



Dear Municipal Clerks,

This letter, the attached **MIC Closeout Report (2024)** and **Impact Report (2020-2025)** are provided to inform your Council about the conclusion of the Municipal Innovation Council (MIC). After five years of significant progress, MIC members have decided to integrate ongoing efforts into their respective organizations, ending MIC operations as of March 31, 2025.

Over the past five years, MIC ran projects like topographical mapping, fleet electrification, the Food Cycler program aimed at reducing household waste, training over 200 municipal employees to enhance their skills, support for attainable housing initiatives, comprehensive IT services review, the innovative Smart Beach project to improve beach safety, and the Simply Brilliant Idea program which encouraged creative solutions from member municipalities. The **Impact Report** provides a comprehensive overview of the impressive accomplishments of the MIC.

Surplus funds will be calculated and returned based on the 2023 reserve balance, 2024 surplus, and 2025 expenses, noting no member contributions were made in 2025. Each municipality provided an annual contribution per the 2022-2025 Memorandum of Agreement: a base rate of \$12,000 plus \$2.50 per household from the 2016 Census, with Bruce County contributing a flat rate. The return calculation will be proportional based on each partner's annual contributions.

As the MIC wraps up its tenure, it is important to acknowledge those who contributed their time and energy. Thank you to the MIC board members: Christine MacDonald, CAO Bruce County; Peggy Van Mierlo-West, CAO North Bruce Peninsula; Emily Dance, CAO Arran Elderslie; Leanne Martin, CAO South Bruce; Jodi MacArthur, CAO Huron Kinloss; Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, CAO Kincardine; and former member Sonya Watson, CAO Brockton. Their dedication and efforts have been instrumental in the Council's success.

A special thank you to our current Director, Tony Houad, for his invaluable support over the past two years. We also express our gratitude to the Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII) for their steadfast support in our endeavors.

Thank you to each member's Council for your vision, support, and funding contributions, which have been crucial in making this initiative a success. Your commitment has played a vital role in fostering a culture of innovation and collaboration that will benefit municipalities for years to come.

I am proud to have worked with such a dedicated group during my tenure as Chair. These achievements are a testament to the collective leadership within MIC, and I am confident that their unwavering commitment will continue to drive positive change in our communities.

Sincerely,

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