



REQUEST FOR A DECISION

Regular Council Meeting, June 27, 2022

To: Mayor Kate Rogers and Members of Fredericton City Council

From: Jennifer Lawson, City Clerk

Date: June 22, 2022

Title: Adoption of the 2021 City of Fredericton Annual Report

ISSUE:

Pursuant to section 105 of the *Local Governance Act*, the City of Fredericton is required to prepare an annual report including information respecting grants, economic development activities and services provided by the local government.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

A. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton receive and approve the 2021 City of Fredericton Annual Report and directs the Office of the City Clerk to forward it to the Province of New Brunswick.

B. Other options:

City Council can give further direction to staff.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to changes to the *Local Governance Act* that came into effect on January 1, 2018, local governments are required to prepare an annual report containing information prescribed by regulation which includes information respecting grants, economic development activities and services of the local government. Regulation 2018-54 provides the list of criteria to be included in an annual report. This annual report meets the requirements of the legislation.

Unique to the 2021 Annual Report is the fact that due to annual municipal elections, the City of Fredericton was served by two municipal Council's during 2021. As per the legislation, required information was recorded for both Councils. In addition, for the second year in a row, information was provided about the City's response to COVID-19. Further to the direction of the Governance & Civic Engagement Committee in December 2021, the 2021 Annual Report also includes several enhancements intended to communicate more broadly the work and successes of the City of Fredericton.

This includes:

- an expanded Community Profile section, that includes Fredericton-at-a-Glance statistics, City Headlines, and progress on Municipal Achievements,
- expanded information about the City Council elected in May 2021, including the City's Ward Map, as well as Council's Vision and Guiding Principles, and
- graphics to support the Property Tax Rate and User Charges section of the report, including those related to the Water & Sewer Utility.

Managers from the Corporate Communications and Organizational Development and Strategy divisions worked with the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare the 2021 Annual Report.

- **FINANCIAL:** The Department/Division has determined that there are no financial considerations associated with this matter. The City Treasurer was not specifically consulted with respect to this administrative report.
- **LEGAL:** The Department/Division has determined that there are no legal considerations associated with this matter. The Office of the City Solicitor was not specifically consulted with respect to this administrative report.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** The Annual Report was prepared by Corporate Communication and Organizational Development & Strategy. As required by the *Local Governance Act*, the annual report will be posted on the City of Fredericton's website. Additional ways to promote the information will be discussed.

SPOKESPERSON: Steven Hart, CAO

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Approved by: *Steven Hart, CAO*

/Attachments 2021 Annual Report (ENG), 2021 Annual Report (FR)

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Hart, Steven