



MT/NH Shared Service Project



REPORT TO: Shared Services Steering Committee
PREPARED BY: Sharon Chambers, CAO
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DATE: May 5, 2016
SUBJECT: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Project Contribution
ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the MT/NH Shared Services Steering Committee authorize the CAOs to work with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to develop performance measures for the Morris Turnberry/North Huron Shared Services project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACT Michie and CAO Chambers participated in a teleconference with Roger Moyer and Spencer Sandor of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on May 3rd regarding possible Ministry participation in the Morris Turnberry/North Huron Shared Services Project. Mr. Moyer advised that, while there is no funding currently available to support the initiative, Ministry is extremely impressed with the project and wishes to be involved in some way to support the two municipalities. It was noted that the Minister feels that this is an innovative solution that allows municipalities to retain their identities, yet enjoy cost savings by pooling resources. It was suggested that the Ministry could assist the municipalities by developing performance measures to determine if the project is successful and measure outcomes.

DISCUSSION

Even though there is no funding currently available for the municipalities, it would be to our advantage to keep the Ministry involved and interested. The development of performance measures would assist Councils in decision-making and provide the municipalities with concrete information to determine if the project has been a success. This will be important information to communicate with the public as the project continues to unfold. Ministry involvement would be an advantage if a pool of funds were to become available to offset implementation costs.

If the Councils are in support of moving forward with Ministry involvement, they would need to be involved early in the implementation process to develop benchmarks to determine the starting point against which we will measure our success.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4 – Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

Sharon Chambers, CAO

Nancy Michie, Administrator