



**THE MIC UPDATED
LOCAL COUNCILS
IN FEBRUARY AND
MARCH**

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

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Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter from the Municipal Innovation Council. Here you'll get updates on the exciting projects and happenings taking place in 2022!

Just a few weeks ago, the Municipal Innovation Council (MIC) wrapped up the last delegation to elected officials across the member municipalities to highlight some of the collaborative work taking place at the MIC.

Joint IT Business Analysis Review

The final report and five-year roadmap from our work with GHD Digital is now complete and will be coming to councils soon.

Below is a snapshot of what could be realized through collaborative purchasing of software and hardware over the next five years as we modernize our IT and digital services.

Summary of Potential Cost Savings

Potential Joint Cost Savings

The Table below summarizes the joint results of the Potential Cost Savings analysis for all of the in-scope items, for all 8 Municipalities.

Table 9 Summary of Potential Joint Cost Savings

Metric	Year 1 (2022)	Year 2 (2023)	Year 3 (2024)	Year 4 (2025)	Year 5 (2026)	5 Year Total
Total Annual Joint Cost Savings – Hardware	\$59,290	\$45,215	\$46,215	\$92,305	\$35,380	\$278,407
Total Annual Joint Cost Savings – Software	\$22,963	\$41,039	\$32,213	\$47,217	\$161,664	\$305,095
Total Annual Joint Cost Savings – Hardware + Software	\$82,253	\$86,254	\$78,428	\$139,522	\$197,045	\$583,502

The same information as the table above is also reflected in the following graph. The first series of bars for each year represents the savings for hardware (light grey), the middle bars for each year (mid-tone grey) represent software savings, and the last series of bars (black) represent the total savings for hardware plus software

Mapping our Future

The MIC has received the first set of mapping data from Ecopia AI that will allow us to complete reporting requirements for the NDMP funding. Over the next few months we'll be integrating the new data into ARC GIS and sharing with local Municipalities, Conservation Authorities and Saugeen Ojibway Nation (via the Environment Office).





DID YOU KNOW...

The Municipal Innovation Council has leveraged almost \$500,000 in external funding to support work on the Joint IT Business Analysis Review, Smart Beach Project and the MIC's mapping project, Mapping our Future.

Work on the **Smart Beach Project** is ramping up and we look forward to the official launch May 25th at Station Beach. The lead researcher, Dr. Chris Houser will be visiting the Municipality of Kincardine April 7th and 8th to engage with key stakeholders, meet with municipal staff and walk Station Beach to get input and local knowledge that will be invaluable to the success of the project.

In early March, we **hosted five virtual workshops for municipal staff** that focused on creating more welcoming communities in our rural region. Over 150 staff from across Grey and Bruce County participated.

Thanks to a partnership with the Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership were able to provide these workshops free of charge.



PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

I learned so much. I am looking forward to adding this to my knowledge base to be an ally and advocate for those who face oppression.

...very well done...Thank you.

Great session...



IMPORTANT DATES

- APR 7 & 8 **SMART BEACH: Stakeholder session with Dr. Houser, Kincardine**
- MAY 6 **TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: Mental Health in the Workplace #1**
- MAY 25 **SMART BEACH: Launch at Station Beach, Kincardine**
- JUNE 23 **SAVE THE DATE: MIC Breakfast event**
- JUNE 10 **TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: Mental Health in the Workplace #2**



Smart Beach
identity in
the works!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

1

The MIC recently completed a [Joint IT Business Analysis report](#).

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Statistics Canada recently shared 2021 population data that highlighted [our region is growing faster than both provincial and national rates](#).

3

The Smart Beach Project received considerable [media coverage](#) from the recent news that the project was awarded a significant boost in funding through the Mitacs Accelerate program.

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The Clean Energy Frontier is unrolling the findings of a regional economic impact study. [Watch the recent delegation](#) to Bruce County Council to learn more about this work.

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