



Corporate Services
Planning & Economic Development

Memorandum

TO: Regional Council
FROM: Valerie Shuttleworth, Chief Planner
DATE: Thursday, January 21, 2016
RE: Economic Development Action Plan - Revision to Broadband Actions

Attached please find a revised version of Page 31/32 of the Economic Development Action Plan. The revisions relate to the Action Area of Broadband Connectivity and are noted in italics in the attachment. These revisions are intended to address comments provided by Committee of the Whole at the meeting of January 14, 2016. Revisions include the addition of more specific deliverables and timeframes, as well as additional partners for these initiatives.

The revisions will be incorporated into the final document for posting on the York.ca and Investinyork.ca websites following approval of the Economic Development Action Plan by Council.

Valerie Shuttleworth, Chief Planner

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Attachment

Copy to: Bruce Macgregor, CAO

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Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN 2016 TO 2019

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

Action Area	Activity	Timing	Lead/Partners	Reporting/Outcomes
Broadband Connectivity	<i>Supports the activities of the Broadband Advisory Task Force</i>	2016 - 2017	Planning and Economic Development (PED)	Minimum 4 meetings per year
	<i>Supports the delivery of objectives in the Broadband Strategy</i>	On-going	PED/Operating Departments/ Municipalities/Stakeholders/ISP's	Report to Broadband Advisory Task Force and Council annually <i>on Region wide access Planning Policy Language (2016) Regional Wireless Connectivity Policy (2016) Report on Regional "Smart Cities" opportunity (2016/17)</i>
	Oversee the completion of the York Telecom Network review	2016	PED/Finance	Report to Council with recommended approach by Q4/2016
	Support the utilization of the Ontario Research Innovation Optical Network	On-going	PED/Ontario Research Innovation Optical Network	Report to Broadband Advisory Task Force and Council annually
	Support efforts to extend high-speed connectivity into underserved locations	On-going	PED/Finance/Municipalities/ ISP's/ <i>Federal and Provincial governments</i>	Report to Broadband Advisory Task Force and Council annually
	Deliver a Broadband and Innovation Summit	Annual	PED	1/year
	Support opportunities to develop connectivity initiatives and pilot projects in Region Centres and Corridors	On-going	PED/Operating Departments/ Municipalities/ISP's	Report to Broadband Advisory Task Force and Council annually
Post-Secondary Investment	Support the finalization of agreements and plans for the new York University campus in Markham for a 2020 Opening	2016 - 2019	PED/Finance/Markham/York University	Report to Council annually

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Post-secondary investment	Identify potential business and research connections for the new York University campus through research and business advisory outreach	On-going	PED/York University/Seneca College	Report to Council annually
	Support the development of campus business incubators/accelerators	On-going	PED/York University/Seneca College	Report to Council annually
	Investigate the development and expansion of post-secondary assets in York Region	On-going	PED Post-Secondary institutions	Report to Council annually
	Monitor opportunities for introducing new post-secondary assets to York Region	On-going	Planning and Economic Development (PED)	Report to Council annually
	Support educational/training and employment supports to enhance career progression at all stages of life	On-going	Community Health Services/ Human Services Planning Board	Community and Health Services
Innovation Network Development	Undertake an exercise to map the innovation network participants and assets in York Region	2016	PED/ventureLAB/Start-up York	Complete first map of Q4 2016
	Support a "start-up culture" in York Region through the development of a Start-up Portal	2017	PED/GIS/ventureLAB/ Start-up York	Portal launch by Q4 2017
	Seed innovation initiatives and hub development through the Innovation Network Development Fund	Annual	PED	Support at least one initiative per year
	Support the development of the Makerspace Network in York Region	On-going	PED/ventureLAB/Libraries/ Municipalities	Economic Development Annual Report to Council
	Support the development of farming/food innovation initiatives (eg incubators/accelerators)	On-going	PED/YAALG York Federation of Agriculture GHFFA	Report to Council annually
	Support the Region's waterTAP initiative around water innovation initiatives	On-going	Environmental Services/PED	Environmental Services