



For the Committee of the Whole Meeting November 9 2017

Date: Thursday November 2 2017

From: Mayor Helps

Subject: Federal Smart Cities Challenge - Smart South Island Project - Update

Background

The City of Victoria along with nine other local governments and two First Nations is a government member of the South Island Prosperity Project (SIPP). In response to the Smart Cities Challenge and funding opportunity recently issue by the federal government, SIPP is working on behalf of its members to prepare a "Smart South Island Plan." The plan will put forward a long-term vision and action plan outlining how we can improve the quality of life for residents, create opportunities for prosperity and increase the general livability and sustainability of our region using big data and technology.

The very initial planning is currently underway with five sub-task forces working on different elements. The government members of SIPP (both municipal and First Nations) have formed the task force responsible for partnership development and issues identification. This is a group of volunteers from SIPP government members that came forward out of a short gathering at SIPP's AGM.

Attached as Appendix A is:

1. A final version of the Partners Concept Paper defining the issues, opportunities, criteria for success and current and desired state for the five focus areas
2. An update to partner councils and boards on the progress and key elements of the Smart South Island project.

Recommendation

1. That Council receive the report for information and promote the November 25th Smart South Island Symposium.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Helps", written in a cursive style.

Mayor Helps