

Agenda Item: D.1

Request for Decision

Title	Government of Canada Infrastructure Plan
Proposed Motion	That Council authorize the Mayor to submit the letter as presented on behalf of Sturgeon County Council to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, regarding the Government of Canada's Infrastructure Plan.
Administrative Recommendation	That Council endorse the letter as presented, and authorize the Mayor to submit it to the federal government as part of the consultation process for the Government of Canada's Infrastructure Plan.
Previous Council Direction	11/24/2015 – Motion 378/15 That Sturgeon County Council adopts the Sturgeon County Council Advocacy Priorities and Plan 2015/2016.
	07/13/2015 – Motion 253/15 That County Council approves Advocacy Priorities and directs Administration to draft supporting material.
Report	Background Information
	 In the 2016 federal budget, the Government of Canada introduced a plan to invest \$120 billion in infrastructure over the next decade. The Government is soliciting feedback from stakeholders and the public on how to allocate funding for Phase 2 of the Plan, which includes taking a long-term look at funding Communities, Green Infrastructure, Public Transit and Social Infrastructure. Council's 2015/2016 Advocacy Priorities and Plan, approved in November 2015, focuses on Transportation Infrastructure Improvements and Reliable and Adequate Funding as two major advocacy priorities for Sturgeon County. The enclosed letter expresses these interests, and the messaging is consistent with those historically provided by the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), two advocacy groups Council consistently works with.
	External Communication

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N/A

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

N/A

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment:

Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership – Provision of the letter is consistent with Council's ongoing commitment to being an engaged partner with all orders of government in regards to achieving mutual outcomes.

Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities – Federal funding support will ensure that Sturgeon County Council is equipped to maintain and update existing municipal infrastructure.

Organizational:

Should the Administrative recommendation be approved by Council, staff will work with the Mayor to sign and submit the enclosed letter prior to the submission deadline of September 16, 2016.

Financial:

N/A

Alternatives Considered

Council could choose not to provide a submission to the Federal Government, or may wish to authorize the Mayor to provide the letter as amended.

Implications of **Alternatives**

Strategic Alignment:

N/A

Organizational:

No impact.

Financial:

N/A

Follow up Action

1. Administration will work with the Mayor to finalize the letter and submit it to Infrastructure Canada as part of the consultation process.

Attachment(s) 1. Draft Letter to Infrastructure Canada

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Report Reviewed

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Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

Mission: Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			_
We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)			
Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans,, policies		×	
Considers fiscal stability and sustainability			⊠
Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation			\boxtimes
Respect the Natural Environment			
We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation		×	
Ensure effective environmental risk management			
Community Identity & Spirit			
We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County		×	
Enhances service provision through community partnerships		×	
Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history		\boxtimes	
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
 Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP 		×	
Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications		\boxtimes	
Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure		\boxtimes	
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
Positive impact on residents' quality of life		\boxtimes	
Supports and promotes volunteer efforts		\boxtimes	
 Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents 			
Operational Excellence		KN	<u></u>
We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of			
service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner		\boxtimes	
Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs		\boxtimes	
Streamlines operational processes and policies		×	
Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders			\boxtimes
Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context		\boxtimes	

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