

Council Generated Action Items from the Strategy Planning Workshop

Priority 1: Supporting Businesses and Economic Growth

Action Item	Comments	Votes
Explore one economic development process	Team Niagara coordinated in this effort could be explored through a revised Memorandum of Understanding.	1
Create and retain talent network	There are a number of ministries trying to address this in many ways. The role of the Region is support the efforts of many partner organizations committed to tackling this issue. A transformation of the employment business in SAEO is expected based on Provincial direction. Our role may become clearer pending this information.	3
Develop a future-focused technology strategy [post-secondary, start-ups etc.]	At this time, other organizations are looking at this, can document what is happening, and the effective results before embarking on a strategy for Niagara.	3
Hold Agri-Food forum	Can be addressed as part of the agricultural component of the Official Plan update or through Economic Development's workplan, and through a partnership with the Agricultural Policy and Action Committee (APAC) which have been included in the implementation plan as projects. Can be broadened to other value-add opportunities.	1
Explore opportunities to fund sport tourism and attraction	At the Planning and Economic Development Committee on July 10th, following a presentation by Brock University on the development of a Sports Event Office, Economic Development has been tasked with circulating the report to tourism stakeholders and sports organizations to obtain feedback from the sector.	1

Priority 2: Healthy and Vibrant Community

Action Item	Comments	Votes
Allocation and advocacy to increase Long Term Care and beds for Niagara	This can be a component of the Government Relations Strategy, which has been included in the implementation plan as a project. Can continue to facilitate conversations with LAMs to enable or drive opportunities for more LTC bed development in local area communities.	4
Council supported Community Safety and Well-Being Plan in place by end of 2020	This has been included in the implementation plan as a project. Work is underway to begin this initiative, with a focus on utilizing a cross-disciplinary approach for the development of a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan as legislated under the Police Services Act. This project will also explore how to achieve potentially joining the Canadian Coalition for Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination.	2
Health impact assessments in Council reports	This has been included in the implementation plan as a project, with a focus on ensuring health impact and evidence play a role in Regional decisions. Work is underway to begin this initiative.	2

Early Childhood Education	This has been included in the implementation plan as an action, with a focus on increasing supports for licensed childcare, and a system of services and supports for children and their families.	1
Maintain public health services	This is currently a core function, awaiting further Provincial direction.	1
Advocacy for mental health money	A Mental Health and Addictions System Planning project has been included in the implementation plan which will make the case for and inform investment in mental health services. This can be also be a component of the Government Relations Strategy, which has been included in the implementation plan as a project.	4

Priority 3: Responsible Growth and Infrastructure Planning

Action Item	Comments	Votes
Complete/Approve Transit Governance	Governance review and modelling development for transit has been included in the implementation plan under the Inter-Municipal Transit project.	3
Complete Official Plan and ensure alignment	This has been included in the implementation plan as a project, with alignment to three strategic priorities.	1
Consistency with other environmental programs and policies	Environmental planning has been included in the implementation plan as an action. Work is underway to being this initiative with a focus on balancing environmental policies and planning with growth and development. Additionally, the Waste Management Strategy project will strive to increase waste diversion rates among other objectives.	1
Continue moving Transportation Master Plan forward: funding D/C, connect to funding strategies	The implementation of the Transportation Master Plan, the Corporate Finance Strategy and the refresh of the Regional Development Charges By-law have been included within the implementation plan as projects.	1

Priority 4: Sustainable and Engaging Government

Action Item	Comments	Votes
Seek collaboration opportunities with existing and start up organizations [action plan and follow up]	Facilitated through partnerships with post-secondary institutions, and as part of core economic development functions.	2
Develop a revenue generating action plan	This is included within the implementation plan through the Sponsorship Revenue Strategy and Policy project. Work on this is underway with a focus on identifying opportunities to increase revenue without increasing taxes.	1
Deliver Sustainability review	This has been included in the implementation plan as a project Work on this initiative is underway.	1