid for by Bruce County

Carried.

## **5.2 Decision Item: Catalyst360 – Transforming Municipalities Together**

County Council had a discussion at today’s meeting. The motion to support the Catalyst360 program was defeated.

The MIC members discussed the reasoning for defeating of the motion was due to the cost or the term or the agreement. Some of the County Councillors had the impression that the proposal has the same framework as the previous MIC framework and therefore will have similar challenges.

It was discussed that it is difficult for small municipalities to get innovative project completed and this group was the one way they were able to see the accomplishments. Municipalities could continue to work on innovative projects with other municipalities without the framework and the funding.

Discussion regarding passing a motion to dissolve the MIC and find synergies to work together on projects in the future. It was discussed that time was required to digest the decision of County council and consider next steps.

MIC members resolved to take a report back to their respective councils and obtain input as to council’s support and if there is an alternative service delivery model that could be reached. Peggy Van Mierlo-West agreed to draft a report for the MIC. Each MIC members will report back at the May MIC meeting with direction if there is still continued interest in advancing a partnership around shared municipal priorities with an alternative service delivery model.

Acknowledge, MIC will require a transition period to wind down project commitments, reassign agreement and distribute funds.

## **Recommendation**

Motion: MIC 2023-19

Moved by: Peggy Van Mierlo-West      Seconded by: Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier  
That the MIC receive MIC Report 2023-13 – Catalyst360 – Transforming  
Municipalities Together and supporting documents for information,

And that members report to their respective local councils on the County's  
decision and seek input on next steps; and report back to MIC

Carried.

## **6. Correspondence**

## **7. Member Updates and Open Discussion**

## **8. Meeting Schedule**

The next regular MIC meeting was originally scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Walkerton (County of Bruce).

Due to the CAMA conference that some members will be attending, MIC will change the date of the meeting of Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in Walkerton (Bruce County). A virtual option will be offered to those who are unable to attend in person.

Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in Walkerton (Bruce County)

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion: MIC 2023-20

Moved by: Derrick Thomson      Seconded by: Sonya Watson  
THAT the MIC hereby adjourns at 4:01 p.m.

Carried.