

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 21, 2022

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: SMART CITY TASK FORCE – FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT (TRANSMITTAL REPORT)

FROM:
Smart City Task Force

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To forward for Council's consideration, the Smart City Task Force Findings and Recommendations Report.

Report Highlights

- The Smart City Task Force is seeking Council's consideration of the recommendations contained in its Findings and Recommendations Report [Attachment 1].

Recommendations

The City Clerk forwards the following recommendations on behalf of the Smart City Task Force:

- 1) That the Smart City Task Force Findings and Recommendations Report [Attachment 1] be received and referred to staff for review.

Background

In 2019, Council appointed the Smart City Task Force to advance a culture of knowledge and pursue continuous improvement and to continue to provide advice to Council and City Administration, including high-level political and community perspectives into the development of a Smart City initiative which enhance urban life in terms of people, living, economy, mobility and governance, and to endorse Smart City technologies for Council's ultimate consideration.

The Smart City Task Force was tasked to develop recommendations on the following key objectives:

1. Identify areas of opportunities related to Smart City principles and technologies and recommend possible solutions including exploring the concept of:
 - Innovation development
 - Utilization of information and communication technologies to advance effective, efficient, transparent and accountable governance
 - Utilization of information and communication technologies, infrastructure and services to enhance urban living
 - Development and utilization of data to improve public services to enable an integrated, streamlined service experience and
 - Implementation of solutions to engage citizens and for the well-being of the community.
2. Identify opportunities to leverage partnerships and opportunities with relevant parties, including York Region, other local municipalities, governance organizations, other levels of government and the non-profit sector, to:
 - Achieve objectives of the Smart City Task Force;
 - Contribute to areas of common interest aligned with the City's participation in the Federal Government's Canada Smart City Challenge, the City-Wide Digital Strategy, and the 2018-2022 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan.
3. Identify and make recommendations related to emerging technologies.

Council appointed members of the Smart City Task Force include the following:

- Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Chair
- Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco, Vice Chair

Stakeholder representatives:

Dr. Amir Asif

Daniel Hengeveld

Carly Livingstone

Dr. Judy Farvolden

Julie Morin

Lucy Casacia

Nabila Alibhai (Stefanie Bonazza)

Pina D'Agostino

Richard Tam

Ted Maulucci

Thano Lambrinos

Liana Di Marco (resigned March 2021)

Citizen members:

Mark Singh

Mary Proc

Rob Brickman

Vivek Khopkar

The Smart City Task Force, at its meeting on April 12, 2022, adopted recommendations in its Findings and Recommendations Report [Attachment 1] which are presented for Council's consideration.

Previous Reports/Authority

N/A

Analysis and Options

The Smart City Task Force was mandated to bring forward a Findings and Recommendations Report at the end of its term in April 2022, for consideration by Council.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts/implications related with this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

N/A

Conclusion

The City Clerk is forwarding the recommendations contained in the Smart City Task Force Findings and Recommendations Report [Attachment 1] for Council's consideration.

For more information, please contact Todd Coles, City Clerk, Extension 8281.

Attachment

1. Smart City Task Force – Findings and Recommendations Report.

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