



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Committee of the Whole

**From:** Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

**Meeting Date:** September 25, 2017

**Subject:** Report CSD17-022  
Results of the Mid-Sized Cities Program: The Peterborough  
Green Economy Action Lab

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## **Purpose**

A report to update Council on the results of the Mid-Sized Cities Program through the presentation of The Peterborough Green Economy Action Lab.

## **Recommendations**

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD17-022 dated September 25, 2017 of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

- a) That the Peterborough Green Economy Action Lab report and presentation by Jo Flatt, Senior Program Manager at Evergreen, be received for information; and
- b) That the Report be referred to Peterborough & the Kawartha Economic Development and Sustainable Peterborough for consideration.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications associated with adopting the presentation and accompanying report.

## Background

As outlined in Report CSD16-021 dated June 20, 2016, the City of Peterborough was one of four Ontario mid-sized cities to join in the Evergreen initiated project, funded by Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The project was seeking to understand local needs and opportunities in order to develop strategies to increase prosperity by building on their local assets. Following three consultation events in the spring of 2016, 50 community leaders identified the City of Peterborough as strategically positioned to grow as a hub of green economy and sustainable community initiatives to serve the Greater Peterborough Area.

To advance the Green Economy and Sustainable Community platform, Evergreen and the Steering Committee initiated a Peterborough Green Economy Action Lab. Between January and March 2017, Evergreen conducted 30 interviews with political, academic, and business leaders to discuss their views and vision of a green economy for Peterborough. These conversations were summarized into common theme areas that provided the starting point for the Action Lab.

On Friday, April 28th, 2017, 39 key stakeholders participated in the Peterborough Green Economy Action Lab. The Action Lab generated specific recommendations for local stakeholders as well as municipal, provincial and federal level governments. Refer to Attachment A for the Peterborough Green Economy Action Lab final report.

## Next Steps

Building on the work of the Peterborough Green Acton Lab, the next steps include:

1. Report back to the City and County Councils on the outcomes of the Peterborough Green Economy Action Lab;
2. Deliver presentations to Peterborough & the Kawarthas Economic Development and Sustainable Peterborough to consider how they can move ahead on the potential actions; and
3. Peterborough & the Kawarthas Economic Development to develop a Clean Tech Advisory Committee.

## Summary

By directing the Peterborough Green Economy Action Lab Report to Peterborough & the Kawarthas Economic Development and Sustainable Peterborough will empower these agencies to take local action to developing a green economy and sustainable community.

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Attachment:

Attachment A: The Peterborough Green Economy Action Lab, August 2017